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Q:- Did you say Bdr Chapman reported to you my absence?  
A:- No.

(The above record is read to the Witness)

SECOND WITNESS

B.15247 A/Bdr Robertson, T, HQ 2 Cdn AGRA, having been duly sworn, states:

I, B.15247 Bdr Robertson, T am QM and MT NCO of HQ 2 Cdn AGRA. I do not attend the morning parades but from conversations I had overheard I knew that Gnr Foster here had been warned for guard duty for the night of 27 Oct 44. About 2130 hrs that night I was in the QM Stores with Sgt Walker when Gnr Jones reported in saying he had an accident with the 15-cwt and water trailer. I heard Sgt Walker ask him where Gnr Foster the regular driver of the 15-cwt, was and Gnr Jones said he did not know but it was possible Foster was in EECLCO. Sgt Walker instructed me to see if Gnr Foster was in the place in which he normally sleeps. I investigated but Gnr Foster was not there and I informed Sgt Walker. We then picked up the water trailer at the scene of the accident and Gnr Antler said he thought he knew where Foster might be in Eecloo, we stopped in the town. Gnr Foster could not be found so we returned home about 2345 hrs. Gnr Crowe, who was on guard, informed us that the next for duty; Gnr Foster had not appeared when due. Gnr Crowe said that he and Gnr Mundle had found Gnr Foster Drunk and that they had put him to bed. Sgt Walker and I reported to the Brigade Major and Sgt Walker informed the BM of his intention of putting Foster and Jones under arrest - the BM agreed. On returning to our quarters Sgt Walker and I went to Gnr Foster's hang-out and found Gnr Foster asleep. I smelt Foster's breath along with Sgt Walker and it was evident that Foster had been drinking.

Q:- Did you see Foster or Jones leave this HQ with the 15-cwt and water trailer?  
A:- No.  
Q:- Did you see Gnr Foster around the HQ at any time between 1530 hrs and when you returned later in that evening?  
A:- No.

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Q:- Did you say that Gnr Crowe and Gnr Mundle found me drunk?  
A:- What I mean is that when you came home Gnr Crowe and Gnr Mundle found that you were drunk, and put you to bed.