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W. J. Mautsch Major ¹⁵
President

The Prosecutor makes his opening address to the Court as follows:—

In presenting the evidence in this case I shall endeavor to prove firstly the date of absence and secondly the date of the accused surrendering himself to the military authorities.

In attempting to prove desertion the intent must be established no matter how long the absence may have lasted. The fact that evidence will show that the accused was in civilian clothes at the time of his surrender and that to the best of ~~the~~ ^{our} knowledge by the evidence produced, the accused discarded of his uniform precludes the intent to desert.