

to be paraded to the C. O. As for being dressed in civilian clothes, that is a very simple thing. I believe there is an order now that if a man has five days leave he has permission to wear civilian clothes. I believe he just wanted to do it and be with his other friend, who was in civilian clothes. I am sure there was no thought in his mind of escaping the police in this way.. Then he feels he was not being given a proper deal by the members of the provost staff and the fact that he was being asked to do fatigues etc. which other prisoners were not made to do I think hurt him. I would respectfully request the court to consider the seven charges as a sequence of events all arising out of an initial mistake perhaps arising from these events of the 16th of October and not as if they were separate charges for separate offences.

Prosecutor - As the defending officer has said, there is a certain sequence about these crimes but I would like to point out to the court, while having any sympathy for any man who finds himself in difficulties, yet we have his own admission that he started the day wrong. Had he appeared at the proper time on sick parade this would never have happened so altogether going back to the beginning even though it might be a sequence of events, yet they all stem from the first wrong which was his neglect of not appearing on the proper sick parade. The evidence of awl shows an inclination on the part of the accused to avoid, if possible, punishment for his own acts. He is apprehended by the police in civilian clothes and I think the court might well weigh the explanation of the accused there. It would seem to me that, after having been away from his regiment for 14 days that one of the most natural things for him to suppose would be that the authorities would be looking for him and I suggest to the court in weighing his explanation that this fact be borne in mind that the fact that he appeared in civilian clothes rendered it that much more difficult for the authorities to locate him.

The sixth charge, escaping while under escort to the M. O. I would point out to the court that he parades there for sore feet but he escapes custody and dashes away five or six miles on the same feet. I would suggest again that it is an inclination again on his part of escaping punishment and responsibility for his own wrongdoings.

Other than that I might point out that the man is a man of short service - five months but I do point out that he should have learned some of the things he claims not to have known and he needs to be taught a lesson as to how to do things in the military manner. I don't think the man is bad. I think he is a lad who has not been accustomed to supervision and discipline and I think that is probably what lies behind the events of the 16th Oct.

#### List of Exhibits

Exhibit "A" - Charge Sheet  
 " "B" - Summary of Evidence  
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