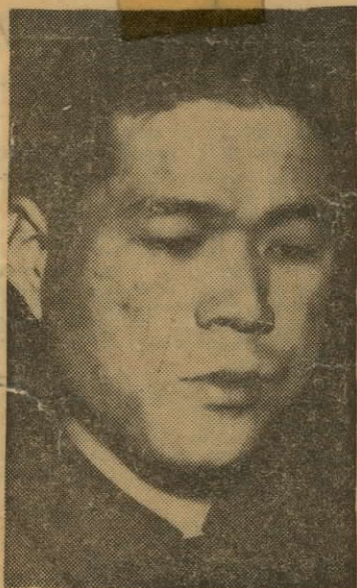


Jap to Hang



Lt. Kel Yuri of the Japanese imperial army was condemned to be hanged by a United States military commission for ordering the bayonet execution of one American and permitting the starvation death of another. The men for whose death he was tried were Noah C. Heard of Salinas, Calif., and Cpl. James G. Pavlokos of Chicago. (AP wire-photo.)

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**Jap Officer
To Hang For
POWs' Deaths**

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 7.—(UP)—Lt. Kei Yuri, former Japanese prison commandant, was sentenced to death by hanging after a US military commission convicted him of responsibility for the deaths of two American prisoners of war.

Yuri admitted ordering the execution of US army Pvt. Noah Heard of Salinas, Calif. He also was convicted of starving to death Corp. James G. Pavlokos.

He testified Saturday that he ordered Heard bayoneted to death but said he closed his eyes during the execution "because I had never seen anything like that before."

Assist. Prosecutor Capt. Lester B. Kauffman of Canton, O., charged in his summation that Yuri was "hot and bucking" when he ordered Heard executed summarily without trial.

Yuri, in his defense testimony, had claimed Heard was executed when he attempted to escape.

Kauffman said Yuri had been rebuked by superiors for failing to maintain proper discipline at the camp and it was then that he decided to execute Heard who was spoiling his record.

Jap Who Ordered Death Of Yank Is Doomed To Hang

YOKOHAMA, Jan. 7-(AP)-Lt. Kel Yuri of the Japanese imperial army was condemned today by a U. S. military commission to be hanged for ordering the bayonet execution of one American prisoner and permitting the starvation of another.

The former commandant of Omuta prison camp stood stiffly before the court and showed no emotions as the sentence was read in English and repeated in Japanese. Even his eyes were motionless. Then he thrust out his hands for the waiting handcuffs, and was led away.

The commission found him guilty of ordering the bayoneting of Pvt. Noah C. Heard, Salinas, Calif., and of permitting the starvation death of Cpl. James G. Pavlokos, Chicago, Ill.

The trial ended today with a plea by Yuri's American defense counsel for special consideration for the prisoner.

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