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BOREN--Fukuoka No. 17

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I entered the military service of the United States on 20 May 1941 and was sent overseas on 6 June 1941 and returned from overseas on 8 October 1945.

I was held in custody as a prisoner of war by the Imperial Japanese Government from 9 April 1942 until 2 September 1945.

I was in Aviation Ordnance serving on Bataan and was captured by the ~~JAPANESE~~ Japanese on Bataan on 9 April 1942.

I was held in custody at Camp O'Donnell for about ten months and was then moved to Cabanatuan No. 1, where I was held in custody for thirteen months and then taken to Camp #17 at Fukuoka, Japan, where I stayed until I was liberated in September 1945.

Lt. Fukuhara (phonetic) was camp commander at Camp #17. The civilian guards at the camp were as follows:

"The sailor" was extra large for a Japanese, weight 170, height 5'8", age 35-40 years, and his face was scarred as if he had had smallpox.

"One-arm bandit" had his left arm cut off at the elbow, wore glasses, and was about 30 years old, weight 130 pounds, and about 5'5" in height.

While I was a prisoner in Camp #17 I saw a Mexican boy by the name of Martinez from the 200th CAC from the state of New Mexico beaten by the "Sailor" and the "One-Armed Bandit." This incident happened near the first part of January 1945. Martinez worked in the camp shoe shop and while in the shop on this particular date that the incident happened, "The Sailor" walked by the front of the shop and upon glancing through the

shop window observed Martinez reading a two or three months old copy of the "Nippon Times" a Japanese newspaper printed in English and also printed in Tokyo, Japan. "The Sailor" took Martinez into custody and carried him to the guard house; this was shortly after noon of the day in question. Both "The Sailor" and the "One-Arm Bandit" beat Martinez while he was at the guardguse. They used a 2"x2" to beat hi with. It was about 4' long. They would beat him down to the ground hubeating him about the head, shoulders and back and legs with this 2"x2"x4' board. When he was knocked down on the ground the two Jap guards would kick Martinez with their Japanese hobnail(steel) shoes whenthe guards tired of beating Martinez they would place the 2"x2" behind his knees and make him kneel on the ground with back stiff and erect. They would take turns at beating Martinez, usually about fifteen minutes duration and then make him kneel in this position for four or five hours and then stand him at attention again for awhile and then one of the guards would beat him again. Every time different crews come back onto the camp from work in the mines the Japs would make Martinez stand at attention and they would take turns beating him again. This continued for twenty-four hours. They stopped beating him about 2:00 P.M. the following day. They then locked him into a cell inside the guardhouse and kept him on half-rations for five days. Martinez's right eye was swollen completely shut and his face was swollen and was black and blue; mouth was cut and bleeding. ~~xxx~~ He was not given any medical treatment while in the guardhouse. Upon release from the guardhouse he was sent to the mines to work.

The American doctors, Capt. Hewlett, MC, and Lt. Proft, MC, wanted to keep him in camp for medical treatment, but the Japanese camp commander would not permit it.

Pvt. Max R. Maberry, 21st Pursuit, Portage, Montana, was an eyewitness to this incident.