

Q. Fights between whom?

A. Several men in the room had got to this man and that night they were going to kill this man. That was the actual story given to me by this Warrant Officer. And Mr. Rogers, this Warrant Officer, asked me to go to the room and plead with the men to restrain from such violence and see the Camp Commander and ask him to rescind the order. We went to the room and pleaded with the men to restrain themselves and they promised to do so if I could get the situation changed. I went to see the Camp Commander and told him about it all, and he lifted the restrictions from this room and admitted this man to the Guard Room for 20 days. Actually it was very difficult to get a man in the Guard Room. He said he would have to send the matter to headquarters. That always was a difficult matter because, more important even than the man going into the Guard Room for an offense, was the man going to work; and all of us would be told that if a man was placed in the Guard Room for an offense it meant he wouldn't go to work at all. As they did that, our working percentage was bad anyway, so following that I went to the Camp Commander and asked if we could, as a trial, run the camp under our own regulations and military law. He wouldn't entertain the idea first of all. I went over the same matter once or twice and on one occasion I think Mr. Rogers was with me. I cannot remember. I prevailed upon him to give it a trial. Mr. Hosama--Lieut. Hosama and Cpl. Terodati and Fuyisawa, the interpreter, were present and we outlined--at least, I outlined our idea--that perhaps at that time--of course, the Camp Commander complained of the aggravated state of discipline in the camp, the offenses being committed and so on and so forth, and I suggested that if we try it under our own regulations perhaps there may be some improvement. After that the man would be brought up on charge in the normal way in front of our own Commanding Officer and dealt with so far as was possible in accordance with our own principles of offences and awards. Well, he said that we could try this but he insisted that although a concession had been made, we must remember we were still subject to Nipponese military law and that--oh, then I asked, if necessary, could we use the Guard Room and he said, "No." He was most adamant about that and stated what I have already mentioned regarding the Guard Room. He stated that if we placed a man in the Guard Room just like that it would mean the man wouldn't go to work next day, and that wouldn't do at all. And I remember Terodati, the interpreter, saying that this binta must be resorted to in such cases. That would preclude the necessity for the Guard Room; or something to that effect. I was ordered that when these charges were made out that I would be required to go to the camp office, write out details of the charge in a book for Terodati that would be translated by the interpreter and submitted to the Camp Commander so that supervision could be maintained on our administration of such discipline. I remember we had a meeting on the subject.

Q. Who had a meeting?

A. I jumped a head a little here. We discussed this two or three times ourselves before I went to the office.

Q. Who were there?