

# Freed Prisoners Tell Of Japs Turned Cannibal

**SYDNEY, Saturday.**—Startling stories of Japanese cannibalism were told by released prisoners from New Guinea who arrived to-day

The ex-prisoners, who came on the hospital ship *Manunda* with the first wounded from Tarakan, were 18 Sikhs, 20 Hindus, and 25 Mohammedans, some of the 150 survivors of 5000 transported from Malaya to Wewak.

Through an interpreter they said that the Japs had taken them to Wewak more than two years ago. They had been forced to make roads, unload ships, and carry supplies through the jungle.

Their treatment became worse as provisions ran low.

Beaten and ill-treated, some escaped, and began waging guerrilla warfare on the Japs.

At night they would creep down and stab sentries. One Indian accounted for 60 Japs.

"The Japs would not give us food—no rice, no fish, no clothes," they said. "When Indians got sick the Japs began to eat the Indians."

Japs, they added, bayoneted the sick and practised cannibalism on them.

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