

The witness is shown a copy of standing orders (called Pequet standing orders & supplement to Pequet standing orders) exhibits "D" & "E" attaches & states there is nothing in the orders to effect that a prisoner when relieved must stay in the guard room. There is nothing there to effect that a man must ask permission from WCOIC guard before leaving the guard room. The accused could have been in a lavatory or some other place in the lines when I was looking for him. There is no lavatory in the guard room. I have no knowledge of whether Field Punishment was explained to the accused.

As to the Curfew. Members of the pequet do 2 hours on sentry on & 4 hours off. I do not know whether the accused has actually been a pequet before but he has been in the Bty since the Spring of 1942. Apart from what is in standing orders it has always been my opinion that customs of the service require members of the pequet to remain in the guard room to reinforce those actually on sentry in case of emergency.