

Q Did you see if afterwards ?

A I saw it handed to him, yes, Sir.

Q Did you see it after the parade ?

A No, Sir.

Q This tea that they are talking about ~~bringing~~ bringing into Camp, that is the same tea I presume that they were drinking at the factory ?

A It may have been tea that they made themselves. We used to put these one pound milk tins on the fire -- after they cooked the rice and soup outside the rest hut at the factory, we used to put our cans on the coals and boil water.

Q And make tea ?

A Yes, Sir.

Q And it wouldn't necessarily be the same tea that had been issued to the men ?

A It might have been tea that they made themselves and it could have been tea that was issued to them.

Q There has been some reference made to Batten and a kidney ailment. Do you know if Batten suffered from such ailment ?

A Yes, he did, Sir.

Q Do you know if he still suffers from it ?

A Well I didn't ask him, Sir, but he looks quite well now.

Q Did Batten ever tell you that he had had that ailment since childhood ?

A No, Sir.

Q What was its duration so far as you know ?

A So far as I know, Sir, it was just the winter and spring of 1943.

Q '43-'44 ?

A '43-'44, yes, Sir.

Q You have mentioned that on one occasion when Sergeant Harvey slapped Ed Johnson you were present ?

A Yes, Sir.

Q Sergeant Harvey has stated that there was another occasion when he slapped Johnson. Were you present that time ?

A I believe I saw him slap Johnson two or three times, Sir, but I didn't think anything of it at the time because he just more or less slapped him like that with his hand. He didn't slap him hard. Just a matter of trying to make the man snap out of it and try to live, that's all.