

# Japanese As Cannibals

NEW YORK, Monday:  
The Japanese cut off from supplies practised cannibalism in New Guinea during the actions at Buna, Gona, Sanananda and Huggins, according to Frank Bartholomew, United Press correspondent.

"An Australian, Lieut-Colonel L. T. Shave, early in 1943, showed me a captured food tin containing boiled hands from which all the flesh had been picked," he said.

"General Eichelberger, commanding the combined Allied advanced forces, told me of the discovery amongst makeshift Japanese supplies of a large stock of flesh cut from Caucasian bodies and wrapped in banyan leaves for protection against quick decay.

"There was no evidence that the Japanese killed prisoners for food; they apparently used bodies not recovered by our forces."

The United Press correspondent in Washington says: Lieut-Colonel Robert Williams, who has just returned from the Pacific, said circulars captured at Leyte revealed that the Japanese had eaten their own dead. The circulars explained that starving soldiers could survive by eating

soldiers could survive by eating human flesh, and detailed which parts of the body were best for eating.

Mutilated bodies, suggesting cannibalism, were found in the hills of Leyte.