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*Answered 8/8/44
Red Deer*

The President Addresses The Accused

Pte. Lukinuk, you are charged with absence without leave, in that you at Red Deer, Alberta, on the 21st of May 1943, absented yourself without leave, until you surrendered at Red Deer, Alberta, on the 8th of June, 1943. To this charge, you have pleaded guilty, but before that plea can be recorded by the Court, it is necessary that I should explain to you the effect of that plea. As a result of that plea of guilty, each and every of the several allegations set out in the Charge Sheet, are assumed against you. That is, that you did absent yourself without leave during this period. That is to say, that you were absent without any ^{likely} excuse, and that you were absent until you surrendered yourself to the regimental police at 2100 hours on the 8th of June, 1943; and all these facts will be assumed against you by the Court. In addition, in consequence of your plea, the procedure will be quite different from that which would be followed in the event ^{if} you had pleaded not guilty. As a result of your plea, Mr. Bingham, as prosecuting officer, will not be required to bring in witnesses, and in consequence your Defending Officer, Capt. Morey, will have no opportunity of examining these witnesses, trying to break down their evidence. Is that quite clear to you?

Accused: Yes, sir.

Court: How do you wish to plead to the first charge?

Accused: ☒ Guilty, sir.

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