

ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDING OFFICER

Mr. President and Members of the Court:-

Gunner Lovell's Conduct Sheet, admittedly, is not a good one, but there are certain things which I would like to point out.

He is a very good soldier, and has trained approximately five hundred (500) officers and men as drivers and driver-mechanics.

He was overseas in the last war. He served with the R.C.A.S.C. from 1917, then he was discharged from that service and served with the R.C.A.M.C. His service with the R.C.A.M.C. is shown on his M.F.M. 2, but his service in the R.C.A.S.C. is not shown. I do not know why that is, but I expect that the person who made out the M.F.M. 2 at that time did not show the previous service, in order to off-set any questions about the accused's age. If he got into the Army in 1917, that may have meant that he was too old for this war. Actually, he was still in his teens when he enlisted in 1917.

Also, I think that most of the trouble Gunner Lovell gets into is due to drink. He is a good soldier and a good instructor, and he is doing a good job, but as I said before, he gets into a lot of trouble due to drink.

That is all I have to say.

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