

First witness  
for  
the Defence.

---The Defending Officer makes an opening address.  
(See document marked "g" attached.)  
The accused, No. A.57856, Private Donald Burns McKinnon,  
No. 2 District Depot, C.V., being duly sworn, is  
examined by the Defending Officer:

Q-79

A- Pte. McKinnon, how old are you?

Q-80

A- 24, sir.

A-

Where is your home?

Q-81

A- In Essex, Ontario, sir.

A-

and what did you do in civil life to earn a living?

Q-82

A- I was just a labourer, sir, and I worked at jobs here  
and there.

Did you ever hold a steady job any long length of time?  
I mean, a person you worked for might think you were  
a good man?

A-

Well, sir, I never held a job for any length of time.  
The times when I have worked I have worked for people  
who liked the way I worked. I never stayed on any  
of my jobs for any length of time.

Q-83

Why didn't you stay on these jobs?  
It just seems that I couldn't stay; I just always wanted  
to be on the move; I just couldn't seem to stay in one  
place.

A-

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