CASES OF DISORDER BY JAPANESE SOLDIERS IN THE SAFETY ZONE

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Note: These are only sample cases we have had time to check up on more carefully. Many more have been reported to our workers.

1. Six street sweepers of the second division of the Sanitary Commissio
   n of the Safety Zone were killed in the house they occupied at Kuleo and one seriously injured with a bayonet by Japanese soldiers on Dec. 15th. No apparent reason whatever. These men were our employees. The soldiers entered the house.

2. A carriage loaded with rice was taken on Dec. 15th at 4:00 P.M. near the gate of Ginling College by Japanese soldiers.

3. Several residents in our second sub-division were driven from their homes on the night of December 14th and robbed of everything. The chief of the sub-division was himself robbed twice by Japanese soldiers.

4. On the night of December 15th, last night, seven Japanese soldiers entered the University of Nanking library building and took seven Chinese women refugees, three of whom were raped on the spot. (Full details of this case will be filed by Dr. M. S. Bates, Chairman of the University of Nanking Emergency Committee.)

5. On the night of December 14th, there were many cases of Japanese soldiers entering Chinese houses and raping women or taking them away. This created a panic in the area and hundreds of women moved into the Ginling College campus yesterday. Consequently, three American men spent the night at Ginling College last night to protect these 3,000 women and children in the compound.

6. About 30 Japanese soldiers with no apparent leader, on December 14th, searched the University Hospital and the nurses' dormitory. The staff of the Hospital were systematically looted. The objects taken were: 6 fountain pens, $180.00, 4 watches, 2 hospital badges, 2 flashlights, 2 pairs of gloves, 1 sweater.

7. Yesterday, December 15th, every one of our large refugee camps in public and institutional buildings reported that the Japanese soldiers had been there and robbed the refugees several times.

8. On December 15th, the American Ambassador's residence was broken into and searched and some small personal articles taken.

9. On December 15th, the faculty house of Ginling College was entered by Japanese soldiers who climbed over the back fence and smashed in a door. Since every movable thing had been taken out of the building since December 13th, nothing could be stolen!

10. At noon, December 14th, on Chien Ying Hsiang, Japanese soldiers entered a house and took four girls, raped them, and let them return in two hours.
11. Our Ninghai Road rice shop was visited on December 15th in the afternoon by Japanese soldiers who bought 3 bags of rice (3.75 tan or piculs) and only paid $5.00. The regular price of rice is $9.00 per tan, so the Imperial Japanese Army owes the International Committee $28.75 for this.

12. At 10:00 P.M. on the night of December 14th a Chinese home on Chien Ying Haiang was entered by 11 Japanese soldiers who raped 4 Chinese women.

13. On December 14th, Japanese soldiers entered the home of Miss Grace Bauer, an American missionary, and took a pair of fur-lined gloves, drank up all the milk on the table, and scooped up surgar with their hands.

14. On December 15th, Japanese soldiers entered the garage of Dr. R. F. Brady (American) at 11 Shuan Lung Haiang, smashed a window in his Ford V8, later came back with a mechanic and tried to start the car.

15. Last night, December 15th, Japanese soldiers entered a Chinese house on Hankow Road and raped a young wife and took away three women. When two husbands ran, the soldiers shot both of them.

The above cases have been checked up on by foreign members of our Committee or Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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