

- A. Surgeon Lieutenant Stenning.
- Q. Who was he?
- A. He was the Medical Officer in charge of the camp at the time.
- Q. To what force did he belong?
- A. The Royal Australian Naval Reserve.
- Q. Was he the only officer in the camp at that time?
- A. Yes, he was. He was the only officer there.
- Q. All right?
- A. He was present when we discussed the advisability of something being done to improve conditions, and in that connection gain some information on the running of the camp.
- Q. Who else was present?
- A. Warrant Officer Deane and Q.M.S. Rogers. I cannot remember anybody else at that time.
- Q. All right; you had this discussion on several occasions, you say?
- A. Yes, we did.
- Q. And what was the result of them?
- A. They approved of one of us--myself, personally--it was always less difficult for me, I think, to approach the Camp Commander than anybody else in that at that time I could speak a little of the language anyway. And it appeared to fall to my lot to go and ask him about it, and as I have stated, he ultimately approved of this being done as a trial; and so we started it.
- Q. Well now, who originally constituted the committee?
- A. The original committee was Warrant Officer Deane of the Royal Engineers and B.Q.M.S. Rogers of the Royal Engineers, B.Q.M.S. Yearling of the Royal Artillery and myself. Shortly after it was necessary for me to go to the Camp Commander and ask if he would officially appoint Surgeon Lieutenant Stenning as the Commanding Officer, something he hadn't done so far, and also virtual head of our committee. And he approved of that. So thus, with the Camp Commander's approval Dr. Stenning became the fifth member. Then Surgeon Lieutenant Stenning suggested, I remember to balance this committee, he would invite C.S.M. Tugby and Sgt. Bissons, members of the Canadian group, ex officio. The Camp Commander would not approve of any further members being added to this committee, but anyway, on Dr. Stenning's orders, C.S.M. Tugby and Sgt. Bissons became members of the committee also. Very shortly after that the Camp Commander approved of C.S.M. Tugby taking the place of B.Q.M.S. Yearling officially on the committee, and that also was done.
- Q. Now, at this time when you were dealing with the committee and setting up the committee, was any approach made to the other prisoners on the subject matter?