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- A. That is right, sir. I was acting as an unofficial member almost as soon as the committee was formed. I believe the committee was formed in March 1944, or about that time.
- Q. Sgt. Harvey says April or May. Would that be closer?
- A. I couldn't say, sir.
- Q. And at the time you became a member you had changed your ideas about corporal punishment, had you?
- A. That's right, sir.
- Q. That is, when you became an unofficial member of this committee?
- A. Well, let's get this straight, sir. You are getting me somewhat confused. My ideas were changed on the subject after a discussion with Surgeon Lieutenant Stenning some time in the spring of 1944. Shortly after that--well, I want to get this straight now--after this discussion--shortly after this discussion, rather, the judiciary or judicial committee was formed.
- Q. And you were not a member of the original committee that was formed?
- A. Not recognized by the Japanese but so by Surgeon Lieutenant Stenning.
- Q. Well, is Sgt. Harvey wrong when he says that the original committee consisted of himself, Deane, Yearling and Rogers?
- A. No, he is quite right there, sir.
- Q. Well then, how does Stenning enter into it and how do you enter into it?
- A. Well, shortly after the committee was formed Stenning appointed me and, I believe, Sgt. Bissons as Canadian representatives on this group.
- Q. How much after the committee was formed?
- A. I couldn't state that, sir; very shortly after.
- Q. Did the committee ever function as a committee?
- A. You will have to be a little more explicit there, sir, if you don't mind.
- Q. Well now, there is nothing puzzling about that, is there? Did the committee ever function as a committee?
- A. Well, most certainly, sir.
- Q. You called it a judiciary committee?
- A. That's right.
- Q. When did it function as a committee?
- A. Right from the beginning to the end, sir.
- Q. And were you present?
- A. Yes, sir; on a number of occasions.