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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES IN FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL OF A.3809

PTE. GROEMER, J.A. ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT

2nd. WITNESS

L/CPL. ALLEN, A.R. C.41972, R.C.M.P. NO. 1. PROVOST COY.

PROSECUTOR: You entered the Naval respirator as exhibit "A"

L/CPL. ALLEN: Yes Sir.

PROSECUTOR: Were you present at the time of the return of the prisoner?

L/CPL. ALLEN: I was Sir.

PROSECUTOR: Did you see the accused in possession of this respirator at the time of his return?

L/CPL. ALLEN: I did Sir.

PROSECUTOR: You now positively identify this respirator as the one that was in the accused's possession at that time?

L/CPL. ALLEN: That is the one Sir to date we have been unable to trace the rightful owner. To the best of my knowledge when I asked him where he had obtained it he said he had got it from a fellow at the Strand Y.M.C.A.

QUESTION BY THE COURT:

Did he tell you that he stole the respirator?

L/CPL. ALLEN: No.

ACCUSED PTE. GROEMER, J.A. A3809

PROSECUTOR: Will you tell the court exactly how you came in possession of that respirator?

PTE. GROEMER: I was sleeping in the Y.M.C.A. that night, at that time the respirator was in the possession of a soldier, I picked it up.

THE DEFENSE DOES NOT CALL ANY WITNESSES

DEFENDING OFFICER'S CLOSING STATEMENT

Sir in relation to the 3rd charge there has been no evidence produced to show that the respirator was stolen by the accused. In relation to the 4th charge there was no evidence produced to ~~show~~ the effect that the accused was seen without a respirator after his escape, and in my opinion it would be a comparatively simple matter for respirators to become exchanged at a place where there are many troops, airmen & sailors such as a Y.M.C.A. where the accused obtained this respirator.