

Field General Court Martial

No. 23 Company, Canadian Forestry Corps, Canadian Army, Scotland

15th February, 1943

Commandier, Canadian Forestry Corps

in the trial of K.37078, Sergeant Alexander Graham MacDONALD, No. 23 Company, Canadian Forestry Corps.

PRESIDENT: Major R. Banner No. 1 Coy., C.F.C.MEMBERS: Capt. E.H. Martin No. 7 Coy., C.F.C.

Lieut. J.R. Stewart No. 8 Coy., C.F.C.

OFFICERS (Major W.H. Wallace H.Q., C.F.C.)UNDERINSTRUCTION: (Lieut. R.W. Mahoney No. 8 Coy., C.F.C.)

(Lieut. G.E. Thompson No. 23 Coy., C.F.C.)

PROSECUTOR: Capt. G.D. Baxter No. 28 Coy., C.F.C.DEFENDER FOR DEFENCE: Nil. Accused desires to conduct his own defence.COURT STENOGRAPHER: S/Sgt. Benton, E. No. 3 Dist.H.Q., C.F.C.

Medical Certificate is laid before the Court and attached to Proceedings.

R.P. 22 complied with.

The Court is opened 1000 hours and the Convening Order is read.

R.P. 110(a) complied with.

Accused does not object to being tried by any member of the Court, but states he believes that the officers comprising a Court should be selected from a District of the Canadian Forestry Corps other than that in which the accused is on service at the time of the alleged offence.

The Court, Officers under Instruction, and Court Stenographer duly sworn.

Charge is read to Accused.

Q.1. Are you guilty or not guilty?

A.1. Not guilty.

R.P. 29(a) complied with.

Prosecutor in his opening address:

"I have very little to say on this charge. It is simply a charge of absence without leave against the Accused. I propose to bring forward witnesses in the person of the Orderly Sergeant, Orderly