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Prosecutor makes opening address. Simple case of theft. Evidence will prove (1) loss of binoculars at relevant date (2) binoculars found in possession of accused. Prosecution rely on Para. 66. p. 126 H.M.S.

First witness for Prosecution

Major W.E. Barnden, 1488. First Cdn Army, duty from 1st Dec 44 -

From 25 April 44 to 5 June 44 I was in charge of First Cdn Army Service Personnel Group 1488 at Crescent Building, Leithwood. I am quartered at Messons House, Leithwood. On 5 June 44 I was packing my kit, discovered that my binoculars which I kept in my trunk were missing. I recognised the binoculars as lost or mine. I have had them since September 1939. They are a French trade pattern. Since they left my possession, the papers and covers nearest eye pieces have been filed, removing all of the former black enamel, manufacturing marking "S 63 30" on a grey, in black letters "A.T. Roden" on left prism cover, "Toronto" on right cover. The