

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

IN THE case of A.3784 - Pte. Ezeard, Joseph Hugh, Royal Canadian Regiment, posted to the Canadian Training School, a soldier of the Canadian Army Overseas, taken before Capt. E. C. Peckham at Havannah Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

28th and 29th August, 1942.

Summary of Evidence taken on Oath by Order of the Commandant.

1st Witness.

K.14042 - Pte. Farmer, J., R.C.O.C./1 C.O.R.U., having been duly sworn states:-

" On 16 Aug. 42, about 0850 hrs. I was waiting on the Fire Hall corner at Bordon with two other chaps when Pte. Ezeard came along in a station wagon & picked us up. Going down the road I heard Pte. Ezeard and a chap in front in a discussion and Pte. Ezeard stated it was too late to get the train at Bentley but we would be able to make the train at Farnham. We proceeded along the road and at an intersection were involved in an accident."

Question by accused: "Did you hear me ask the other chap if we should go on to Bentley or continue to Farnham as it was too late for the train at Bentley?"

Answer: "Yes there was a discussion on that question."

The accused declines to question the witness further.

J. Farmer
(J. Farmer)

2nd Witness.

L.7258 - Cpl. Morrison, K. A., R.C.A.S.C. posted to the C.T.S., having been duly sworn states:-

" On 16 August, 1942, at about 0840 hours I issued a work ticket to Pte. Ezeard to proceed to Bentley. I instructed him to go to Bentley Station only, saying: "This is for Bentley Station and Bentley Station only." or words to that effect. About 0950 hours as a result of a report received I proceeded to the junction of the Bordon-Farnham and Rowledge roads, with Capt. Lohead. There I saw C.T.S. Station Wagon, C.M.4202142 badly damaged and headed into a hedge as the result of an accident."

Question by accused: " Did I reply when you said to Bentley Station only?"

Answer: "I said to Bentley Station only and get back as soon as possible and you said, 'If not sooner.'"

A work ticket (Army Form G551B) was produced and identified by Cpl. Morrison as the ticket issued for the journey to Bentley and was marked "Exhibit A."

An "Aldershot Command" sheet was produced and Cpl. Morrison identified point 252632 as the location of the accident.

Accused declines to question the witness further.

K. A. Morrison
(K. A. Morrison)