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ヨーク」ノ基督教青年會ノ國際委員會ノ登記トシテ、

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ルラシイ。私共ハ偶々當時陸軍省ノ側ニ居タガ、多クノ無垢ノ人民ヲ交ヘタ數百ノ隊レナ武装解除サレタ兵隊達ニ對シ死刑執行ガ進行中デアツタコトハ餘リニモ明白デアツタ。

十二月十五日私ハ私共ノ本部近クノ吾々ノ野營所ノ一ツカラ進レ出サレタバカリノ平服ヲ纏ウタ約一千三百名ノ人々ガ着劍シタ銃ヲ持ツタ兵隊ニヨツテ約百名ノ集団別ニ並列サセラレ互ニ視テ縛ラレテ居ルヲ見受ケタ。私ガ隊長ニ抗議シタニモ拘ラズ、彼等ハ射殺サレル爲ニ進レテ行カレタ。十二月十九日ハ全く無政府状態ノ一日デアツタ。兵隊ノ手デ放火サレタ幾ツカノ大火ガ荒レ狂ヒ、其後モ尙多クノ火事ガ約京サレテ居タ。「アメリカ」ノ旗ハ多數ノ場所デ引キ裂カレタ。軍當局ハ兵隊ノ統制ガ出來ナイ。

十二月二十日、月曜日、遊行及ビ暴行ガ阻止サレルコトモ無ク續行サレタ。市街中最重要ノ商店街、太平路ハ全く火災ニ包マレタ。私ハ火ヲ放ツ前ニ店舗カラ取り出サレタ掠奪品ヲ積積シタ數多ノ日本軍貨物自動車ヲ見受ケ、又兵隊ノ一団ガ建物ニ現實ニ放火シテ居ルヲ目撃シタ。次デ私ハ明ラカニホンノ總力前ニ放火サレテ既ニ火災ニ包マレテ居タ。甚督致青年會館ノ方ヘ車ヲ驅ツタ。其ノ夜私ハ窓カラ



見テ十四ノ火事ヲ數ヘタガ、其ノ中ノ幾ツカハ可成リ廣イ區域ヲ蔽フタモノデアツタ。

日本人ハ吾々ノ野營所カラ人々ヲ捕ヘル場合何等規則ニ從ハナイ。手ノ併置ヤ坊主刈デアルコトガ其ノ身ガ會テ兵隊デアツタコトノ十分ナ證據デアルトサレテ死刑ニサレルコト請合ヒデアル。私共ノ野營所ノ殆ド全部ガ度々射殺シタイト思フ者ヲ引出シニ來ル兵隊ノ群ノ侵入ヲ受ケタ。

一九三七年（昭和十二年）十二月二十二日私ハ私ノ事務所ノ東方四分ノ一哩ノ地點ニアル池中ニ約五十個ノ死骸ヲ見受ケタ。孰レモ平服ヲ纏ヒ、其ノ中ノ多クハ手ヲ後ニ縛リ上げラレ、尙一名ハ頭ノ上半部ヲ完全ニ斬取ラレテ居タ。其後私ハ數百ノ支那人ノ死骸ヲ、ソレ等ハ殆ンドガ男デ女ハ少カツタガ、同様ナ狀態デ池中ヤ、街路上ヤ、家ノ中ニ見受ケタ。

吾等ノ委員會ハ毎日日本大使館ニ殘虐行爲ノ報告ヲ出シタ。

「ジョーデ・エー・フイツチ」

右ハ一九四六年（昭和二十一年）六月十八日當職ノ面前ニテ署名宣誓セリ。

陸軍大佐「トーマス・エツチ・モロ」



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AFFIDAVIT

I, GEORGE A. FITCH, American citizen, born in Soochow, China, on January 23, 1883, being first duly sworn, do make the following statement:

That I have been in China from December 1909 to December 21, 1945, except for occasional furloughs in the United States and elsewhere, as a secretary of the International Committee of Y.M.C.A.'s, New York, and from December 21, 1945, to the present as Deputy Regional Director for U.N.R.R.A.; that I was in Nanking from the summer of 1936 until on or about 15 February 1938, and at the time of the occupation of Nanking by Japanese military forces and until on or about 15 February 1938 acting as Director of the Safety Zone; that the following excerpts or paraphrases, taken from a diary which I kept at that time, are true:

Many hundreds of innocent civilians are taken out before your eyes to be shot or used for bayonet practice and you have to listen to the sound of the guns that are killing them. It seems to be the rule here that anyone who runs must be shot or bayoneted. We happened to be beside the Ministry of War at the time, and it was all too evident that execution was going on, hundreds of poor disarmed soldiers with many innocent civilians among them.

On December 15, I saw approximately 1300 men, all in civilian clothes, just taken from one of our camps near our headquarters, lined up and roped together in groups of about 100 by soldiers with fixed bayonets. In spite of my protests to the commanding officer, they were marched off to be shot. December 19 was a day of complete anarchy. Several big fires were raging, started by the soldiers, and more are promised. The American flag was torn down in a number of places. The military have no control over the soldiers.



Monday, December 20, vandalism and violence continued unchecked. All Taiping Road, the most important shopping street in the city, was in flames. I saw many Japanese army trucks being loaded with the loot which they were taking from the shops before setting fire to them, also witnessed one group of soldiers actually setting fire to a building. I drove next to the Y.M.C.A. which was already in flames, evidently fired only a short time previously. That night I counted fourteen fires from my window, some of them covering considerable areas.

The Japanese observe no system in seizing people from our camps. Callouses on hands or cropped heads are proof sufficient that the man was once a soldier, and a sure death warrant. Practically all of our camps have been entered time and again by bands of soldiers who have taken whom they willed for shooting.

On December 22, 1937, I saw about fifty corpses in some ponds a quarter of a mile east of my office. All were dressed in civilian clothes, most of them with hands bound behind their backs, and one with the top half of his head cut completely off. Subsequently I saw hundreds of bodies of Chinese, mostly men but a few women, in a similar condition, in ponds, on the streets, and in houses.

Our committee made daily reports to the Japanese Embassy of atrocities.

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Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1946:

Thos H Morrow  
Colonel Thos. H. Morrow

  
GEORGE A. FITCH

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