

Statement By Defending Officer:

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I would like to make a plea of mitigation of sentence on behalf of Pte. Morrison. He has pleaded guilty to both charges against him. In his sworn statement, he has told a story which I submit is reasonable and understandable. The incident seems to have arisen from a general discussion between the sergeant-major and members of D Coy. Apparently the parade was standing easy and each man was entitled to speak his mind. Morrison attempted to tell the sergeant-major that he thought scrounging was illegal. He was told to shut up and, being quick-tempered, the incident which he regrets ensued. His former Pl. commander ~~is~~ and his Coy Cmdr who have known him over a period of years both speak highly of his conduct both in and out of action ~~and~~. I respectfully submit this plea in mitigation of sentence.

Esauwau Major
President