

NAME: SHIMOMURA, Sadamu (下村 定)

Date of Birth: 23 September 1887, the eldest son of SHIMOMURA, Teiji

Place of Birth: Kochi-ken

Permanent Address: 3-12, Samban-cho, Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Address as of 1953: 197, Shinden, Ichikawa-shi, Chiba-ken

Education and Career:

10 Jul 1903: Graduated Nagoya Local Military Preparatory School

1 Sep 1903-

May 1906: Studied at Military Central Preparatory School

30 May 1906: Appointed Cadet

1 Dec 1906-

27 May 1908: Studied at Military Academy

27 May 1908: Appointed Probational Officer

25 Dec 1908: Promoted to Second Lieutenant, Artillery and attached to
14th Field Artillery Regiment

26 Dec 1911: Promoted to First Lieutenant, Artillery

13 Dec 1913-

25 Nov 1916: Studied at General Staff College

28 Aug 1914-

15 Dec 1916: Appointed Battalion Adjutant, 14th Field Artillery
Regiment

15 Dec 1916: Attached to 14th Field Artillery Regiment

25 Oct 1917-

29 Jul 1918: Assigned to General Staff Hqs.

29 Jul 1918: Promoted to Captain, Artillery and appointed member,
General Staff Hqs.

10 Jan 1919-

1 Sep 1922: Studied on military affairs in France by Military Order

1 Sep 1922: Appointed Member, General Staff Hqs.

29 Sep 1922-

7 Aug 1925: Appointed Director, War Materials Completion Council
(SAKUSEN SHIZAI SEIBI KAIGI)

14 Nov 1922-

Aug 1925: Took charge of Ordnance Bureau, War Ministry

5 Aug 1923: Promoted to Major, Artillery

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- 3 Sep 1923-
- 2 Oct 1923: Attached to KANTO Regional Martial Hqs. (KANTO KAIGEN SHIREIBU)

- 2 Oct 1923-
- 1 Nov 1923: Appointed KANTO Regional Martial Staff Officer

- 22 Nov 1923-
- 7 Aug 1925: Concurrently assigned to Tokyo Guards Hqs.

- 7 Aug 1925-
- 6 Aug 1926: Appointed Commanding Officer, Battalion, 7th Field Heavy Artillery Regiment

- 6 Aug 1926: Appointed Military Instructor, General Staff College

- 16 Jan 1928-
- 25 Jul 1930: Appointed Member, Peace Treaty Enforcement Committee

- 20 Jan 1928: Attached to General Staff Hqs.

- 24 Mar 1928: Promoted to Lt. Colonel, Artillery

- 24 Jun 1929: Ordered to attend the International Conference as a Japanese member held at Geneva, Switzerland for the establishment of code of war criminals and also for revision of treaty aiming at improvement of situation of sick and wounded soldiers in force at the front.

- 1 Aug 1929: Appointed member, General Staff Hqs.

- 10 Apr 1931: Attached to Army Ordnance Depot.

- 1 Aug 1931: Promoted to Colonel, Artillery

- 9 Dec 1931-
- 15 Dec 1933: Ordered to be an attache to Chief Delegate attending Geneva General Disarmament Conference

- 20 Dec 1935: Appointed Commanding Officer, 1st Field Heavy Artillery Regiment

- 15 Mar 35-
- 2 Dec 1935: Appointed Staff Officer, Kwantung Army

- 2 Dec 1935: Appointed Superintendent (SHUJI), Research Dept, General Staff College and concurrently Military Instructor

- 7 Mar 1936: Promoted to Major-General

- 1 Aug 1936: Appointed Chief, 4th Dept, General Staff Hqs.

- 1 Nov 1937-
- 14 Feb 1938: Special Member, Horse Administration Investigation Committee

- 23 Sep 1938: Appointed Commanding General, Tokyo Bay Fortress

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- 9 Mar 1939: Promoted to Lt. General
- 1 Aug 1941: Appointed Commandant, Army Science School
- Sep 1941: Appointed Commandant, General Staff College
- 8 Oct 1942: Appointed Commanding-General, 13th Army
- 22 Mar 1944: Appointed Commanding-General, Western Army
- 22 Nov 1944: Appointed Commanding-General, North China Area Army
- 5 May 1945: Promoted to General
- 23 Aug 1945: Appointed War Minister
- 25 Aug 1945: Appointed Inspector-General, Dept of Military Training
- 1 Dec 1945: Retired from Military Service
- 8 Apr 1952: Depurged.

Family: Wife- Yoshiko, born 6 May 1893; the eldest daughter of
 HAMAGUCHI, Tadayuki; Graduated Kochi Prefectural
 Girls' High School

 Daughter- Setsuko, born 2 Nov 1927; Graduated Tokyo Metropoli-
 tan 3rd Girl's High School

Research Projects:
 International situation
 Military Technics

Hobby: Book-reading

Religion: Shintoism

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Additional Information:

YOMIURI SHIMBUN dtd 28 Feb 1952 (Extract)

It is reported that Ex-General SHIMOMURA, Sadamu is one of YOSHIDA's brain trust led by Chief Cabinet Secretary OKAZAKI, Katsuo.

Ex-General SHIMOMURA is from the same Kochi -ken as Premier YOSHIDA, and he was War Minister immediately after the War and has received appreciation from Gen, MacArthur for his completion of demobilization affairs successfully.

Also reported that OKAZAKI formed "6 men Committee" including Ex-General SHIMOMURA, Sadamu; Ex-Lt General TATSUMI, Michi; Ex-Rear Admiral YAMAMOTO, Yoshio; Ex-Lt General KOZUKI, Yoshio; Ex-General IIMURA, Jo and Ex-Lt General MIYAZAKI, Shuichi, sometime in 1951 and asked them to select young Military Personnel to join the National Police Reserve for reconstruction of Japan.