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(Japanese)

Name SHIMOMURA Sadamu (Sada, Sadashi, Tei), General

Address

Major Positions War Minister, 28 August 1945 -
Commander of the North China Area Army, November, 1944
to 28 August 1945.
Commander of the Western District Army, March to November
1944.
Commandant of the Military Staff College, September
1941 to March 1942.

Family History Born 25 September 1/1887 1/ 2/ Kochi-shi 3/, Kochi-ken.
1/ 2/ 3/

<u>Career</u>	1908	Graduated from Military Academy as artilleryman. 1/
	1917 1/	Graduated from Military Staff College. 1/ 2/ 3/
Between 1917 & 1937		Attached to Army General Staff. 1/ 3/
		Military Attache to France. 1/ 5/
		Battalion commander. 3/
		Instructor at Military Staff College. 1/ 4/ 6/
		Staff officer of Kwantung Army. 4/
		Unit commander of the Kwantung Army. 1/ 5/
	1916	Studied 1/ 5/ at St. Cyr 1/, France. 1/ 5/
	1927	In France as member of the Japanese suite of World War Treaty Working Committee. 3/
	1931	Promoted Colonel.
	1933	to Missions. 1/
	1933	Member of Geneva Disarmament Conference. 1/
	1934	Promoted to Major General. 1/
	1937	Took part in the China Incident. 3/ 4/
	1937	Chief of the Fourth Department (War History and Military Geography) of General Staff Head- quarters. 1/ 2/ 3/ 4/
	March 1938	Promoted to Lt-General. 1/ 6/
	1939	Commanding general of Tokyo Bay Fortress. 1/ 5/
	1940	Commandant of Artillery and Engineers School. 2/
	September 6/ 1941	Commandant of Military Staff College. 1/ 4/ 5/ 6/
	25 March 1942	Commanding general of the Thirteenth Army, at Shanghai. 1/ 2/ 5/
	March 1944	Commanding general of the Western District Army. 3/ 4/ 5/ 6/

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Career continued:

November 1944	Commanding general of the North China Area Army. 1/ 3/
25 November 1944	Awarded First Order of Merit and the Imperial Order of the Sacred Treasure. 3/
15 January 1945	Accepted bandages made by the Express for the Army and Navy, at Peiping. 3/
March 1945	Promoted to General. 1/ 4/
25 August 1945	Appointed War Minister. 3/

Comments SHIMOMURA was a member of the twentieth class of the Military Academy, General KIMURA Hyotaro was a classmate of his, both there and at the Military Staff College. 3/

In 1933 he was a member of the committee attached to MATSUOKA Yosuke at the time of Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations. 4/

One source reports that he was on the Headquarters Staff of General IIDA in the Burma campaign, prior to March 1942. 3/

He was seventeenth on the list of Lt-Generals in 1942. 6/

In March 1942 he left the post of commandant of the Military Staff College, where he was succeeded by General OKABE Naosaburo, and was appointed commander in chief of the Thirteenth Army at Shanghai. In March of 1944 he was succeeded in that post by Lt-General HAGAATSU Saichigo, and was appointed Commander of the Western District Army, succeeding General FUJIE Keisuke. In that position he moved to strengthen the defensive structure of the Army. Much was expected of him because of his background as corps commander on the continent and because he had had much combat experience. 3/ This last statement is opposed by a later source who says that he had had virtually no field experience. 1/

In November of 1944 he was succeeded by Lt-General YOKOYAMA Isamu as commander of the Western District Army and SHIMOMURA was appointed Commander of the North China Area Army, succeeding General OKABE Naosaburo. 1/

He was promoted to full general at the same time as KIMURA Hyotaro and YOSHIMOTO Teiichi. 3/

On 25 August 1945 he was appointed Minister for War in Premier HIGASHI-KUNI Naruhiko's Cabinet, succeeding the Premier who had held the post of War Minister concurrently. 3/ 5/ Lt-General NEMOTO Hiroshi succeeded him as commander of the North China Area Army on 25 August 1945. 1/

He is reported by several sources to be one of the outstanding authorities on European conditions, 1/ 5/ and his name has been linked with General FUJIE in this connection. 1/

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One source states that he is an experienced staff officer with a broad knowledge of world affairs. He has been used principally as an equivoque, according to the case source. 1/

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4/ Heavy Broadsides

5/ Old Source 1

6/ Key West Stage

9/ OSS Source 8

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