

F. G. Gilmour
Major
Pres

Submission by Defense...

According to sworn evidence of Mr. Farmer & occurred the station wagon was at Gordonville Hall at approx 0850 or 0855 hrs. Train got to Bentley at approx 0900 hrs. However it was not due at Kernham until 7 to ten minutes later. Road to Bentley narrower & with more curves than road to Kernham. Road to Kernham only about 2 1/2 miles farther.

Capt. Lockard stated that provided there was a legitimate reason for proceeding beyond the authorized limits in the work which he would not feel that a crime had been committed or words to that effect. He further stated in answer to the question was the accused reliable "Yes, definitely."

The accused could have no purpose other than getting his passengers onto the train, for proceeding to Kernham on his return to camp was to proceed on pass to Portsmouth.

The accused has stated on oath that he was not responsible for the accident and no evidence has been submitted to prove anything to the contrary.

The accused had been told to take the passenger package to the train. He was given this trip at approx 0840 hrs or later (Commission states 0840 hrs not true by the school clock which is apparently slow) therefore the accused through no fault of his own had insufficient time to get to Bentley.

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