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LITERATURE

'YARI' IS A TERM FOR A LONG SPEAR WITH A TRADITIONALLY MADE STEEL BLADE. THE 'MARTIAL ART' OF HANDLING AND WIELDING A "YARI' IS REFERRED TO AS 'SŌJUTSU'. THE TRIANGULAR SPEAR HEAD 'SANKAKU YARI' HAS A POINT TERMINATING FROM A TRIANGULAR CROSS-SECTION. USED TO PENETRATE METAL ARMOUR, ITS EFFECTIVENESS WAS WITHOUT DOUBT.

OTHER EXAMPLES IN THE RIJKSMUSEUM, AMSTERDAM, AND THE NAGASHINO MUSEUM, JAPAN.