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The leeches of the military industry crave  
fresh blood. Directors do not read poetry.  
There's no reason - their children won't go  
to the trenches. Their servants, the party leaders,  
take care of it all. They don't read poetry either.  
No need! They rule by the magic of fear, and  
no one will object to taking from schools or  
cutting funds for healthcare.  
Patriotism is a benign tumor that constantly  
strives to return to its natural state. The Minister  
of Defense has been promoted to Minister of  
Offense. No one reads poetry, *what did the wife  
of the soldier get from the vast land of Russia?\**  
At an emergency government session the living  
force has been increased from the modest twenty-five  
to an imposing two hundred fifty thousand graves.

\*Bertold Brecht, *What Did the Soldier's Wife Receive?*

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