SURVIVOR TELLS
OF NANKING FATE

(The following description of the siege and capture of Nanking
by the Japanese was wirelessed to United States gunboat Oahu by
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NANKING, By Radio from Gun-
boat Oahu, Thursday, Dec. 13.

A city was turned today into
an ancient city was torn today into
the corpses of its soldier defend-
civilians, killed in the bombing, shelling and fierce fight-
to which the city was sub-

Scattered through the city were
hundreds of uniforms discarded by
fleeing Chinese soldiers, who had
tried to escape death at the hands
by substituting civilian garb.

During the Chinese retreat from
Nanking after their defense had
where I saw some dis-
organized looting by fleeing Chi-
inese soldiers and, when they
were captured by the Japanese, carried on the looting.

Seek Foreign Zone Refuge

The Japanese refrained from
shelling and bombing the safety
zone. The fact that Chinese
American and German residents of
Nanking. More than 100,000 Chi-
inese sought refuge in the zone.

Only a few stray shells fell in the zone and only a
few were killed in it.

Later, the Associated Press correspondent in
Nanking, and I saw many policemen
shredding their outer clothing and walking
around seeking for old civilian clothes.

To make sure that the watchman
at the American embassy was not
executed for having armed a Pe-
ning him stay inside. This prob-
ably saved his life.

We first learned of the Panay's
sinking from a young Japanese
navy lieutenant. After Nanking's
fall, we had gone to the river side to
request the Japanese to radio the
Panay and ask it to return to
Nanking.

The lieutenant answered: "Oh, so sorry; Panay sunk!"
Unbelieving, we heard him repeat
that the gunboat had gone down.

We advised other Americans and
foreigners, the Panay sinking but
sinking did not terrify the Japanese
staff, not wanting to terrify their

Antiaircraft Ineffective

During the final days of the siege
we saw no Chinese planes, in the
air, and Chinese antiaircraft
artillery in keeping off Japanese bombers,
although one Japanese plane was
believed shot down. The air-supported
University of Nanking, a haven for thou-
thousands of terrified refugees, was
not hit or disturbed.