

C. S. Pickford Esq, - 3 -

O.M.F.C., and now a Judge of the Supreme Court in Manitoba. An extract from Judge Dennistoun's report is as follows:

June 13, 1917.

As arranged Mr. Pickford met me by appointment this morning. The proceedings, finding and sentence in the case of his court martial were examined and found to be regular and in order. Mr. Pickford was not able to suggest an valid ground for petitioning the Army Council to set aside the finding and sentence. The reasons put forward by him in his letter of the 3rd of April, 1917, attached to the proceedings, were dealt with, and it was pointed out that none of these in any way affected the validity of the proceedings. Attention of Mr. Pickard was called to the fact that three witnesses for the prosecution swore that he was drunk. He called no evidence on the question of drunkenness, and he declined to go into the witness box on his own behalf. After he was found guilty and before the sentence, he refused to address the Court or to offer any explanation with regard to his conduct.

Mr. Pickford thereupon agreed that there are no grounds existing for appealing against the finding or sentence, and it is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in the matter."

(Signed) R.M. Dennistoun, Lt.-Col.
Deputy Judge Advocate General,
O.M.F.C."

Further in your memorandum you state that your son applied for a commission September, 1918, which application was approved by the 42nd Battalion and 7th Brigade, but turned down by Divisional Headquarters. A most careful