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Opening address by the prosecutor.

With reference to the first charge I invite the Court's attention to the words used in it "to a civilian". The language of the Rules for the Management of Messes and Canteens does not expressly use the word "civilian" but there are two sections of those regulations which imply a civilian, and the test apparently is whether the civilian was in the first place authorized to patronize a mess or wet canteen, and secondly whether the civilian in question was a member of the Armed Forces. Evidence will be produced by myself in which I shall present to the Court the printed copy of the regulations referred to and from that stage onward witnesses will prove the ingredients of the offence as alleged in the charge.

J. W. M.