

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

- Q. Were you absent without leave from 0600 hours on the 19th July, 1944, until 2230 hours on the 8th September, 1944?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. You went absent from the Brockville Rifles at Aldershot?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Before going absent without leave what was the position of your unit at Aldershot?
- A. I don't know what you mean.
- Q. What was taking place?
- A. They were preparing to leave.
- Q. Yes, and among the preparations for the departure had draft warnings been given to the troops?
- A. I don't know sir, I had just joined the unit a day or two before.
- Q. Well let me put it this way - Had you been warned for draft?
- A. No sir.
- Q. You hadn't?
- A. No sir.
- Q. Were you only with the unit a couple of days?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. You knew where they were going?
- A. No.
- Q. Your information has come since then?
- A. Yes, I have heard.
- Q. Did you know they were on the point of moving some place?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. And you went absent on the 19th July?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Now to whom did you apply for leave?
- A. I expected we would be getting an embarkation leave there sir.
- Q. You expected embarkation leave, but did you apply for any leave or not?
- A. We applied for embarkation leave.
- Q. You did apply for it?
- A. Yes sir.