

## **CANNIBALISM.**

### **GUILTY MAN TO HANG.**

#### **Australian Sentence.**

**WEWAK, Dec 1.**—Sentence of death by hanging was passed on First-Lt Takehiko Tazaki by an Australian Military Court today. Tazaki was found guilty of mutilation of the body of an Australian soldier who was killed in action at Soarin in July, 1945, and of eating portion of the flesh. The sentence is subject to confirmation by the Governor-General of Australia.

When his own countrymen in the Muschu Island compound tried Tazaki for the crime some time ago they awarded punishment of only 30 days confinement to barracks. A synopsis of the address of the Judge Advocate (Major V. M. Corr) was read to the accused in Japanese, in which it was pointed out that the Court would not allow personal opinions or the fact that he was an enemy subject to influence its finding. After declaring the accused guilty the Court retired for an hour to consider sentence.

Tazaki displayed no emotion when the death penalty was translated to him. He said he understood and saluted the Court before he was marched out. Two Japanese observers said that Tazaki had been given a very fair trial. Tazaki earlier had indicated that the crime was weighing on his soul and he hoped the supreme penalty would be inflicted.