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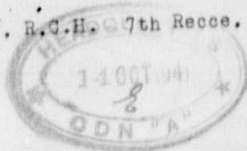
CORPS.

LOCATION. London

DATE. 11th Oct. 1941

SUBJECT: Re, D-3843 Trooper Osmun J.M. D. of Y. R.C.H. 7th Recce.

Absentee



File Numbers

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Previous Report

FIRST



1. With reference to the above, on the 11th of October 1941 I went to 30 Henrietta St, and obtained the following statement.
2. I have been cautioned by Pte. Reid of the Canadian Provost Corps, that I do not have to make a statement, unless I wish to do so. I understand that anything I say will be taken down in writing, and may be used as evidence. I sign here to show that I understand this.
John M. Osmun.
3. I was with the 17 D.Y.R.C.H. 7th Recce. stationed at Crookham crossroads. I received a letter from my wife that she was not receiving her allowance, and I went to the Paymaster and he could not give me a satisfactory answer. My wife could not live for three or four months without any money, so I decided to try to join the Merchant Navy, so that I could send her the money to live on. I travelled by bus and train to Bristol. I found out that there were no jobs in Bristol, in the M.N. so I stayed in uniform and went to Cardiff. After looking around there for a day, I bought a suit jacket and a pair of shoes off a sailor, and hid my uniform. I went down to the Shipping Officer and secured a berth on a Norwegian freighter, which was short of hands. I did not know where it was going and I was handed a slip of paper, to get stamped by the Immigration authorities. When I went there I was arrested by the Immigration. I had about three pounds in money on me when I left my Unit. I paid my own way on this trip, and did not commit any civil offences. This statement has been read over to me, and it is true.
Signed.... John M. Osmun.....
4. In view of the above, I respectfully request that this file be concluded.

CONCLUDED

.....Pte...
R.W. REID B-94524
S.I.D.

Cdn. Corps "A"

1. Forwarded for your information, please

Diary Date

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