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THE PROSECUTOR MAKES A CLOSING ADDRESS

Mr. President and Members, it is apparent that the evidence in this case is largely circumstantial but for that very reason I submit those circumstances speak as eloquently as testimony. It has been established that the accused not only had access to the room but that he was there on the morning of the alleged theft. It is also, I submit, a proper inference from the evidence, that he was alone in that room while both Lieut. Wood and Lieut. Murray were performing their morning ablutions in the washroom. The Court, drawing upon its military knowledge, can appreciate from the evidence that batmen at that hour of the day are busy looking after the officers to which they have been assigned and the accused is in no different position. The assumption would reasonably follow that he alone would be in the room in question. Mr. Wood accounted for the presence of the purse upon awakening that morning and states that he pushed it back under his pillow. He apparently forgot it, went to breakfast, returned to the room and started for his company line when he noticed he did not have it and returned to the room to get it and saw that it was missing. He then made the normal enquiries that anybody would make and finally we discover that the accused on the very evening of the day the purse and contents disappeared deposited forty dollars for safe keeping with Mr. Campbell, the last witness for the Prosecution.

It is submitted that a prima facie case has been made out and that the accused should be convicted of the charge as charged.

*J.M.*