全面抗戰初期廣州空襲救難研究(1937-1938)

The Air Raid Rescue Work of Canton in the Early Stage of Comprehensive Anti-Japanese War (1937-1938)

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提要: 1937 年 7 月抗戰全面爆發後, 侵華日軍為切斷廣東交通運輸線, 摧毀廣東人民的抗戰意志和抵抗力量, 進而達到攻佔廣州, 迫使蔣介石政府投降的目的, 自 1937 年 8 月至 1938 年 10 月對廣州實施了長達 14 個月的空襲。其中尤以 1938 年夏季針對廣州市區的無差別轟炸最為殘酷, 導致空前巨大的人員傷亡與財產損失。

為抵禦侵華日軍的野蠻空襲,以廣東省政府為代表的官方力量及社會各界慈善力量積極開展救助空襲受害者的工作。1937-1938年,廣東當局因應空襲救難的需要組織管理救護活動,制定賑恤辦法與醫療補助計畫,並救助疏散難民,逐步建立起相對完整的空襲救難機制,在救難工作中發揮了主導作用。與此同時,來自世界各地及社會各界的熱心人士與慈善救護團體亦紛紛通過組建救護隊、捐獻救護物資設備、捐款救濟難民和轉移救助難童等方式參與空襲救難,在一定程度上減少了民眾的傷亡與財產損失,為廣州反侵略鬥爭作出了不可磨滅的歷史貢獻。

Abstract: After the the Comprehensive Anti-Japanese War broke out in July 1937, the Japanese invaders who attempted to capture Canton and force the surrender of Chiang Kai-shek's government carried out air raids on Canton from August 1937 to

October 1938 so as to cut off the transportation lines in Canton and destroy the will and resistance of Cantonese. The indiscriminate bombing of downtown in the summer of 1938 was the most cruel, causing unprecedented human casualties and property losses.

In order to resist the barbaric airstrikes by the Japanese invaders, the official forces represented by the Canton Provincial Government and charity forces from all walks of life actively rescued the victims of the airstrikes. From 1937 to 1938, the Canton authorities, playing a leading role in rescue work, managed rescue work, formulated relief measures and medical subsidy plans, and evacuated refugees, which gradually established a relatively complete air raid rescue mechanism in response to the needs. At the same time, enthusiastic people and charity rescue groups from all over the world also participated in the air raid rescue work by forming rescue teams, donating ambulance materials and equipment, donating refugees, and transferring children in need, which reduced casualties and property losses to a certain degree. They made an indelible historical contribution.

With the joint promotion of relevant official agencies and various sectors of society, the air raid relief work played an active role in reducing casualties, helping refugees, and calming people's hearts. Although affected by factors such as insufficient funds, lack of overall planning, and poor communication and coordination, there are many problems in the air raid rescue, it showed the attitude and determination of the Canton authorities and all sectors of society to resist aggression and persist in the Anti-Japanese War. It helped the Chinese military and people defeat the strategic attempt of the Japanese army to make a quick victory, and was of significance to the war in Canton and even in the whole country.