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STATEMENT OF MRS ANDREW-LIVINGE REGARDING EVENTS WHICH
OCCURRED AT ST. STEPHENS COLLEGE, STANLEY, DURING THE
PERIOD 24th to 26th DECEMBER, 1941.

"On the evening of December 24th the fighting came closer and closer and our troops and machine gunners seemed to fall back around the hospital. At 2 a.m. on the 25th I moved into the linen store with Miss Gordon, Mrs. Fidoe and the other four V.A.D.'s (Mrs Buxton, Smith, Simmons and Begg).

At about dawn I heard strange grunting noises and shortly afterwards I saw several figures go past the open door. I went to the door with bare feet and hands raised above my head and was immediately roughly pulled out by Japanese soldiers. Others, including Mrs. Fidoe, followed me and they also were pulled out on the verandah. All the patients and staff were then hustled into one of the store rooms on the ground floor of the main building. In this room was a dead Orderly lying in a pool of blood and we were so crowded that there was no room either to lie or sit down. Here we remained over one hour before being removed to the Hall and ordered upstairs. Mrs Fidoe, whilst helping a patient, was struck by a Japanese soldier and at the top of the stairs another soldier hit everyone (including all the Sisters and V.A.D's) and removed whatever valuables they saw, tearing up three hundred dollars which I had in a bag around my neck.

We were now directed into separate rooms and I found myself with Lt. Col. McCurdy, Captain Scotcher, Mrs Fidoe, S.M. Knightley and approximately 20 R.A.M.C. and patients, in a small room. Here we remained from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. without water although packets of biscuits and one tin of condensed milk were thrown into the room during this time. A patient, Rfm Sweet, was bleeding profusely from a wound in the arm, having been shot downstairs a few minutes before coming up.

At about 5 p.m. Mrs. Fidoe and I were removed from this room and, in the corridor, joined up with Miss Gordon and Mrs Simmons. The four of us were taken to another small room at the end of the corridor where there were already four chinese women (wives of British soldiers). There were two mattresses on the floor of this room. Very shortly four Japanese soldiers came and took away one of the chinese women, who returned weeping after an interval of ten minutes or so. Another chinese woman was taken shortly afterwards. I believe both these women were raped. Later the Japanese ordered the "four English women" to come with them to bandage wounded Japanese soldiers - and we were taken to a room at the other end of the corridor. This room was partially destroyed by shell fire, the smell was appalling, and in it were some mattresses covering up the dead bodies of red cross personnel. Mrs Simmons was first made to strip and later was taken away; after her return five minutes or so later Mrs Fidoe was taken away and brought back after ten minutes;

and on the second Miss Gordon was removed. All returned weeping. I was not actually taken out of the room nor was any attempt made to rape me. Apparently at this stage the soldiers became alarmed and, after consultation, took us back to the room from which we had come. The Chinese women had not disappeared and we never saw them again. Several parties of two or three Japanese soldiers kept arriving and Miss Gordon and Mrs. Fidoe were taken away alternately and both raped twice. Miss Gordon, after the second occasion, was in a very collapsed condition and at her wits end and Mrs. Fidoe volunteered to take her place next time should it be necessary. I noticed that the door was fixed with a Yale lock and so closed it and fixed the lock. Other bodies of Japanese soldiers kept arriving throughout the night and tried to get in, but did not attempt to break open the door, and we were thus left in comparative peace for the rest of the night.

At daylight next morning we were taken downstairs and given chocolate and lemon squash. We were then ordered to clean the corridors, which were covered with blood and feathers. At 9 a.m. S.M. Begg asked us for news of "Jimmie" (his wife) and later a Japanese Officer informed him that the three missing women were dead. Mrs Fidoe and the Canadian Padre went and identified three bodies as those of Mrs. Smith, Begg and Buxton. Later a dressing room was fitted up and all patients wounds were dressed. In the evening, about 6 p.m., a volunteer officer came from Stanley Fort and took Miss Gordon, Mrs Fidoe, Mrs Simmons and myself back with him to the Fort in an ambulance.

(Signed) T. Andrews-Levinge
J.K.V.O.C. N.D.

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DAY OF DECEMBER 1945 BEFORE ME,

(SIGNED) A.A.P. HUNT Captain Legal Staff