

Q. Are you familiar with all phases of cleaning the rifle.

A. Yes.

Q. Was the safety catch applied when you removed the mag.

A. I don't know, but I presume so as I use I usually apply it when the rifle is not in use.

RP 83(B) complied with.

Character Witness for the accused

K-57746 A/Cpl Peebles - having been duly sworn states.

From the time I first met Pte Halliday I looked on him as being a very good soldier. Also he is the type of man I'd like to have with me at any time.

(RP 83(B) complied with.

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CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE PROSECUTION

The prosecution maintains that first through the evidence of Cpl Peebles and by the admission of the accused that he was a fairly well trained soldier. Secondly by the evidence of Cpl Peebles and by the admission of Pte Halliday that if the accused had been more careful there was room to clean a rifle without shooting oneself. Therefore the prosecution maintains that Pte Halliday did not take sufficient precautions and is guilty of the charge as laid.

"M. P. Finnerty"  
Officer detailed to Prosecute.

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CLOSING ADDRESS - DEFENCE

At the time the accident occurred evidence showed that the accused was nervous, this being the first time that he had been in action. Evidence showed that the slit trench was dark and that a rifle could be cleaned if a person was sitting down which the accused was doing. There was no evidence to show that the rifle was actually pointing towards his foot when it went off. The fact that the magazine was hard to take off means that the rifle would have been jerked downwards, thus causing the accident.

"J H Tamara"  
Defending Officer.