



ITEM# UJGU018

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

A TERUHIDE ARMY OFFICER KATANA

SIGNED, EARLY SHOWA PERIOD (CIRCA WWII)

- Swordsmith:** TERUHIDE
Location: Musashi province (modern-day Tokyo)
Measurements: **Length:** 66.6cm (ubu) **Curvature:** 0.8cm **Moto-haba:** 2.95cm
Jihada: Ko-itame (wood grain pattern)
Hamon: Gunome midare
Certificate #1: NTHK-NPO Kanteisho (a sword designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Certificate #2: NTHK-NPO Kanteisho (a sword koshirae (fittings) designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Included: Army Officer fittings, silk carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, registration and all exportation paperwork to home country

SOLD

Ishido Teruhide (1900~1982) was the 10th and last generation of the prestigious *Ishido Korekazu* line of swordsmiths in Edo/Musashi Province (Tokyo). An excellent swordsmith, Teruhide was the descendant of the highly ranked *Musashi Daijo Fujiwara Korekazu*.

During WWII, he produced many quality swords for high-ranking military officers and also made blades for civilians. *The Nihon Token Tanrenjo* and the *Nihon Token Shinbunshi* specially ranked Ishido Teruhide as **BETSUKI** in the 1943 list of top *Gendai Swordsmiths*.

On this particularly sword Teruhide chiseled his name with a classic two-character signature that he used early on in his career. As in all Ishido swords the construction is sublime. Sword is blessed with a fine *ko-itame jihada* and *muji-hada* with a prominent *gunome midare* wavy hamon.

Blade is housed in *WWII Japanese Army Officer Shin-Gunto Koshirae* that includes a protective cover for its unusual lightweight wooden scabbard that is signed by the craftsman (a happy

discovery when we peeled back the cover!). There are matching serial number ㄨ 3 on all fittings and proudly carries the blue and brown Company Officer tassel suspended from the hilt.

Sword is accompanied with NTHK-NPO Kanteisho certification that validates this sword as being a quality gendaito made by traditional folding methods.



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