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  - (a) Near the men's camp at NAKON NYOK, which was the one at which I was senior British medical officer, a cump was established in the summer of 1945 for officers. One night we received a message that an efficer was seriously ill, and after a good deal of delay we persuaded the Japanese to send my Dutch surgeen to see what was the matter as there was no surgeen at the efficers' camp. He found that the efficer was suffering from an intestinal obstruction but as there was no proper light by which to operate and as he wished to get further supplies and instruments he asked if he might return to the men's camp and go back again for the operation in the morning. when the merning came we asked for leave for him to go and perform the operation, but this was refused as the Japanese said that if the officers wanted a surgeon they would send for one and it was not until forty-eight hours later that he was allowed to go back to the efficers' camp. He found that the condition of the sick efficer had deteriorated so much that he was only able to perform a palliative operation under a local assesthetic and the patient died. In my opinion and in the opinion of the surgeon the life of this officer could have been saved if he had been allowed to go and operate when he wished to do so. The S.P.O. at the efficers' camp will have full particulars of this incident.
  - (b) An Australian padre, rather feelishly, held an ANZAC Day service and preached a sermon about fighting against the powers of evil. The Japanese considered that this was directed against them and segregated the padre for a period of three months during which time he was put into a hut which he was not allowed to leave except to go to the latrines. The Japanese did not actually beat him but they threw things at him.

- (e) In January, 1945, a party of eight hundred British and Imperial prisoners of war, under W.O.I. Brown, R.A., was marched from Nakon Nyek on a six hundred kilometres march. From this march fifty-four sick men were returned to Nakon Nyek suffering from every sort of complaint including Typhus and Black Water Fever. Every single man was admitted to hospital and the first discharge made by me was eight weeks later. I am glad to say that no one died. During the march I used to send up half my drug supplies to the medical efficers in charge but I new knew that none was received by them. Apart from W.O. Brown the best witness to this incident will be Captain C.J. Poh S.S.V.F., a Chinese dector who is new living at Kinghern, Fife.
- At one time at Nakon Nyek there were one hundred and twenty
  Americans in the camp. One day while they were out working three were seen by the Japanese stealing from a Japanese dump. Two were
  caught but the third could not be found. The Japanese picked out
  nincteen of these Americans and KOKABU beat each one up himself with
  bamboes and his sword in its scabbard. They then put a piece of
  wood round the nock of each of them with the word "Thief" in
  Japanese and in English written on it and they had to wear these
  collars for a menth. This was a very severe beating and I had to
  dector them afterwards although none of them, luckily, was
  permanently injured.

SWORN by the above-named St. Clair

Biward John Barrett, at 6 Spring

Cardens, in the city of Westminster,

this thirteenth day of December, 1945.) (Signed) ST. CLAIR E.J. BARRETT.

Bafere me

(Signed) F.G. FLHTCHER.

Captain Legal Staff.

Mil Dept. Office of the Judge Advesate General.

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シンがホールニテ、捕傷トナナリマング

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