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THE DEFENDING OFFICER: Sirs, a 200-days' il-
legal absence has been proven. The only reason there was
a plea of "not guilty" was to speed up the trial.

Now, as to the kit: I think it was the testimony
of Pte. Reynolds which certainly established the possibili-
ty, if not the probability, that this man's Unit has just
neglected to mark off the 800, for the kit turned into
Stores. It is highly improbable - I have never heard
of a case - where a man has lost everything except what
he stood up in. This is a case where everything ex-
cept what he actually was wearing, is missing, and I would,
therefore, ask the Court to dismiss the second charge
against the accused, because it is pretty evident that
his kit is still with the Unit.

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