

SECOND WITNESS:

SP-35061 RSM (WO I) NICHOLDS, V.H., NO. 26 CENTRAL ORDNANCE DEPOT, RCOO (AF), OTTAWA, ONTARIO, having been duly sworn, states:

" I am SP-35061 RSM (WO I) Nichols, of No. 26 Central Ordnance Depot, which appointment I have held since March 49. On 26 July 49 I prepared MPB 273 (Absentee Report) on SD-190498 Pte Laplante, J.P., showing him absent as of 2300 hrs, 25 July 49. Pte Laplante was reported to arrive from Detention Barracks, Camp Borden, at that time. I did not see Pte Laplante again until the morning of 13 Oct 49. "

(Sgd) SP-35061 RSM (WO I) NICHOLDS, V.H.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THIS WITNESS BY THE ACCUSED

Q.1 " I see I am charged with being AWOL from 23 July 49. I called the Depot on arrival at the station and the Orderly NCO told me to report in to the Depot at 0830 hrs, 25 July 49. Shouldn't I be charged with being AWOL from 0830 hrs, 25 July 49? "

A.1 " I have contacted the Orderly Cpl, who knows nothing of this phone call. The Orderly Sgt is on leave and I have not been able to contact him. The guard report shows no record of a phone call from Pte Laplante. "

(Sgd) SD-190498 PTE LAPLANTE, J.P.

(Sgd) SP-35061 RSM (WO I) NICHOLDS, V.H.

THIRD WITNESS:

SG-21491 PTE (L/CPL) McMILLAN, W.A.H., NO. 26 CENTRAL ORDNANCE DEPOT, RCOO (AF), OTTAWA, ONTARIO, having been duly sworn, states:

" I am SG-21491 L/Cpl McMillan, the Quartermaster representative of No. 26 Central Ordnance Depot. I held a kit inspection in connection with the accused, Pte Laplante, J.P., on 20 Oct 49, and checked his kit and found that he did not have and was deficient the following articles, with their vocabulary and 75% rates:

Boots Ankle	1 pr	\$ 5.54
Drawers Cotton Short	1 pr	.57
Overalls Combination	1 pr	2.40
Towels Hand	1	.50
Neckties Black	1	.18
Shirts Cotton Khaki	1	1.86
Shirts Undersetton	1	.43

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(W.R. Peace), Major.