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He joined the Burma Independence Army, Burma Defense Army, and the Patriotic Burmese Forces during the years 1942-45. He attended the Japanese Officers Training School at Mingaladon. Later he attended the 57th Course at the Tokyo Imperial Military Academy. After his graduation he was made a second lieutenant. Again he became a second lieutenant in the 1945 reformed Myanmar Army. After serving in several brigades he reached the rank of Colonel in the Myanmar Army. He was a Commanding Officer in all those brigades. He later became a Military Administration Commander in the Shan State. Later he was appointed as Chief Officer in the Frontier Areas Administration of the Prime Minister's Office.

In the fight against the KMT he was chief of staff in the Bayintnaung and Ba Ba military campaigns. When these operations ended he was sent to England to attend the SOS Military School. Upon his successful return from there he led a military good will mission to Yugoslavia. In 1962 he

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The Myanmar Government and the Government of Yugoslavia had conferred on him the following medals and awards.

- Star of Independence (First class)
- Naing Gnan Gon Yi (First Class)
- Agga Maha Thirithudamma Manizawtadara
- Maha Thatdamma Zawtikadaza
- Sithu Medal
- Thiri Pyanchi
- Sithu Title
- Thray Sithu and
- Yugoslav Banner