Third Witness   Brigadier Basil WEDD, CBE, DSO, MC, ED,
for   (Massey Harris & Co., Paris, France) being
The Defence   duly sworn, is examined by the Counsel
                  for the Defence:-

Q.1259 I think you filled the appointment of Director
Military Government and Civil Affairs with
Headquarters, 1st Canadian Army?
A.1259 That's right.

Q.1260 That is during the period while the Army was in
Northwest Europe?
A.1260 That's right.

Q.1261 And I think you remained with the Army right up
until the time that General Crear went back to Canada,
taking you with him?
A.1261 That is so.

Q.1262 Which would be the middle of July, 1945?
A.1262 30th July, 1945.

Q.1263 During the whole of that period and perhaps possibly
before, did you know Brig. Lister?
A.1263 Yes, very well.

Q.1264 And I think, in fact, you have known him personally
since 1940?
A.1264 That is so.

Q.1265 Now perhaps you will tell us your view as to his
character and position and so on?
A.1265 Yes. I have always found him a most conscientious
and straightforward officer, and efficient.

Q.1266 And an efficient officer. Now, I don't know if you
have been told the nature of the charges?
A.1266 No, I wasn't. I know nothing.

Q.1267 Brig. Wedd, I should tell you to assist you in what
you have to say. He has been charged with three
charges of conduct to the prejudice of good order
and military discipline in that he improperly used
for his own private purposes a house in Amsterdam
which was requisitioned by the Canadian Army for
official purposes. That is one charge, and the other
two are connected with improperly using public
property, which is food and coal, delivered to that
house, and finally, improperly using Dutch
civilians at that house. Well, now, Brig. Wedd,
those charges having been brought in those
circumstances, perhaps it might be of assistance if
you could give the picture with regard to
requisitioning in Holland and usage of requisitioned
property at that time.

PRESIDENT:

       Pardon me, Mr. Gage. We understood at the
beginning of the defense that you were calling
witnesses as to character only. You realise what
this procedure is now?