Summary of Evidence in the case of B134823 Pte James KEETING, on strength 4 cdn Rft Bn, 1 0 B R Gp who is charged with WOAS Absenting himself without leave. A A Sec 15(1).

By direction of the Commanding Officer, the evidence is taken upon oath.

1st Witness:

states:

D71493 Sgt Mc Ilroy A, having been duly sworn,

I am D71493 Sgt Mc Ilroy A, P E Sgt with "B" Coy, 4 Bn. 1 C B R Gp.

At approx 1400 hrs 11 Sep 44, I called the roll of the H & P E R personnel in "B" Coy. The accused, whom I recognize to be Pte Keeting, did not answer his name, nor was he present on parade. I searched the Coy lines but failed to find the accused. I then reported him on the absentee report in the Coy Office as an absentee without leave from 1400 hrs 11 Sep 44.

"Sgt Mc Ilroy A" (D71493 Sgt Mc Ilroy A)

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

2nd Witness;

A22296 Sgt White J P, having been duly sworn states:

I am A22296 Sgt White J P, 4 Bn Orderly Room Sgt, 1 C B R Gp.

I produce a certificate under AA 163 i (ji) purporting to relate to the accused, which states that Pte Keeting was arrested at Foligno at 1600 hrs 25 oct 44. (Produced, shown to accused, marked Exhibit "A" and attached hereto).

"J P White"
(A22296 Sgt White, J P)

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

Question to the Accused:

Do you wish to make a statement or to give evidence upon oath? You are not obliged to say anything or to give evidence unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or any evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence.

Answer by Accused:

I have nothing to say at this time.

I certify that R P 4 (c), (d), (e) and (f) have been complied with.

I certify that this summary was taken down by me in the presence and hearing of the accused.

"SHB"

"R R Brown"
(R R Brown) Capt
Officer taking Summary
4 Gán Rft Bn - 1 Cán Base Rft Group - CMF.