

The evidence of  
the witness  
for the de-  
fense, includ-  
ing that of the  
accused, if he  
is a witness,  
will be taken  
here in the  
order in  
which they  
give evidence.

The accused to 20720 Pte  
J. C. Armstrong, P.P.C.H., being  
duly sworn said as accused  
by the commanding officer states:

I was placed under arrest on  
28<sup>th</sup> of May 1928. From that date  
I had no access to any writing  
material as I was in close  
confinement. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1928  
there were some letters left behind  
by Tpr. Hawthorne when he was  
discharged from the Detention  
barracks on the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The warden on duty, Lt. Cpl.  
Allen P.P.C.H., asked me what  
to do with these letters. I told him  
to burn them.

HN ~~He would read~~  
He told me he had read the  
letters. He brought me the letter  
referred to and said here is  
something that will interest you  
in the your Court-martial. I looked  
at it and told him to take it  
away and burn it, as it was  
no use to me.

The letter exhibit "S" attached  
to the proceedings of the Court-martial  
dated June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1928 appears as