

Eliza Thomas, being duly sworn deposes and says:

I was in Leesburg about nine days and one half. The room was about 20 feet wide. When I arrived there were about 32 people in the room and when I left there were about 17. The paint was peeling off and hanging down. It looked as though life hadn't been there in ten years it was so dusty. The walls were dirty also; everything was dirty. The floor was concrete and had a terrible odor from people using it to go on the bathroom. There was a door leading off into the guard's room and there was also a steel door which was closed. There were about seven windows with a little bit of broken pain left in them and they also had steel bars.

We slept on the concrete floor which had the odor and was very cold. After the first night we told him we were cold and so he gave us blankets; they had a terrible odor and some of them were burned; they were made of a wool which irritated the skin and made us itch. I was very sore from sleeping on the floor.

We had four hamburgers a day, one with mayonnaise and mustard and sometimes with catsup and mustard; usually we got them at 11, but sometimes we got them at about two or three. Sometimes they were cold and the grease was running out of them.

We drank water out of the shower which was warm and rusty. We had three drinking cups for all of us.

I never took a shower because the shower was dirty from people going to the bathroom inside it; it also had sanitary napkins and paper used after people went to the bathroom. I once took a sponge bath.

People used to go to the bathroom on the floor and some people used the toilets but there were already completely full when I got there. I used the toilet only once the entire time I was there. Otherwise I was constipated.

There was no furniture in the room. I started to break out on my head and my legs while I was there. In the beginning I took my shoes off but my feet began to peel between the toes. There were a lot of bugs especially cockroaches and one night I woke up and found one in my hair. I had hayfever and I sneezed a lot while I was there but I took some of my medicine. One girl had an asthma attack, one had a weak heart and got a pain in her chest and a third had pain in her side. When the girl with pain in her side asked for a doctor, the man told her that if she weren't dead in the morning then he would take her to a doctor. The next morning she was better.

On the first night we were there there was no lights but the other nights there was 150 watt bulb which he turned off when he thought we were quiet (asleep). Some times when we had soap we would wash our clothes and the man would hang them up for us. But when we had to walk around in our underclothes he would just stand there watching.

Sworn to me this 13th day of September, 1963,

Lois Barnum Holley

Elizabeth Thomas

Notary Public Ga. State at Large
My commission expires 8-29-67

Elizabeth Thomas