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Character Witness

*C. A. MacNeil  
President*

Lieut W.D. Blackburn, Seaforth of C.

I have known Pte White for over a year. In all that time I have found him a very hard and cheerful worker. At any time Pte White did anything I asked him to do and did it well.

Questions by Defence

- Q Do you want Pte White back in your Pl?  
A Yes.
- Q Has he ever been guilty of any offence against good soldiering, other than absent without leave?  
A No
- Q Are you acquainted with his family misfortunes?  
A I understand that there were a number of deaths in his family some time ago. Apart from that I know nothing.

Questions by Prosecutor

- Q Are you suggesting that these are responsible for his absence?  
A No.

Statement in Mitigation of Punishment

- Q Will you tell the Court about your family bereavements?  
A In March I received word that I had a baby daughter. In May I received a telegram telling me she had died. In between that time my mother through adoption passed away. She was my natural grandmother. Just recently I had a letter from home saying my wife's grandmother had passed away.
- Q Was that March and May 1941?  
A Yes.
- Q Have you ever been up on a charge of any other offences, other than absent without leave?  
A Yes. On a charge of being improperly dressed. I was admonished.
- Q Have you taken part in sports for this Battalion?  
A Yes. Also for Division.
- Q Will you show the Court medals you have won in Sports?  
A Two. (1 Cdn Div Track Medals were produced to the Court.)
- Q When were you placed under arrest on this charge?  
A 16th October 1941.
- Q Did you ask for a Court Martial?  
A No.
- Q When was a copy of the Charge Sheet delivered to you?  
A 5 November 1941.