

On being ordered to take dictation by Col Basher, Cpl Thompson did so under protest, and when through, rather insolently remarked that he would not take any more dictation. As a result of this, I had him placed under close arrest. Cpl Thompson had been taking dictation for several days prior to the incident described.

Cross-examination by the accused

Ques: Were there others present at the time?

Ans. Yes - Major Campbell with whom I was transacting business, but I couldn't help overhearing what you said to the Col.

3rd Witness for the Prosecution

Major C.H. Campbell 2 Bn 1 CERD having been duly sworn states:
On the day and date mentioned I was in the Marquee engaged in conversation with Major Coolin, whose table was not more than 10 feet from Col Basher's table. During the conversation accused whom I recognise, and I became aware of Col Basher checking him for carrying a lighted cigarette in his hand on entering the Marquee. The conversation between Col Basher and the accused dealt with taking dictation, and I heard the accused say, "I will take this present letter, but I will not take further dictation. I am a Grade "B" Clerk and I am not getting paid for it" or words to that effect. Accused's attitude throughout and his tone of voice surprised me as I could not understand an NCO clerk adopting the truculent and undisciplined attitude he did. I noticed that he did not address Col Basher as is customary in the service with the word Sir during the conversation.

Accused then stated:

"I do not wish to question this witness"

The following warning was given the accused:

"Do you wish to make any statement or to give evidence upon oath? You are not to say anything or give evidence unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or any evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence".

Accused stated:

"I wish to reserve my defence".

Taken down on 4 pages in longhand in the presence of the accused.
Certified that all necessary Rules of Procedure have been complied with.

W.S. Haney Capt., *1BN 1CERD*
Officer detailed to take summary.