

**Document 11.6: The Empire of Japan's 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Report, December 13, 1937**

BATTALION REPORT, AT 2:00 (P.M.) RECEIVED ORDERS FROM THE REGIMENT  
COMMANDER: TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS FROM BRIGADE COMMANDING  
HEADQUARTERS, ALL PRISONERS OF WAR ARE TO BE EXECUTED. METHOD OF  
EXECUTION: TO DIVIDE THE PRISONERS INTO GROUPS OF A DOZEN. SHOOT TO KILL  
SEPARATELY. IT IS DECIDED THAT THE PRISONERS ARE TO BE DIVIDED EVENLY  
AMONG EACH COMPANY...AND TO BE BROUGHT OUT FROM THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN  
GROUPS OF 50 TO BE EXECUTED. THE VICINITY OF THE IMPRISONMENT MUST BE  
HEAVILY GUARDED. OUR INTENTIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NOT TO BE DETECTED BY  
THE PRISONERS. EVERY COMPANY IS TO COMPLETE PREPARATION BEFORE 5:00 P.M.  
EXECUTIONS ARE TO START BY 5:00 AND ACTION IS TO BE FINISHED BY 7:30.

Source: Chang, Iris. *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*. New York: Penguin, 1998. 41.