

---The first charge is read.

BY THE PROSECUTOR: Mr. President, in view of the length of the accused's absence and to certain circumstances which have come to my knowledge I would ask the Court, in accordance with R.P.44(H), to change the first charge from desertion to absence without leave.

---The first charge is amended accordingly, the Prosecutor having signified the concurrence of the Convening Officer in accordance with R.P.44(H).

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