

Summary of Evidence in the case of B-86545 S/Sjt. Melville-Gray, Alexander. 6 Cdn Inf Bde Coy R.C.A.S.C. Cdn Army Overseas.

The accused has been informed of his rights.
The Officer Commanding does not direct and the accused does not demand that the evidence be taken on Oath.

First Witness for the Prosecution, K-62424 Pte. Rollston, W.F. 6 Cdn Inf Bde Coy R.C.A.S.C. On 6 Feb 44 I was on guard at the front gate of Courtlands. At approx 2040 S/Sjt. Melville-Gray came along and asked me if I knew where the duty lorry and driver was I told that I did not know. He then left me at my post and was away about 15 minutes. He returned and again asked me if I had seen the duty lorry or knew where it was, I told him I had not seen it and I did not know where it was. S/Sjt. M-Gray asked me who drove lorry that was sitting beside the gate, I told him I did not know. Just then L/Cpl Brown came up and said that the battery was dead and he could not start the lorry. S/Sjt M-Gray pointed out the lorry beside the gate and told L/Cpl Brown to take that one. When S/Sjt M-Gray was getting into the lorry he told me that he was going down to the Amn Dump. They proceeded on their way. I did not ask them for a work ticket because I thought that it was an urgent trip. I knew that they did not have a work ticket because it was not their lorry.

Question, by the accused to the witness.

Did you report that a vehicle had left the vehicle park after it returned from the trip?

Answer.

No, I did not.

Question.

When did you report the matter to Lt. Britton.

Answer.

I did not report it at all to anyone.

Question.

How long was the lorry away for.

Answer.

15 minutes at the most

Question.

Would that have been the time to go to the ammunition dump, and back?

Answer.

Yes as far as I am concerned it would take about 15 minutes.

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Second Witness for the Prosecution B-85768 Pte. J. Brown 6 Cdn Inf Bde Coy R.C.A.S.C. On 6 Feb 44 at approx 2030 hrs I was in the composite office and S/Sjt Melville-Gray asked me to drive him in the composite pl lorry to a point passed the Mulberry Hotel on the Patching highway. I went to ~~xxxxx~~ start the lorry and S/Sjt M-Gray said he would meet me at the gate. The motor would not start on the composite pl lorry and I reported it to S/Sjt M-Gray at the gate. He asked me if I knew whose lorry it was that was parked near the gate. I told him I did not know and he said see if it will start. I said will it be all right and he said yes. I got in and started the lorry and drove him to a point about 40 yards past the Mulberry Hotel. S/Sjt M/Gray got out and I brought the lorry back to the vehicle park. The lorry I drove was parked beside the front gate it did not have a tarp on it and it had Jerry cans in the back.