

- Q. 78 - Did you think the authorities might be looking for you by then?  
 A. 78 - No sir
- Q. 79 - You didn't think they would be looking for You?  
 A. 79 - I never gave it a thought sir.
- Q. 80 - What was not the reason why you wore civilian clothes?  
 A. 80 - No sir
- Q. 81 - Then when you went under police escort to the M. G. on the 1st of November, were you sick that day too?  
 A. 81 - My feet hurt sir.
- Q. 82 - Was that the occasion when you were found at Binstead?  
 A. 82 - Yes sir
- Q. 83 - How did you get to Binstead?  
 A. 83 - Walked sir
- Q. 84 - So that what you are saying to the court now is that on the 1st of November your feet were bothering you sufficiently that you were on sick parade to the M.O. and when your escort left you for a moment you escaped your escort and walked five or six miles to Binstead and you say you just did it on the spur of the moment?  
 A. 84 - Yes sir
- Q. 85 - On the 13th day of November when you escaped detention, were you awaiting trial, awaiting sentence or serving a sentence?  
 A. 85 - I was awaiting court martial sir.
- Q. 86 - And you were gone 12 hours that time?  
 A. 86 - Yes sir
- Q. 87 - Where did you go on that occasion?  
 A. 87 - Right around the barracks sir.
- Q. 88 - Did you report to anyone at all that day?  
 A. 88 - No sir
- Q. 89 - Where did you have your meals?  
 A. 89 - I never had any sir
- Q. 90 - I suppose you ate something at the Naafi?  
 A. 90 - No sir
- Q. 91 - Did it occur to you on that occasion that they might be looking for you?  
 A. 91 - I thought they would sir
- Q. 92 - Did you make any effort to get in touch with the provost sergeant or anything like that?  
 A. 92 - No sir
- Q. 93 (Court) Have you any evidence to produce as to character and particulars of service of the accused?  
 A. 93 (Prosecutor) - I produce herewith sir, two documents. 1 - statement as to character and particulars of service. I also have copies of M. P. M. 6 concerning the same man which I submit.
- Q. 94 - Is the accused the person named in the statement which you have heard read?  
 A. 94 - To the best of my knowledge sir
- Q. 95 - Have you compared the contents of the above statement with the regimental books?  
 A. 95 - They are certified to by the Colonel of the Regiment.
- Q. 96 - Are they true extracts from the regimental books, and is the statement of entries in the conduct sheets a fair and true summary of those entries?  
 A. 96 - To the best of my knowledge sir.
- Q. 97 - Do you wish to address the court?  
 A. 97 (Defence) - Sir, it is, I think, quite evident from the evidence we have heard and I have deliberately wished to bring out all the evidence we have on this case so that we can be quite fair and aboveboard and there as, as you yourself suggested sir, a certain sequence in all these seven charges, that they all arise out of the incidents on this one day, the 16th October. I think it is quite apparent that the first three charges, the reason why the man didn't appear on parade was that he was ill. He just couldn't get there and, therefore, I don't think that, although it is quite true he didn't appear at the place of parade, I believe he was ill and couldn't do so. As for the remainder, they all arise out of that fact - that is the reason why he went away - because he thought he was going to have to take punishment for something he didn't deserve. I agree that there are ways in which a soldier can make complaints or by which he can secure righting of injustices but many soldiers don't know those things and if he has an N.C.O. who is unsympathetic to him as this man has, it is very difficult