JAP ADMITS CANNIBALISM: ATE DIGGER'S FLESH

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WEWAK, Today.—A Japanese lieutenant admitted before a military court today, that he had mutilated the body of a Queensland soldier in July this year, and eaten portion of it. It was the first cannibalism trial in the South-West Pacific Area.

DEFENDANT is First Lieuten the body of its clothes, and after
Takehiko Tazaki. He pleaccutting off some of the flesh, ate
it two hours later. The same
evening he gave orders for the

not guilty.

He made a signed statement body to be buried investigating officers. Before t "I ate the flesh because I was was made the Australians knyery hungry and weak, and wanted nothing of the crime. The boto get my strength back," Tazaki of the Australian has not yet besaid.

Corporal Eichi Yamamoto gihuman flesh before. I know that evidence that the Australia was wrong, but at the time I body was cut up and eaten did not have the strength to think Tazaki and Lance-Corporal Me whether it was good or bad. My Tazaki told witness that he imental condition was not normal eaten the Australian, addi The court was adjourned until "Man's flesh is delicious." tomorrow, when a verdict will be Tazaki flinched when Yamam given.

went over and touched him

identification.

Cross-examined, Yamamoto aumitted that he had not actually seen the body being cut up.

Captain Douglas Bruce, an investigating officer of the War Crimes Commission, submitted statements which, he said, Tazaki had made and signed.

In these he admitted having eaten the Australian, explaining

that he was hungry, and in the past had eaten various types of flesh, including snakes.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Tazaki said that for a year he lived without meat, and at least twice a month suffered malaria attacks.

Fourteen of his men were killed in an attack on July 19, and this made him very bitter One Australian was killed. He stripped the body of its clothes, and after