

YAMAMOTO, ISOROKU

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- F.B.D. 3-10-42 Commander in Chief of Jap combined staff.
- U.P. 5-20-43 Killed in airplane crash.
- 82432, 5-23-43 Italy and Germany have conferr@d their highest decoration on him due to his heroic death.
- 83078 3-26-43 Italy sends Cross of Savoy
- FCC G6 8-10-43 A citation had been conferred on mobile unit attacking Dutch Harbor acknowledged by the Emperor Aug. 9.
- FCC AA3 9-13-43 Close friend of Capt. Kunio Toibana.
- FCC FC8 10-1-44 Quote from a letter of his to a friend. Used to bear out the "Yamamoto Spirit" of bravery at the front in a home broadcast by Fumio Goto.

O S S Born 1884 During his career served as N.A. in America in 1925; Delegate to London Naval Conference in 1929. Chief of Naval Avia. Hqs. of 1st Air Force. Vice-Minister of Navy from 1936-1939, when he became Cmdr. in Chief of Combined Fleets. Died early in 1943 in action. Reported to have said in 1941 "I am looking forward to dictating peace terms in the White House."

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May 1943 ATIS SWPA-267-SB30872 Apr 10, 1944. Did not commit suicide as reported.

121787 Tokyo/Cir. 4 May 44 - Admiral Koga's death in action is comparable to Yamamoto's.

26 May 44 ATIS-2940 WD4355 - 26 May 44 - Rumored among troops that this Admiral was killed in plane crash.

Out Post Rpt. China Div. WD-0078144 8 Oct 44. Member of medium faction which wavers more or less with regard to the war against Great Britain and U.S. This faction is divided into two cliques, those who are in favor of the war and those who waver. Yamamoto is representative of latter clique. Was recently killed in action.

OWI DIO SN-46-45 25 Mar. 46 - WD-145362. Was not killed outright in plane accident. Was actually seriously wounded while in flight. Was brought back to shore alive and died of wounds after four days.

NYHLC 3;5; 31 July 45. Burned to death when 50 American fighters shot down the bomber in which he was a passenger over the Solomon's. The first detailed account of Yamamoto's death in April 1943 was told by a Korean born Jap correspondent, Shizuo Suguira who was taken prisoner on northern Luzon.

cb NYTLC 6;4; 10 Sept. 45 - U.S. intelligence broke a Jap code and death resulted for Adm. Yamamoto, commander in chief of the Jap. Navy. Yamamoto died in a flaming Jap bomber over the Solomons in April 1943, shot down by U.S. airmen who knew in advance the course his aerial convoy was to follow. A long-unrevealed U.S. version

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of the trap was written by J. Norman Lodge of the AP, then a correspondent in the Fourth Pacific. The enemy code was cracked in March or April 1943. We knew the time Yamamoto would leave Truk and what time he would arrive at Buka and leave Buka for Kahilli or Ballale. A Jap version of the attack was furnished last July by a Jap correspondent captured in the Philippines, Shizuo Sugiura, of Asahi, who said Yamamoto was shot down over Shortland Is.

NYT 1; 6; 12 Sept 45 - Lt. Col. Thomas G. Lanphier was identified by the War Dept. as the man who shot down the plane carrying Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto in April 1943.