

Summary of Evidence in the case of D.3667 Trooper Lucien Renee Joseph PAYETTE of the 7th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment (17 DYKCH) CA. (Q/S).

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

1st Witness for the Prosecution D.3332 Cpl. Davidson, A. of the 7th Cdn. Recce Regt (17 DYKCH) CA. (Q/S) having been duly sworn, states:-

I was acting Squadron Orderly Sergeant on the night of 26 Feb 43. Tpr. Payette was a defaulter and was working in the orderly room. When I went into the Orderly Room I found that Tpr. Payette had absented himself without permission. I reported to the Sgt. Major who told me to go and get two guards and go looking for him. I found Tpr. Payette in a pub and Sgt. Rowe came and told me to march Tpr. Payette back. He was kept in the guard house that night.

Q. What time did you first notice that the accused was absent?

A. I noticed that he was absent about 1900 hours, Sir.

H. Davidson
D.3332 Cpl. Davidson, A.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

2nd Witness for the Prosecution D.3280 Sgt. Rowe, K.C. of the 7th Cdn Recce Regt (17 DYKCH) CA. (Q/S) having been duly sworn, states:

I am D.3280 Sgt. Rowe, K.C. On the night of 26 February 43, at about 1930 hours, I saw two guards outside a pub and in the interests of the Squadron, I went over and asked if there was any trouble. I was told that Cpl. Davidson, the acting Squadron Orderly Sergeant, was inside looking for a defaulter, Tpr. Payette. Tpr. Payette then came outside and I handed him over to the Corporal and he was marched away under escort.

Q. Why was he confined to barracks?

A. He had been sentenced to 7 days C.B.

Q. When you took the accused at 1930 hours, did you know that he had broken barracks?

A. At that time, I did not know that Tpr. Payette had broken out of barracks.

K.C. Rowe
D.3280 Sgt. Rowe, K.C.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

3rd Witness for the Prosecution D.3415 Sgt. Sheppard, T.S. of the 7th Cdn. Recce Regt (17 DYKCH) CA. (Q/S), having been duly sworn, states:-

I was the Troop Sergeant in charge of the bath parade on the 27th February 43. Tpr. Payette was properly on the parade but after he appeared on the parade, he absented himself without permission.

Q. When did you first notice he was absent?

A. We were waiting outside the baths and I noticed that he was absent about 1030 hours. He came in at 1300 hours and reported to me.

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