

the Absentee Report on orders from Major Kenne? Did he give you any reason why?

A.24. No.

Q.25. Just changed it because he gave you orders to change it?

A.25. Yes.

Questioned by Court:

Q.26. You changed the date from the 25th to the 27th?

A.26. Yes, Sir.

Q.27. On what date?

A.27. After he came back.

Prosecutor:

This Report is given as an exhibit as to Cpl. Deery's attitude as to when the Accused returned to camp. There was further evidence given as to the length of his absence. I am only trying to prove when he reported in to camp.

Third Witness

H.94493 C.B.M. Lawson, H.B., No. 23 Company, Canadian Forestry Corps, duly sworn, states:

"I am the Company Sergeant-Major of No. 23 Company, C.F.C."

Q.28. The Accused, Sgt. Macdonald; do you recognize him in this room?

A.28. Witness indicated Accused.

Q.29. The Accused is charged with being absent without leave from 2319 hours on the 27th December 1942 until 1800 hours on the 7th January 1943. Do you know if he was absent from camp during that period?

A.29. Yes, Sir.

Q.30. Did you search for him during that period in camp?

A.30. No, Sir.

Q.31. Would you have known if he had been in camp?

A.31. Yes, Sir.

Q.32. Did you search for him outside of camp?

A.32. No, Sir; not personally.

Questioned by Court:

Q.33. Sergeant-Major, could you state if Sgt. Macdonald was or could be on duty during that time?

A.33. As Orderly Room Sergeant he was not.

Q.34. He couldn't have been on duty within the camp during that time