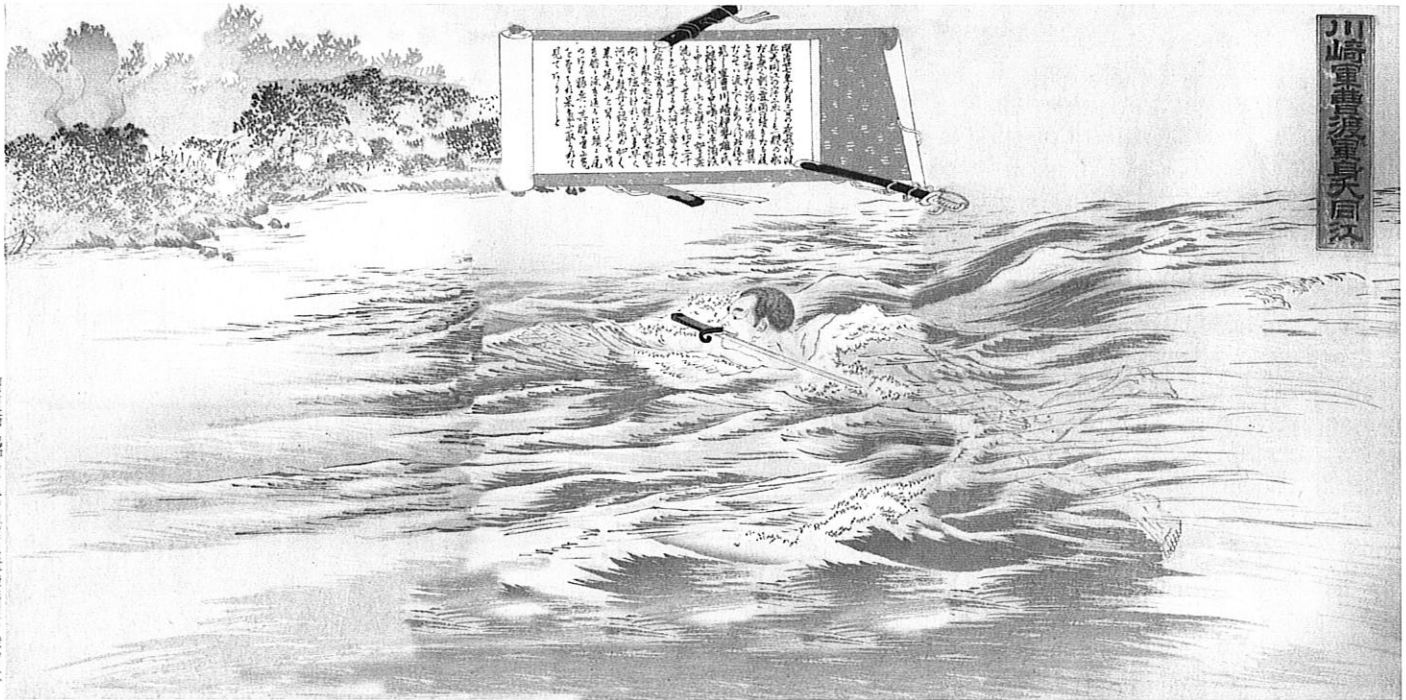


Sergeant Kawasaki Swimming the Taidong (aka Taitang) River



Kawasaki swimming alone with sword by unknown artist, original in ISHOF collection.

In 1894, during the Sino-Japanese war, Sergeant Kawasaki was a scout whose unit was surprised by the advancing Chinese army in Korea. All of his comrades were killed and he managed to save himself by swimming across the Taidong River. He had a second narrow escape when he sent on another scouting mission with a cavalry soldier. On passing through a village, the sergeant separated from his companion for a short time, but when he came back, he only found his companions headless trunk.



Oil on canvas is a reproduction of a Japanese woodblock "war-plate," by the artist Seishu.