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① Fellow Countrymen - Soldiers ! (Soldiers - countrymen)

1. Hate the life of slaves : all people have been severely exploited by France - Japan. But the soldiers - countrymen have had to suffer much more miserably under the imperialists' iron heels. Everybody hates the prison life : poor food, filthy accomodation, strict regulations and disciplines, brutal treatment. But the soldiers' life is no different from prison life. No one is not afraid of forced labour. But soldiers love the life of coolies all their life. What is more, they move here and there, always uncertain about when they will expose and dry their bones in jungles, or become shooting targets for guns in the battles in China, Malaysia, Burma, Thailand. Living as slaves to France and Japan to wait for the day to die for them! The fate of soldiers is tragically miserable!

2. Prepare for glorious life: At present the entire Vietnamese people, no longer able to suffer being slaves, are intensively preparing for the final struggle.

Never before the opportunity to avenge for and save the country is as favourable as now. The French enemy whose country is lost is noticeably weakening. The Japanese enemy is fighting Britain, America, China and many other countries. They are considerably weakened and will be defeated soon. Japan thought they would swallow China within 3 months, but 5 years have passed and the war is continuing, causing great losses to Japan and making China stronger. The bombardments of Hai Phong, Gia Lam, Lang Son and many other places have demonstrated that things are going worse and worse for Japan. Not to mention Britain and America. When Britain and America launch counter-offensives, Japan will not be able to resist. That day will

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come when Russia wins over Germany and probably Russia will give a hand to Britain, America, China. Then Japan will have to deal with so many countries which are richer, stronger, have larger populations, more wealth, and will outmaneuver Japan on the front which is as long as 6000 km. Japanese army will die.

Our opportunity is good due to those reasons. The day on which Japan is weak enough for us to carry out insurrection will be the day soldiers, peasants, workers, merchants altogether rise up to kill the enemy.

Soldiers - fellow countrymen! The glorious day is going to come! We must prepare for it!

3. The vanguard is the insurrection

Since France was lost, the revolutionary movement has been vigorous throughout the country. The insurrections in Bac Son, Nam Ky, Do Luong have proved that ~~situation~~ assessment. Even so, the revolutionary force is not strong enough. We must fully prepare for the total victory of the insurrection. So in the places where there is still no revolutionary movement, the V.M. must make propaganda and organize the V.M. where there have already been organizations, they must be further consolidated.

Among the soldiers, who hate France, Japan and love the people must try to make propaganda in their units. But try to be very secret, careful, astute. At first, good and bad people must be clearly differentiated. Then try to make acquaintance and establish a good relationship with the good ones, to make them hate France, Japan and believe in the revolution and help the revolution. When the insurrection breaks out, they will side with the revolution to kill the enemy. Equipped with weapons and military skills, the Vietnamese soldiers will form

the vanguard of the revolutionary army.

The fighting men is Nam Ky, unwilling to die for the French enemy is Thailand, initiated the Nam Ky Insurrection.

The guardsmen is Do Luong, having extremely hated the life of slaves, stood up in the Do Luong insurrection.

In Bac Son the soldiers gave a lot of help to the Bac Son insurrection.

The heroic examples of the Vietnamese soldiers in the past 2 years are paving the way for the entire people, especially for the soldiers who are ~~dominated~~^{controlled} by the imperialists' iron heels.

Happiness comes after independence is brought to the country. - After expelling the enemy, restoring the country, the entire people will have a happy life, and will not forget the people who were enthusiastic about fighting the enemy for national salvation.

The Vietnamese soldiers then will deserve to be the soldiers who safeguard the country. They will have the most respected position and will be treated as much respectfully.

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(2) News in Army Stations

1. In the army camps in B. N province, all the soldiers do not like their position of being soldiers who serve the imperialists. They often discuss their harsh life and only expect for the day of liberation.

3. In B. K, some French soldiers often go to villages to talk to the villagers. They say France's era has ended, and Japan can not be aggressive for long. The Annamese people must unite to fight and wrest back their country, less they will become slaves to other imperialists.

③ To soldiers - brothers : a poem calling the Vietnamese soldiers to realize the miserable situation of the country, the people, the crimes of the French Japanese enemies and to turn their guns to fire at the enemies for national salvation.

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