

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE IMPERIAL FORCES! J.11

The General Staff has bungled things!

The Russo-Japanese war lasted only 19 months. We mobilized 1,289,598 officers and men. Casualties were only 85,646 dead and 352,796 sick or wounded. Great prizes were obtained - Dairen, Port Arthur, half of Sakalien, the restoration of Korea, the Southern Manchurian railway and many other rights in Manchuria.

This time we have been fighting China for over five years. We have mobilized over 3,500,000 men. Already 156,866 have been killed or have died, and 1,119,888 have been wounded or become sick. And yet there is no decision. Why?

It is all due to bad planning.

Since the Services stopped promotion from the ranks, only those who have passed middle school and have passed competitive examinations for the Officers Training School can become officers. Even if a man in the ranks is a military genius he will never be allowed to rise. What a repudiation of the Five Oaths of the Emperor Meiji who promised equality for all!

The General Staff has thus been drawn from mediocre men. Instead of limiting operations to North China and obtaining prosperity thereby we have got into a world war. Our communications are breaking and our forces are retreating.

The only thing is to retire on Japan before it is too late!

## 皇軍將兵ニ告グ

參謀本部作戰ヲ誤ル

白露ノ役其經ルトコロ一年有半、動員百廿八万  
 九千五百九十八、戰病死八万五千六百四十六、而  
 テ其戰果朝鮮ヲ確保、樺太ノ大半、旅順、大連ヲ獲  
 得、又滿鐵並ニ其附帶利權ヲ得、今支那ト戰フコ  
 ト五年餘、動員實ニ三百五十万ヲ超ヘ、戰病死既  
 ニ拾五六千八百六十六、傷病者百拾壹万九千八  
 百八拾八（白露戰當時、我傷病者五万二千七百九十六）而テ何等ノ決  
 ヲ見ズコレ何故ゾヤ、我參謀本部計畫ノ杜撰ニ  
 依ルモノニ非ズシテ何ゾ思フニ皇軍其將校ヲ  
 中學出陸士合格ニ限ル多年、天才タメニ其トコ  
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 志ヲ遂ゲシメ人心ヲシテ倦マザラシメンコト  
 ヲ要ス」ノ條全ク無視セラル、宜ナル哉、我參謀本  
 部人物ヲ欠キ戰ヲ北支ニ限リ先ツ善政ヲ其處  
 ニ布クノ賢策ニ出デズ反テ世界大戰ニ捲込マ  
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 ス、如カズ機ヲ失セザルニ先チ退イテ我本土ノ  
 防衛ニ當ランニハ