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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF A. 3809. Pte. Gfroerer, J.A., R.C.R.1st Witness.

D.7128 Sgt. McAra, R.A., 1st Anti-Tank Regiment, R.C.A., having been duly sworn states:-

"A few minutes after 1000 hours, 15 Mar 41, while I was in charge of a carrying party at the 1 Cdn Div Field Punishment Camp, I observed Pte. Gfroerer working with other soldiers undergoing field punishment on a wiring party near Hut # 1. About 1 or 1 1/2 minutes later Sgt. Hadden came over to me near the cookhouse and asked me if I had seen Pte. Gfroerer in that area of the Camp. I replied that I had last seen him on the wiring job about a minute previously and suggested to Sgt. Hadden that he raise the alarm right away, as Pte. Gfroerer couldn't have had much of a start. The alarm was raised, the soldiers under sentence returned to their Huts, the Roll was called and Pte. Gfroerer proved to be absent from the Camp. Sgt. Hadden was the Staff N.C.O., in charge of the wiring party at the time of the escape."

R.A. McAra
(D.7128. R.A. McAra) Sgt.,
1 Anti-Tank Reg't., RCA.

THE ACCUSED DECLINES TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESS;

2nd Witness.

K.52247 Sgt. Hadden, E., Seaforths of Canada, having been duly sworn states:-

"Shortly before 1000 hours, 15 Mar 41, I was in charge of a wiring party near Hut # 1 at the 1 Cdn Div Field Punishment Camp of which Pte. Gfroerer was a member. I decided that more staples were needed and returned the S.U.S.'s to their huts while I proceeded to the Administration Building to get the staples. Before leaving, however, I gave Pte. Gfroerer permission to go to the Latrine. On my return with the staples I called the S.U.S., back to work and found the Accused missing. After a search of the Latrines I sent word by Sgt. McAra, to Sgt. MacNamara, that the Accused had escaped. This was at 1015 hours, 15 Mar 41.

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