

- Q. And what rank would that party be?
- A. Well, as far as the Japanese were concerned I don't think the rank mattered. They originally, of course, wanted to see and know who were the senior members of the camp and, of course, Mr. Deane and Master Gunner McConnell, who later died, and M.Q.M.S. Rogers and C.S.M. Tugby and B.S.M. Bumphries, had been earmarked for the duty also. B.Q.M.S. Yearling. In all, the seniors of the camp were called upon to stand by, so to speak, for this duty.
- Q. What duties did they have to do? What were they appointed for?
- A. Well first of all, general supervision of the camp--the regimental duties of the camp--also working details; providing the Japanese with a daily list of men who would go to work; where they would go to work, with their numbers; arranging roll calls and acting all together as liaison between the prisoners and the Japanese staff.
- Q. And were these various Hanchos appointed by the Japanese?
- A. Yes they were also, and once again originally selected from the senior members of the camp. That was done on the second or third day we were there.
- Q. Who was Mr. Deane?
- A. Warrant Officer Class One Deane--H. L. Deane of the Royal Engineers.
- Q. In this organization did you have any position?
- A. Originally, no. I had already been detailed as the Ace "A" Hanchos or the medical M.C.O., but that was on the second day, and I acted as such for sometime--some several months.
- Q. Now, from the time you arrived in this camp until the spring of 1944, by whom and how was discipline administered?
- A. The Japanese.
- Q. And what type of discipline did they administer?
- A. The discipline primarily was controlled by the subordinate staff of the Camp Commander. He always appeared to keep out of sight, in my opinion anyway, and they ran the show more or less.
- Q. Did they have anybody charged with disciplinary responsibility?
- A. Oh yes. At least, when anything went wrong they would blame us--blame the seniors for these things going wrong. They never sort of invited us to do much about it. They just took action themselves. They would take action and then blame us, you see, for the thing happening and blame us for what happened to the men they punished.
- Q. Did they have an officer or M.C.O. on the Japanese staff whose responsibility was discipline?