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Q What was the matter with Johnson ?

A At the time he was suffering from malnutrition, dry beri-beri, and more or less dejected, that was all. He had just given up and was weak -- run down.

Q Any sign of diarrhoea or dysentery ?

A Just shortly before he died, yes, Sir, but Johnson, when he first went into the hospital, did not have diarrhoea because I remember on one occasion when I actually cleaned up his blankets myself.

Q Was that before or after this incident you are speaking of when you sat beside Sergeant Harvey and he was ~~stirring~~ trying to get Johnson to eat ?

A It may have been about that time, Sir, because Johnson, possibly two or three weeks after that incident was up and around and sitting around the fire.

Q Do you remember whether it was before or after this day that he slapped him for not wanting to eat ?

A No, I can't say, Sir. I can't honestly say that.

Q I suppose as medical orderly you would be around the Blue Room occasionally ?

A I slept in the hospital for quite some time, Sir.

Q Whereabouts ?

A In the -- at that time there was the doctor sleeping in what was called the Blue Room after. Then we had another place that was used later on for stores and Sergeant Harvey, Corporal Edmunds, McDonald and myself slept in there.

Q That would be the end room ?

A No, the doctor slept in the end room. We slept in the next room that was later used for stores.

Q I show you Exhibit "P" which is a rough sketch of the hospital. Now which room are you referring to that you slept in ?

A That one (witnesses points to sketch).

Q That is the room that is shown on the plan as the Blue Room ?

A Yes, it was the Blue Room. At that time the doctor slept in this room and the four of us slept in this room.

Q And what time was that ?

A That was between December, 1943, and May, 1944.

Q And what about the winter of 1944-45 ?

A I was out working, Sir.

Q And not employed around the hospital at all ?

A No, Sir.