

- Q. Was Harvey present?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And on that occasion did Harvey strike, slap or otherwise interfere with Lynch in any way?
- A. No, he did not, sir.
- Q. Did you know a soldier named Thompson?
- A. Yes, sir; Thompson, P.A., is it not?
- Q. Percy Arthur Thompson?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And he was a member of the Grenadiers?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you see anything of an incident between Harvey and Thompson in April 1945?
- A. I don't know if that day is correct, sir. It was some time in the spring of 1945.
- Q. What.....
- A. Thompson.....
- Q. What were the circumstances?
- A. Thompson had been buying food from some of the men in the camp. On this occasion I believe it was Spr. Webb of the Royal Engineers, who then weighed about 110 pounds. Thompson was not a heavy smoker himself. He would save his cigarettes or lend them out shortly before issue day, getting back two cigarettes for every one he loaned out. Thus he had a surplus of cigarettes with which he was able to buy food from these people. These men were taken to the "Blue Room". There was Batten and an American-- I don't know his name--Webb and Thompson. I questioned the other three myself and turned this man Thompson over to Sgt. Harvey for questioning. Harvey, I remember, asked Thompson if it wouldn't worry him if, through his action of buying food from these men, it resulted in some of their deaths. Thompson replied quite frankly, "No, it wouldn't." Harvey asked him if he knew what he was saying and he said, "Sure; they would do the same for me if they had the chance." The punishment was ordered for these men and Thompson refused his punishment saying that "I am a white man." Harvey asked Thompson if his conduct warranted the treatment of that due to a white man. Thompson answered him somewhat surlily. I don't know what he said. And Harvey, I believed, slapped Thompson. Thompson grappled with Harvey for a moment and Harvey said, "Let me go" and Thompson did so. Thompson then said he would rather be punished by the Japs and Harvey said, "All right, if that's the way you feel about it we will see what we can do." And, we went over to the Japanese office. Present at that time in the office was Ichiba, and Harvey told him the story. Ichiba actually made fools of us all by trying to make us sing and what not. And as far as the punishment was concerned there was nothing at all connected with it in the line of punishment.