

Q. And you said that the supervisors appeared to have meetings. They then reported the result of the meetings to the Hanchos and the Hanchos passed it on to the men?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Can you give the Court a little better idea of just what was passed on to the men?

A. On one particular occasion, sir, I was in No. 13 Han and Sgt.-Major Tugby was our leader or Hut Supervisor, and I remember after tenko this particular evening he announced that they had decided--that is, the committee had decided--that it would be much better to try and keep all these petty crimes out of the hands of the Japanese and, therefore, they were trying to get permission to try all of these cases themselves.

Q. And then did they say how they were going to try them?

A. According to military law.

Q. What military law?

A. K.R. (Can) or K.R. & C.

Q. The Army Act and K.R.?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And in practice did they try some of those petty offences in that way?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Men were paraded and evidence taken and punishments awarded?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And would I be correct in saying that, at least in the early stages, those punishments took the form of a defaulters' parade, the defaulters being required to perform fatigues?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. At that time, prior to the setting up of this committee, was it suggested to the men that corporal punishment would be awarded?

A. It more or less, sir, became a foregone conclusion that it was the only method of punishment in that camp.

Q. Yes; but, before the committee started to function had they told the men that corporal punishment would be awarded?

A. I can't remember that, sir.

Q. It was after the committee had been functioning for a while that this decision as to corporal punishment was taken, wasn't it?