

H40615 Pte Frederick Gordon PETERS, Hast & P.E.R. On Strangth
4 C.B.R.B. 1 C.B.R.Sp.

"FM" E-3

Defence - Mitigation of Punishment.

I wish to point out the long service of the Accused (4 1/2 yrs) and the absence of serious crime. I would also point out that at the time of his absence the accused was in possession of information as to the illness and approaching death of his aged Mother. Unfortunately he was ignorant of the provisions made for soldiers who find themselves in a position of this kind.

"FM"
Ex "A"

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF H 40615 PRIVATE
FREDERICK GORDON PETERS, OF THE HASTINGS & PRINCE
EDWARD REGT, ON STRENGTH 4 CDN RPT BN, 1 C.B.R.Gp,
WHO IS CHARGED WITH, W.G.A.S. ABSENTING HIMSELF
WITHOUT LEAVE A.A. Sec 15(1).

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

1st WITNESS: D 71493 Sgt McIlroy A.M. of "B" Coy, 4 Bn 1 CEROP, having
been duly sworn, states:

I am D 71493 Sgt McIlroy A.M., P.E.
Sgt with "B" Coy 4 Bn. As orderly Sgt of "B" Coy, I called
the nominal roll of the Hast & PER personnel at 1400 hrs on
the 16th Sep 44. Pte Peters name and number were on this
nominal roll. He did not answer his name, nor was he present
on parade. I searched the Coy lines and camp area but did
not find the accused. I placed his name on the absences
report in the Coy office. I have not seen the accused in the
Coy lines or in the camp area until he reported in to me as
an absentee at 1845 hrs on 29 Sep 44. He was sober and properly
dressed. I placed him in close arrest and escorted him to
the detention barracks.

"A.M. McIlroy Sgt"
(A.M. McIlroy) Sgt.
D 71493.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

Question to the accused:

Do you wish to make a statement or to give any evidence
upon oath? You are not obliged to say anything or to give
evidence unless you wish to do so; but anything you say or any
evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be
given in evidence.

Answer by the accused:

I have nothing to say at this time.

I certify that R.P. 4 (C)(D)(E) & (F) have been complied
with.

I certify that this summary of evidence was taken down
by me in the presence of the accused.

In the Field
1 Oct 44

"R E Brown"
(R E Brown) Captain,
Officer taking Summary.