

Matsui Orders Tightening Of Army Discipline

Action Taken In Face Of Adverse Comments On Conduct

NANKING, Feb. 7.—(Domei).—In the solemn atmosphere following a memorial service for Japanese officers and men killed in action, Gen. Iwane Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in Central China, today instructed his commanders to tighten discipline in their units in order to "enhance the prestige of the Imperial Army."

Among the high officers so addressed in the wind-swept Nanking Parade Ground was Lieut.-Gen. Prince Yasuhiko Asaka, a member of the Imperial family.

Speaking at length on the determination of the Japanese forces in the face of the prospect of lengthy hostilities, Gen. Matsui called the attention of his subordinates to the necessity of putting an end to various reports affecting the prestige of the Japanese troops.

This action, said to be unprecedented in the annals of the Japanese Army, was taken in the face of recurring adverse comment on reported breaches of discipline by Japanese troops.

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