

UNSWORN VERBAL STATEMENT OF THE ACCUSED:

Sir, I just have one statement to make, which is to the fact that the hours I put in wasn't brought up. I suppose it could be, but I had a whole week of this, and I was instructed By Captain Magnacca and Captain Bryant at one time, if the relief wasn't available for these duties if I could catch a couple hours' sleep in the afternoon then I was allowed to do so.

Now, this Mess is a pretty good sized building, and we haven't got very much help, and as I understand it -- and I know for a straight fact. I had cleaned my yard, returned to the Officers' Mess, and I think it could be identified by some of the Officers present in the Military Hospital; and this particular day I had not been feeling well -- I had not been feeling good for about three weeks, and I worked long hours and thought I would catch up on some sleep that afternoon and get rid of my cold; and I figured I would try and get some sleep that day. I had a cold that day -- I had it for three weeks and I still got it, and I can't work without sufficient rest.

I didn't ask for the Court-Martial, Sir; it was granted by our O.C., Colonel Murray. I believe Colonel Murray -- in fact, Colonel Murray made a statement he didn't care to punish me because I had done my work and done it it well, and he didn't want to have much to do with this case so he turned it over to the higher authorities, and I feel that the long hours could be identified, Sir, I would say, for the last six months.

I think that is about all I want to say, Sir.

7/45