

The Intelligence Activities in Java by the Imperial Japanese Army Nakano School Graduates: Especially focused on Captain Yanagawa Motoshige

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This article examines the intelligence activities and covert operations in Java during the Pacific War by the Imperial Japanese Army Nakano School Graduates, especially Captain Yanagawa Motoshige. In conclusion, the following can be pointed out.

First, Yanagawa applied the education he had received at the Nakano School to train Indonesian youths in the Seinen Dojo and its extensions, the Executive Training Corps, Executive Education Corps and Special Commando Unit of the Javanese Defense Volunteer Force, as well as the Islamic Youth Volunteer Corps, using the 'Spirit of Sincerity'.

Second, the successes and failures of the activities of Yanagawa and others in the 16th Army General Staff's Beppan (Separate Unit) were examined. Their success was due to their basic education at the Nakano School, as well as their adaptability and flexibility, and the fact that the Beppan was made up of excellent members, including interpreters. On the other hand, poor non-electronic communications, personnel changes that led to miscast, and conflicts between the Army and Navy put the brakes on their activities.