

A. Yes; but he was in charge of the administration and general discipline of the camp, but, everybody seems to take a delight in disciplinary matters, especially punishment. They all enjoyed it when given an opportunity. There was nothing given to us to understand whose duty it was. I happen to know who was in charge of administration and discipline but the prisoners weren't told that.

Q. During the first few months you were there you say the Japs administered discipline. What type of discipline would they administer? What discipline did they administer?

A. Well, everything in the nature of an offence was dealt with by the Japanese if they got to know about it, and usually it meant--quite often meant, anyway--mass punishment, in my considered opinion, especially for some very serious offence such as, to give an example, they charged a number of prisoners with cutting their blankets on one occasion.

Q. With what?

A. Cutting their blankets. And actually, one or two of the men had done that to make a kind of socket to go over their feet when it was cold. And everybody was called on parade--everybody, kitchen staff, medical staff and everybody else, and I think all the Japanese staff at that time were also on parade. They called out the number of men whose blankets had been investigated by the quartermaster, Nunishima, and found they had torn blankets. And they ran a gauntlet down the line of about 12 to 15 Nipponese. They went first from one to another and were kicked and so on. And while this was going on Nunishima went around the huts again and examined all the blankets and found certain other blankets in a dilapidated condition. There must have been another 20 or 30 men concerned. These men pleaded, and I am quite certain they were telling the truth, that these blankets were issued as such. And I remember that Mr. Tugby said they were issued as such and he got a punch on the ear. Anyway, they wouldn't listen to the story and these other 20 or 30 men went through the same punishment as the other men who had originally cut their blankets. The parade all this time was on parade for about an hour, and they were dismissed and all the men concerned with the blankets were made to stay there until late at night and were not allowed to have their evening meal.

Q. Were made to stand where?

A. Out on parade.

Q. At attention?

A. At attention, yes, sir.

Q. That was an instance of the type of punishment that the Japs imposed at that time?

A. Yes.

Q. And can you relate any other incident?

A. Yes, I can. Well, they charged a certain number of men with salinering. They pleaded they were sick, quite a