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~~The Japs must be careful that men do not appear~~

Japanese military spokesman at press conference in Peiping:

"Chinese so low that even women sometimes hurl hand grenades at us in battle."

Japanese documents brought in after battle-- strength and weaknesses of Chinese.

"Japs must be careful of every Chinese. Don't trust women or children. . . they are spies of Chinese; poison water; stab you in back if you not careful. . . ."

"National consciousness very great even in most backward villages. Carried by men and women students. "

*Susane women; little girls with Gray hair.*

~~As rule women don't fight in battle. I met many who had.~~

~~Woman student guerrilla leader; didn't know how to fight; was studying.~~

~~Woman worker guerrilla regimental leader; then on the high staff of the Army. Political Director of a Detachment of 6,000 men.~~

~~Japs called her "Chen Tu-fei".~~

~~From first days of war women took part:~~

~~Red Cross nurses and aides.~~

~~Women, old and young, in charge of food in some military hospitals.~~

~~Women organized "Front Service Corps"-- factory workers and students of Shanghai. Moved from Army to Army lecturing, giving new to troops.~~

~~Organizing civilians to remain at front with armies to give food, water, care.~~

~~Student Armies--men and women--in uniform.~~

~~Women in soldier's uniform everywhere.~~

~~Nanchang--Dr. Ma, heading an operating unit. Under air-raids did not stop.~~

Wards of Nanchang receiving station; heard singing of women; violin.  
Found blind woman singing to soldiers.  
Women students receiving and distributing bags of essentials to wounded.  
Giving news.

Before war--none of this possible. Women shy; never associated with soldiers; never associated freely with men.

Women sprang over a century of progress.

~~Soong Sisters known in the far west but not in war zones.~~

~~Madame Chiang--collected war orphans and built homes; trained women for work amongst them and amongst women.~~

~~Madame Sun in Shanghai and Hongkong in charge of relief funds to aid guerrillas or children in guerrilla regions.~~

War zones:

*St. Guerrilla Detachment*  
Came upon a ~~xxxxxxx~~ guerrilla army where a woman nurse was Medical Director. Even operating.  
Training many women students in medical work. Dreadful work.

New Fourth Army--guerrilla Army:

- The leg -*
- 1 woman surgeon of 27 at front, Dr. Chang.
  - 20 trained women nurses doing work of doctors.
  - Examining troops by detachments.
  - Dr. Chang passionate scientist.
  - Helped found Medical Training School.
  - Teaching material.
  - The leg.

~~Suencheng--desolation.~~  
~~Nasa meeting in charge of women to welcome me.~~

One year later, in late 1939--Lihwang.  
 21st Group Army.  
 1,500 educated men and women of Mass  
 Mobilization Committee. (Mil.-Pol.-Cult.)  
 Duties: Mobilization and education of  
 masses.  
 Seven Training Camps, 1/3 women.  
 Training--3 mos.  
 Administrators; mass education; primary  
 teachers; town heads.  
 No Magistrates as yet.  
 Women's Committee--to lead women.  
 Seven "Work Corps" of women--  
 Organizing Anti-Japanese Assn.  
 Giving patriotic plays.  
 Teach high patriotic songs.  
 Girls lecturing in trenches.  
 During battles, women helped peasants  
 evacuate villages to hills.  
 Organized men to carry ammunition to  
 front and bring back wounded.  
 Carried out all food.

Women's Conference called in Lihwang.  
 Hundreds. Half in military uniform.  
 Hall decorated.  
 "Emancipation of women bound up with  
 emancipation of China".  
 "Fate of women the fate of China".

Women wrote poem and read to me:  
 You have never forgotten us,  
 We who have been trampled under men's  
 feet for thousands of years,  
 Heavy even in every breath,  
 Not daring to look upward with our pale  
 eyes.  
 You, American friend, have come to enemy  
 rear  
 To help us shoulder guns,  
 Unbind ~~fasten~~ our feet,  
 And achieve our four-fold duty  
 In our war of liberation.

Children arrived--700 war orphans.  
 Message to American children.  
 "Strengthen our bodies and minds to fight!"

Lihwang.

Magnificent new women of China.

Frail, shy, weak before war.

Now in military uniforms.

Refused to marry until final victory.

Must help until war was finished.

Published women's magazine;

Wrote and produced plays;

Studying to be first-aid workers.

Modern women fighting old customs in interior  
"Girl brides".

Women went to mother-in-law homes and  
rescued little girls.

Demanding right of women to choose  
husbands.

Affianced young women refused marriage  
and families brought them to court.

Families called ~~free~~ marriage by choice  
"free love".

Mother Tsai's work.

Women's Nat. Salvation Assn.

Women isolated from world culture before  
war.

Army women brought world-wide culture.

March 8th--I met Mother Tsai.

Work of Women's Nat. Salv. Assn.

~~Chinese men never opposed the new women.~~

~~Freedom so easy it may be taken from us~~

~~easily".~~

Chung Yi's Division.

Political Department--about 20 women.

Organizing people.

Teaching in regimental training camps.

Moving from unit to unit to give plays  
and lecture.

Chung Yi's questions.

Chung Yi's headquarters wiped out. Men and women all died fighting.  
Chung Yi killed himself, when all was lost.

Chung Yi's words to me:

"Tell your countrymen---"

His last letter to me:

"Tell your countrymen we will fight to our last drop of blood."

Night marches--men and women alike.

March through Jap. lines.

Five women with me. Nurses.  
2 fell sick with malaria.

Crossed the Yangtze. Women led singing of guerrilla marching song.

Post-war peace.

1. National consciousness.
2. International consciousness:  
nothing of local significance.
3. Consciousness of subjected Asiatic countries.--India--France--Holland.  
Great suspicions of Britain. Churchill.

China will never return to past. Will go forward.

Democracy means political and economic.  
No economic imperialism taking place of old imperialism. Cooperative society.  
America's role. Red Cross. Ind. Coops.