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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

In the case of L-22915 Sapper (Lance-Corporal)
Morrison, W.B. of No.1 Cdn Road Constr. Coy., R.C.E.

The Commanding Officer directs that the evidence be
taken on oath.

FIRST WITNESS

Lieutenant Hamilton Alexander MANTLE of 1 Canadian Road
Construction Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, an officer
of the Canadian Army Overseas, being duly sworn, states:-

"I am Lt. H.A. Mantle, Section Officer of 1 Cdn Road
Constr. Coy., Royal Canadian Engineers, Canadian Army
Overseas. At approximately 2000 hrs., 11 Aug. 44, I
arrived at the area where two power shovels of this
Coy. were loading dump trucks of which L/Cpl. Morrison,
W.B. was in charge. One shovel was closed down for
maintenance and I questioned Cpl. Price J. of this Coy.
as to the whereabouts of L/Cpl. Morrison. I was told
that he had been there until a few moments before. I
then went to the other shovel which was the only one
loading the trucks. L/Cpl. Morrison was not there and
did not put in an appearance for approximately one hour,
during which time about ten loads were put out. At
approximately 2100 hrs. I made inquiries of French
civilians (names unknown) if they had seen L/Cpl. Morrison.
A woman called L/Cpl. Morrison and I returned to the
working shovel. At approximately 2100 hrs. L/Cpl.
Morrison appeared. He had been drinking and was not in
condition to carry out his required duties."

The accused declines to question the witness.

SECOND WITNESS

Major Campbell FRASER of No.1 Canadian Road Construction
Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, an officer of the
Canadian Army Overseas, being duly sworn, states:-

"I am Major Campbell Fraser, Officer Commanding, No.1
Canadian Road Construction Company, Royal Canadian
Engineers, Canadian Army Overseas. At approximately
2215 hrs., 11 Aug. 44, Lt. H.A. Mantle reported to me
that L/Cpl. Morrison had been absent from his duty and
that when he returned, he was in no fit condition to
continue with his duties. L/Cpl. Morrison was at this
time standing beside the Orderly Room truck, approximately
8 ft. from me. I watched him for several minutes and
noticed that his movements were not completely under
control, he was swaying on his feet and had difficulty
in lighting a cigarette. I did not speak to him. In
my opinion, he was at that time unfit to continue with
the duties which had been assigned to him. I ordered
him to be held in arrest, pending further investigation.

The accused declines to question the witness.

"I certify that R.P. 4 (c), (d), (e), (f) have been complied with.
Taken down by me in the field in the presence and hearing of the
accused this thirteenth day of August 1944."

W.E. Hickey

(W.E. HICKEY) LIEUT. R.C.E.
1 Cdn Road Constr. Coy., R.C.E.