

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Summary of Evidence in the case of B.23558 Spr. Eugene David MENARD, Royal Canadian Engineers, No 1 Canadian Engineer Reinforcement Unit, a soldier of the Canadian Army (Overseas)

By direction of the Commanding Officer, this Summary of Evidence is taken under oath.

FIRST WITNESS

For the Prosecution

K.31599 (A/L/Cpl) HOLT, R.S. No 1 CERU, a soldier of the Cdn Army (Overseas), having been duly sworn, states:-

I, K.31599 A/L/Cpl. Holt, R.S. am the day dispatcher at the M.T. Garage. On Friday night, 29 Sep 44, at about 1900 hrs, I was in the dispatcher's room making out my work tickets for the following morning. About 1945 hrs, L/Cpl. Johnson, Cpl. Parsons and Spr. Gendron came into the dispatcher's room. A few minutes later I left the M.T. lines and went up to the school hut.

I returned to the dispatcher's room about 2030 hrs, and L/Cpl. Johnson and Cpl. Parsons were not in the room. A few minutes later I received a call for a car, and I went out to look for station wagon C.M. 4202621 and found that it had been taken out. I then sent a driver with another station wagon on this call.

At about 2230 hrs, Cpl. Parsons, L/Cpl. Johnson and Spr. Gendron came into the dispatcher's room, where I was. I saw that Spr. Gendron had had a good drink, and that the others had been drinking, but were not by any means drunk.

A few minutes later a phone call came in from the M.I.R. asking for a vehicle, as there had been an accident on Minley Road. I went out to the M.T. lines to get a driver to answer the call, and while out there saw that station wagon C.M. 4202621 had been returned to the lines.

Q. Before leaving the dispatcher's room shortly after 1945 hrs, did you hear L/Cpl. Johnson, Cpl. Parsons, or Spr. Gendron talking of taking out a vehicle?

A. No, sir.

Q. When you found that station wagon C.M. 4202621 was missing, did you know where it had gone, or who was in it?

A. No, sir.

Q. When Cpl. Parsons, L/Cpl. Johnson, and Spr. Gendron returned to the dispatcher's room at about 2230 hrs, did any of them say anything about an accident?

A. No, sir.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

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