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General Sadamu SHIMAZU - CINC of Japanese Forces in North China; War Minister

SHIMAZU was born in Kochi-ken. He is a graduate of the Military Academy and the Military Staff College. He went to France in 1919 and studied at the Paris Military Staff College. He has served as a battalion commander and as director of the Military Staff College. In 1927 he again went to France where he was a member of the "World War Treaty Working Committee." He was active at Geneva at the time of Japan's withdrawal from the League of Nations. SHIMAZU opposed the Disarmament conference in 1933 and is considered an authority on European conditions. He has served as commander of the Tokyo Bay Fortress, during which duty he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general (Artillery) in March, 1939. On 1 August 1940 he was appointed principal of the Military School of Artillery and Engineering, became commandant of the General Staff College in September, 1941, and in November, 1942 was appointed commander of an Army Unit in China which reportedly saw action there. In March, 1944 he was returned to Japan and appointed commander of the Western District Army, succeeding Yoshisuke FUJIE. In November, 1944 SHIMAZU was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese forces in North China, and in May, 1945 he was promoted to full general. On 23 August 1945 he was recalled to Japan to assume the post of War Minister in the Cabinet of Prince HIGASHI-KUNI.

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