

FIRST WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION (CONT'D)

Q.12 Do you recognize this book?

A.12 It's an 800, Sir, Clothing Equipment Book.

Q.13 Corporal, would you examine this book and tell the Court whose MFC 800 it is and do you identify the owner of that particular book?

A.13 The MFC 800 I am holding belongs to a soldier in the Canadian Army in the name of SD 190498 Pte Laplante, J.P.

Q.14 Do you recognize Private Laplante?

A.14 I can, Sir.

Q.15 Where?

A.15 Beside Lieut. Cote, Sir.

Prosecutor: I would like to present this MFC 800 to the Court in evidence.

(MFC 800, CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT BOOK, BEARING NAME OF SD 190498 PRIVATE LAPLANTE, J.P. ACCEPTED BY THE COURT, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, MARKED EXHIBIT "H" AND ATTACHED TO THE PROCEEDINGS).

Q.16 Corporal, would you explain the status of personnel of this unit as regards their kit from QM stores over the last twelve months?

A.16 Well, Sir, for the last twelve months all our drawings of kit, replacements, new issues and things along that line were made directly from AHQ Composite stores. Now about four months ago they decided or thought they might save a few minutes if they could draw a few articles for use here which was done on a temporary basis. I was in charge at the time and did go down to AHQ Composite Stores to draw clothing and equipment which it was anticipated would be needed for the personnel of this depot and I would then issue them out for the AHQ Composite Stores. Well, that has been the practice in the last four months; now we are setting up our own QM stores. We will do our own requisitioning for stores but still be responsible to the Quarter-Master of AHQ Composite Stores.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER

Q.17 Corporal, did the accused have a pack when you took that check?

A.17 He did, Sir, but on his Clothing and Equipment Statement he was charged with two.

Q.18 Did you ever issue web equipment to the accused?

A.18 No, Sir.