

Statement of EVIDENCE in the case of  
No P 40175 Pte W.J. Harte,  
"E" Coy,  
No 7 Cd.I.R.U.,  
The Royal Canadian Army,  
Crockham Cross Road,  
Aldershot.

Sir,

At Coventry on the 18th Aug 1943 at about 16.10 hours, I was on duty in Hertford Street, accompanied by L/Cpl Veasey, C.M.P., where I saw the above named soldier. I asked to see his pass and he produced the attached and on examining same saw that it gave his rank, as it appeared to me, as Spr., yet he was wearing on the right arm, a chevron of the rank of sergeant. I questioned him about this and he stated "It is meant to be corporal. I was a corporal when I came on leave but I received a telegram informing me that I had been promoted to sergeant". When asked why he was wearing only one chevron he stated "I was at the tailors and have just come out for some cigarettes". I then asked him to produce his M.B.M.1 and he produced the attached and the particulars contained therein corresponded with those entered on the A.F.B. 295. I informed him that I was not satisfied with his statements and requested him to accompany me to the Y.M.C.A. where I could make further inquiries. I contacted C.M.P.H.Q. and requested Sgt. Brooker to make enquiries of the Canadian Provost Corps and was ordered to detain this soldier until further instructions were received. At about 18.00 hours Sgt. Brooker, C.M.P. arrived and I handed to him the M.B.M.1 and A.F.B. 295 that had been given to me and he immediately cautioned Pte. Harte. Sgt. Brooker then asked his regimental number and Pte. Harte stated "G-51220", Sgt. Brooker then asked his rank, name and unit and he replied "Sgt. Logan, No. 7 Cd.I.R.U.". Sgt Brooker asked him if he was quite certain and he stated "Sure". Sgt Brooker then ordered me to place Pte Harte in close arrest and hand him over to the N.C.O. I/c Guard, Budbrook Barracks, Warwick. Pte. Harte was conveyed first to C.M.P. H.Q., and on my arrival Sgt. Brooker informed me that Pte. Harte had admitted that he had given to me false particulars, that he was not a sergeant and that the M.B.M.1 and A.F.B.295 were not his property. He then admitted this to me and I removed the chevron from his arm and another was found in his possession. I obtained the above particulars from his M.B.M.2 and conveyed him to Budbrook Barracks where I handed him over to the N.C.O. I/c Guard to await escort. He was sober. He was not in possession of his own M.B.M.1.

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(Sgd) C. Swann L/Cpl

Corps of Military Police

Sir,

I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

WARWICK

(Sgd) A. Veasey L/Cpl.

18th Aug, 1943

Corps of Military Police.

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