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Prisoner YANAGIZAWA Eiji; Australian No JA 162002, a leading private of 9 Company, 3 Battalion, 239 Infantry Regiment, ill with beriberi was captured by Australian troops at MARASUPE, near AITAPE, 25 Dec 44.

Cannibalism On 1 Nov 44 in a speech to his troops, Maj Gen AOTU, 41 Division Infantry Group commander, stated that troops must fight the Allies even to the extent of eating them.

On 10 Dec 44 an order was issued from 18 Army Headquarters that troops were permitted to eat the flesh of Allied dead but must not eat their own dead. At the time rumors were prevalent that troops were eating their own dead. 15 Dec 44 four men were executed by order of Maj MORIMOTO, commanding officer of 2 Battalion for disobeying this order.

While wandering in the jungle prisoner came across four men of his unit whose bodies had been stripped of flesh. As there were no troops other than Japanese in the area he presumed the flesh was eaten by them.

In mid Dec 44 prisoner was shown some meat by his commanding officer who said it was human flesh and that anything that looked like it was not to be eaten.

On 21 Dec 44 at MARUJIPPU, Maj MORIMOTO, 2 Battalion commander, shared out to his troops the flesh of two Australian soldiers who had been killed in action and joined them in eating it. As prisoner was ill he was unable to obtain a share.

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YAMAGIZAWA EITJI

捕虜 柳澤 エイジ

濠洲軍番号 J.A. 一六二〇〇ニ号 日本軍歩兵

オニ三九聯隊オニ大隊オニ九中隊上等兵。右者ハ一九四四年十一月二十五日脚氣

ニ罹リテ居リ「アイタペ」附近ノ「マラスペ」ニ於テ濠洲軍ノ捕虜トナツタ。

「食人肉」一九四四年十一月一日オニ四師團歩兵部隊指揮官青津少將

ハ麾下ノ部隊ニ對シ部隊ハ夜令ニ彼等ノ肉ヲ喰フトモ聯合國軍ノ戰ハネ

バテマト告ゲタ。一九四四年三月十日オニ八軍司令部カラ部隊ハ聯合國軍ノ

屍肉ヲ喰フ事ハ許可ニシテ友軍ノ屍肉ハ喰フテハテマトノ命令ガ出タ。當時諸

部隊ガ友軍ノ屍肉ヲ喰フテイルト云フ噂ガ專ラデアルタ。一九四四年十二月十五日

ニ上記ノ命令ニ違背シタ為メオニ大隊長森本少佐ノ命令ニ依リ四名ノ者ガ

處刑セラシタ。森林中ニ彷徨ニテ居タ中ニ本捕虜ハ彼ノ所屬隊ノ四名ノ者ノ肉ガ

剥取ラレ居ルノヲ目撃シタ。右地域ニハ日本軍以外ノ軍隊ヲ居カワツタ。

ラ彼ハソノ人肉ハ日本軍ガ喰フテモト推察シタ。

一九四四年^{十一月}中頃本捕虜ハ彼ノ指揮官カラ若干ノ肉片ヲ示サレシレハ人肉ガ外

見ガツレシ似タ様サモノハ喰フテハテマト云ハレタ。

一九四四年十一月二十日ニ「マルジツア」デオニ大隊長森本少佐ハ戰闘ノ際殺サレ

タ二人ノ濠洲兵ノ肉ヲ部下ニ配給シ復共ニソノ人肉ヲ喰フタ。本捕虜ハ病

氣デアルヲ為シニソノ分配ヲ受ケル事ガ出来ナカッタ。

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