

TSUJI Masanobu

Following is an extract from MIS report "The Chinese Intelligence Potential in Japan: An Interim Survey", dated 10 December 1947:

"It is well established that high-ranking Japanese officers who surrendered in China are being utilized there behind the scenes in intelligence training and military advisory capacity. One source claims that about 20 Japanese general and field grade officers are employed in the Second Department (G-2) of the Ministry of National Defense, under the personal supervision of Lt. Gen. CHENG Chieh-min, successor to TAI LI as head of Chinese Intelligence. The most notable are

". Not so well known but dangerously significant is the figure of Colonel TSUJI Masanobu, who, though the Japanese Demobilization Bureau reports him dead by hara-kiri, is still in Nanking according to CIC reports. A China source says that TSUJI was at one time head of the Fourth Department of General Headquarters in Nanking. This department is elsewhere said charged with over-all direction of counter-intelligence activity. CIC reports further say that Chinese intelligence-collecting in Japan is directed from Nanking under the guidance of Colonel TSUJI and that Japanese repatriating from China who intend to work for the First Section of the Chinese Mission generally bear letters of introduction from him.

"Once a young officer of the fire-eating, militarist clique, TSUJI became noted as a brilliant staff officer of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces who served in the war in China, and later in Singapore, Guadalcanal and again in China where he reportedly disappeared in August 1945. A fanatic, high-principled disciplinarian, he is said to have worked his utmost to bring about peace negotiations with the Chungking government and blamed then Premier TOJO for incompetence that Japan failed to settle the China Incident before undertaking a Greater East Asia war. Repudiated by TOJO and his home government, it is said that TSUJI's efforts won over the admiration and sympathy of many Chinese. Later he was said largely responsible for drawing up the plans that resulted in the capture of Singapore and for ordering the "liquidation" there of alleged Chinese Communists. TSUJI is wanted as a suspected War Criminal on SCAP order to the Japanese Government dated 11 September 1946."

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