

2nd witness
for the
Defence

Lieut. L.F. Van Gorder, 2 Cdn. Fd. Regt having been duly sworn,
is examined by the Defence.

Q. What position do you occupy in the Regt?
A. Regtl Orderly Officer.

Q. That is a permanent position and not a day to day job?
A. Yes, more or less of an Asst Adjt.

Q. You are on R.H.Q. staff?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you know Mr. Knox before you came to R.H.Q.?
A. Yes, in 10 Bty.

Q. How long were you there with him?
A. Some three or four months.

Q. Who left the Bty first?
A. Mr. Knox.

Q. Was he keen on survey?
A. He liked the work.

Q. Mr. Knox was still at R.H.Q. when you came?
A. Yes.

Q. Did you notice any change in his attitude?
A. I was surprised at the situation I found. I had never come into contact with him much until I came here myself and I heard him complaining of his inability to get out on practice with his section.

Q. You and Mr. Knox must have been in R.H.Q. about as long as any other office?
A. Mr. Knox has been here about a 1½ years.

Q. The present O.C., 2 1/c and Adjt were not here then?
A. No.

Q. You say you did see some change in his attitude. Can you give the Court any facts that you attribute this to?
A. My responsibility was detailing trucks and fatigues. I was detailing his trucks because they were the only ones available and we had to keep them on and the drivers being surveyors also, had to be kept with their vehicles.

Q. What other duties did Mr. Knox perform since you have come to R.H.Q. as O.C.?
A. Mess secretary, billeting officer, in charge of the Regtl Orch, Messing Officer and other minor duties I can't recall.

Q. Did they take quit a bit of his time?
A. Yes.

Q. Did he complain to you about taking his staff and vehicles?
A. Yes, it was a continual complaint.

Q. How many officers are there now that are qualified as Svy Offr?
A. We have had three qualified within the last nine months and there are others who have qualified ~~xxxx~~ before that.

Q. When was the first one qualified?
A. March I believe.

Q. Do you regard Mr. Knox as being a clever survey officer?
A. When we were in Wales an officer from the Survey Regiment said he was exceptionally good.

Prosecution declines to cross examine.

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