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L/Cpl Mansell is recalled
Re-examined by the Prosecution

- Q.20 When Pte Gaunt advised you his pack had been stolen did he advise you of the contents?
- A.20 Yes sir.
- Q.21 Would you tell the court what these were to the best of your memory?
- A.21 As far as I can remember they were 1300 cigarettes, 2 shirts, 2 vests, 2 pair of socks, 1 holdall complete, one pair of pants, two handkerchiefs.
- Q.22 Subsequent to your questioning the accused you placed him under arrest?
- A.22 Yes sir.
- Q.23 Will you tell the court what you had to do with the case after that?
- A.23 At 1800 hrs I put a telephone call through to the S.I.B. Western Command at C.M.P., HQ Birmingham and later Sgt Beaumont and Sgt Parry of the S.I.B. came down and interviewed the accused. At the time of the interview the accused Gdsm Norland stated to me that the valise and its contents may be found at the sleeping quarters of the Columbia House Service Club. At about 1850 hrs Sgt Parry, Sgt Beaumont, and L/Cpl Britten proceeded to the club.
- Q.24 Did the accused tell you where the valise could be found, any particular spot?
- A.24 I don't know the exact number of the bed, it was 112 or 112A.

Cross examined by the Defence

- Q.25 Did Pte Gaunt have any means of proving to you that he was actually in possession of the pack and the articles therein?
- A.25 Yes sir, he said he could identify the pack.
- Q.26 Did he have anyone with him who could verify his statement?
- A.26 No sir.

In the opinion of the court and the judge advocate it is not necessary to comply with the provisions of R.P. 83(b)

THE WITNESS WITHDRAWS

Fourth Witness for the Prosecution

4121670 Sgt Parry, H.G., S.I.B. Western Command being duly sworn is examined by the Prosecution

- Q.1 Will you identify yourself to this court?
- A.1 4121670 Sgt Parry H.G. S.I.B. Western Command.
- Q.2 On the 16th of Nov you were called in to investigate an alleged case of larceny of a pack by a Can soldier who subsequently accused another Can soldier, can you identify the accused here?
- A.2 Yes sir (identifies the accused)
- Q.3 Who first gave you the information?
- A.3 It was notified to me by the M.P. I was on duty at HQ and I detailed Sgt Beaumont and I accompanied him to the look up at Steel Cross Lane where I saw two C.M.P.s and the accused. I was told the history of the case and I questioned Norland regarding the valise.
- Q.4 Can you repeat your conversation with the accused?
- A.4 Yes sir, I told him I had received information which justified me in interrogating him in connection with the valise. Sgt Beaumont cautioned him by saying "Do you wish to make a statement or to give evidence upon oath? You are not obliged to say anything or give evidence unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or any evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be used in evidence."
- Q.5 Was there anyone else present at the time?
- A.5 Yes sir, I believe one of the N.C.O.s from the Provost were there it being more or less their case.
- Q.6 Did this N.C.O. say anything to the accused?
- A.6 Not at that stage sir, the inquiry was in our hands.

Cross examined by the Defence

- Q.7 You are perfectly sure that you cautioned the accused prior to questioning him?
- A.7 I did not myself, but he was under arrest and he was cautioned immediately.