

Abstract of Evidence in the case of Lieut. John Tyrus Robb,
Lorne Scots, attached to H.Q., Cdn Reinforcement Units.

First Witness- Lieut. P.R. Hodgins, 7th Army Field Platoon, RCASC *Handwritten: I think and believe this is the driver's name*
will state:

On Sunday 1 March 42 he was officer in charge of transport at H.Q., C.R.U. On the morning of 1 March 42 Lieut. S.M. Forbes proceeded to Chichester on an authorized journey in CM 195298. The witness had detailed Dvr. Martin to drive Mr. Forbes. The witness did not see the car again until 2 March 42 between 0815 and 0830 hours when he saw the car in the vehicle park at H.Q., C.R.U. with front left tire flat and rim badly damaged from running on a flat tire. He made enquiries from the M.T. Corporal as to where Dvr. Martin was and ascertained that he was A.W.L. He examined the M.T. dispatching book and found that Dvr. Martin had not signed in on return of the vehicle. He then ordered the M.T. Corporal to place Dvr. Martin in close arrest on his return. Lieut. Robb had not made any application to have a vehicle to proceed to Epsom on either duty or recreation. To the best of witness' knowledge the car was authorized only to proceed to Chichester and return with Lieut. Forbes that day.

Second Witness B-93529 Pte. Greves, K. RCASC, H.Q., Cdn Reinforcement Units
will state:

About 1830 hrs 1 March 42 he arrived at "C" Officers Mess H.Q., C.R.U. in vehicle CM 195298 driven by Pte. Martin to leave Lieut. Forbes at that mess. Mr. Forbes left the car and witness and Pte. Martin went into the kitchen. Lieut. Robb came into the kitchen about 1900 hrs. Witness had heard of the accidental death of Lieut. Robb's brother, a pilot in the R.C.A.F. and friend of the witness. Witness had gone into the Mess for the purpose of seeing Lieut. Robb about this matter. When Lieut. Robb arrived they discussed this and Lieut. Robb bought two drinks of whisky for witness and Dvr. Martin and had some himself. About 1930 hrs witness, Dvr. Martin, Cpl. Goldring and Lieut. Robb left the mess and with Martin driving drove to Epsom. They carried part of a bottle of whisky in the car and the occupants of the car drank from this on the trip. Witness planned to see his father in Epsom and then go with Dvr. Martin to a dance in Epsom. On arrival in Epsom the car struck the curb on the left hand side and caused the front left tire to be deflated. The car was stopped and they tried to put on the spare tire but found that it was flat too. With Dvr. Martin driving they drove on to the dance hall where Dvr. Martin got out. Witness then took over the driving and with Cpl. Goldring and Lieut. Robb in the car drove around the corner to the ordnance workshop but couldn't get the tire repaired there. They returned to the dance hall for Martin but could not find him. During this time Lieut. Robb was sleeping in the back of the car. They proceeded to a near-by cafe, driving with the tire flat where witness went in and met an officer he knew. This officer suggested they go to Ashted where the tire could be repaired. This officer went with them, witness driving, Lieut. Robb by this time being awake. The tire was removed at the cafe and car was driven on the rim to Ashted where the tube and tire were repaired at the No. 9 Provost Company. Witness drove car back to C Mess where Lieut. Robb and Goldring were left and returned car to vehicle park, H.Q., C.R.U. Tire and tube were inflated when car was left although there was a leak from the valve and tire was getting soft. This was about 0200 hrs 2 March 42 *Handwritten: B-93529 Pte. Greves*

Third Witness B-83917 Dvr. Martin, W., RCASC, H.Q., Cdn Reinf Unit will state:

He drove Lieut. Forbes to Chichester on 1 March 42, returning with him to "C" Mess about 1830 hours. As far as witness knew he was dismissed although Lieut. Forbes told him to go into the kitchen and get a meal. Pte. Greves who had been on the