

Japs Shot Native, Smoked His Flesh

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WEWAK, Wednesday.—A New Guinea native who refused to give the Japs a pig he was carrying was tied to a tree, shot and eaten.

This was alleged at the trial today of Sergeant-Major Yoshiteru Hidano, of the Second Field Searchlight Company, who pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and cannibalism.

The prosecutor relied chiefly on the evidence of a dead man—Private Jogindar Singh, of the 1/14 Punjab Regiment—who was a prisoner of war under the Japs.

Shortly after Jogindar Singh had made his statement he perished when the plane taking him to India crashed in New Britain.

This was his statement: "A native whose name I do not know was carrying a pig through Captain Ajanashi's camp.

"Ajanashi asked for the pig; the native refused.

"Ajanashi said to a sergeant 'Tie that native to a tree.'

"The Japs took his pig from him.

"After sunset the sergeant shot the native. The body was then hung by the ankles from a branch.

"The sergeant and five Japs then proceeded to cut flesh from the limbs and body. Some of the flesh they smoked for future use. Some they cooked and ate.

2000 Crimes

SAIGON, Wednesday. — As a result of the questioning of 8818 Australian, British, American, French, Dutch and Indian former war prisoners 2000 war crime charges have been compiled against the Japanese in South Indo-China.

Twenty Japanese have been accused as major war criminals; 380 others have been listed; 150 have been arrested so far.