

The Prosecution is closed.

DEFENCE

The President advises the accused as to his rights in the general conduct of his defence.

Question to accused:

Q

Do you apply to give evidence yourself as a witness or do you wish to make an unsworn statement?

A

Evidence on oath.

Q

Do you intend to call any witness in your defence?

A

No, sir.

Witness for Defence:

The accused being duly sworn is examined by the Defending Officer:

Q

Will you tell the Court your story?

A

I am a member of Jehovah witness and am an ordained minister. In support of my contention I wish to read the following statement.

(ACCUSED hands in a written statement which is read, marked "G" signed by the President and attached to the proceedings).

Q

CROSS EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR:

Pte. Leduc were you ordered at No. XI District Depot, Vancouver, BC. at approximately 0930 hours on the 17th. September, 1945 by SM. Henry to put on a uniform?

A

Yes, sir.

Q

Did you comply with that order?

A

No, sir.

Q

Have you complied with that order at any time since it was given until the present time?

A

No, sir.

Q

Have you made any effort to comply with it?

A

No, sir.

Q

You are ordained?

A

My ordination comes from the Bible.

THE DEFENDING OFFICER DECLINES TO REEXAMINE THE ACCUSED.

Q

QUESTIONED BY THE COURT:

A

Are you married?

A

Yes, sir.

Q

Have you any family?

A

One, sir.

Q

How old?

A

About two years, sir.

Q

How long have you been a member of Jehovah witness?

A

The first time I heard of it I was about 15 years old. I was not very active in it at that time but my wife and all her family are Jehovah witnesses and since then I have done my duty going from door to door.

Q

How long was that ago?

A

About 4 years.

THE ACCUSED RESUMES HIS SEAT.

THE PROSECUTOR DECLINES TO MAKE A CLOSING ADDRESS.

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