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STATEMENT OF TILLMAN DURDIN--31 MARCH 1946

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I also was at the taking of Hankow, but saw no civilian dead there, although I saw many bodies of Chinese soldiers. Hankow atrocities, if any, I did not see. There were reports of atrocities, but I did not see any. Jack Belden is in Shanghai probably, and a Collier's correspondent was there with United Press in 1937, in China.

S/ Tillman Durdin
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or
c/o U.S. Army Headquarters,
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SWORN to before me this 30th day of March, 1946.

S/ Thos. H. Morrow
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