

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

in the case of

H56523 Cdsn NORLAND Ernest Frederick,  
22 Can Arm'd Regt(CGG) a soldier in the Canadian  
Army Overseas, on Active Service.

*E. J. Barlow Maj*  
*Pres.*  
*W. S. G. ...*  
*Judge Advocate*

Charge  
Army Act  
Sec 18(4)

STEALING PROPERTY BELONGING TO A PERSON SUBJECT  
TO MILITARY LAW.

The Commanding Officer directs that the evidence be taken  
on oath.

1st Witness

H45523 Pts. GAUNT, Douglas Peter, The Lake Superior  
Regiment(Mot) having been duly sworn states:-

Sir, I met Norland in the Golden Eagle pub in Birmingham. When the pub was closing, I was going to the station - Norland said he would accompany me. We went to the station where I got my large pack out of the baggage room. We went back to a Canteen in the Station to have a cup of tea. I went in to the Canteen by myself to get a cup of tea for some girl railway workers who were not allowed in there themselves. When I came out, one of the girls whom I had left outside the canteen asked me where my chum had gone. I did not know where he had gone and I looked on the platform to see if my pack was still where I had left it. My pack was gone. I asked the girls where he had gone and they pointed down the platform. I looked for him but could not see him. I then reported it to the military police in the railway station and they said they would keep a watch out for it. Then I went back to the Columbia House and stayed there for the night. The next day at about 1500 hrs I went in to the Canteen at the Columbia House and recognized Norland sitting at the table. I sat down at the table beside him and asked him about my pack, and he said it was in the locker room. We went to the locker room to get it but it was not there and the lady at the locker room stated that it had not been checked there. I got suspicious and told him I'd see him later on, and I went over to the railway station to get the M.P. They came over to the Columbia House and made enquiries with the management regarding the pack. The M.P. then got the keys of Norland's pack, opened it and there found 875 Sweet Caporal cigarettes. Norland said that they were his and that he had got them just before going on leave. The M.P. did not seem to believe Norland and asked him to come along to the station. After questioning Norland the M.P. told me they knew where the pack was hidden and what had happened to most of the cigarettes. I then accompanied the S.I.B. men to the Columbia House and my pack was located exactly where Norland had said it would be found. I then went back to the ~~station~~ station with the M.Ps and made a statement to them. I identified some six of the articles in my pack while at the Columbia House and the remainder of the articles at the ~~station~~ station.

*Also*

Accused declines to cross-examine witness

*D. P. Gaunt*  
(sgd) Pte. D.P. Gaunt