

CANNIBALISM.

PRACTISED AT WEWAK.

Japanese Order Captured.

BRISBANE, Sept 11.—Sixth Division veterans from Wewak who arrived here today under the five-years service discharge scheme today told of the capture of a Japanese order directing the Japanese to eat the bodies of killed comrades and enemies. Cpl A. Worthington, of Sydney, one of 2/9th Commando Squadron of the 2/6th Regiment, said his squadron captured the order.

Trooper A. W. Cannon, of the 2/10th Commando Squadron, said the frightful disclosures in Sir William Webb's report were not news to Australians at Wewak. "We were not fighting human beings, but brute beasts," he said. "Anyone who can issue or obey an order to eat his comrades or any other human being has reached the lowest level. Every Australian worth his salt will work to see the criminals are punished to the limit."

Cannon said that evidence that the Japanese had obeyed the order was found when a wounded Japanese was discovered lying beside the body of another Japanese from whom slabs of flesh had been cut.

Lt Roemnelt, of the 2/2nd Field Ambulance, said that when 42 Japanese surrendered the Australians found the corpses of 10 natives and two Australians. All the bodies had been partly eaten.