

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Hamilton, N.Y.

In the case of B-157711 Private DONALD JOSEPH BRASSEUR, THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERONS
HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA, a soldier of the Canadian Army Overseas.

The accused is informed of his rights.

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

FIRST WITNESS for the prosecution H-19891 Sjt W.R. Richardson, D Coy, Camerons
of C, having been duly sworn states:

"I am H-19891 Sjt W.R. Richardson, D Coy, Camerons of C. On 12 September
1944 I was Platoon Commander 16 Platoon. At approximately 2330 hours 12
September 1944 I had a Platoon O Group and warned them that we would move
off at 0400 hours 13 September 1944 for an attack. At approximately 0355
hours I ordered the sections to fall in ready to move off at 0400 hours.
Private Brasseur, D.J. was still lying down. I called him personally and
told him we were ready to move off. He got up and started to put on his
equipment. The platoon moved off carrying blankets to the carrier on the
road approximately 400 yards away. The company was then formed up and I
checked the company personally and could not find Private Brasseur. At
approximately 0430 hours 13 September 1944 we moved off to the attack. Pte
Brasseur was still absent."

The accused declines to cross-examine.

W R Richardson
(H-19891 Sjt W.R. Richardson)

SECOND WITNESS for the prosecution H-10070 L/Cpl K.R. Bridgeman, D Coy Camerons
of C, having been duly sworn states:

"I am H-10070 L/Cpl Bridgeman, K.R., D Coy, Camerons of C. On 12 September
1944 I was section commander 1 section, 16 Platoon. At approximately 2330
hours 12 September 1944 I was warned by the Platoon Commander at an O Group
that we were going to make an attack the following morning and be ready to
leave at 0350 hours 13 September 1944. I then warned my section including
Private Brasseur. At approximately 0345 hours 13 September 1944 I woke up
my section and told them to get ready to move off. At approximately 0400
hours I moved off with my section. At this time Pte Brasseur was standing at
with his equipment on. When we had gone approximately 150 yards I checked
my section and found that Private Brasseur was missing. I called back and
told him to hurry up. When we arrived at the carrier on the road he was
still missing and I did not see him again until approximately 1800 hours 13
September 1944.

The accused declines to cross-examine.

K.R. Bridgeman
(H-10070 L/Cpl K.R. Bridgeman)

THIRD WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION: H-19884 CSM Langston, R.G., HQ Coy, Camerons
of C, having been duly sworn states:

"I am H-19884 CSM Langston, R.G. HQ Coy, Camerons of C. On 13 September
1944 I was CSM of HQ Coy. At approximately 1630 hours I noticed Private
Brasseur standing at Gate between Brigade A Echelon and Cameron A Echelon.
I asked him if he was going out and if so he was to be properly dressed.
He assured me he was not and I let the matter rest. At approximately 1830
hours 13 September 1944 Private Brasseur reported to me where I was sorting
casualty kits. I asked him his name, the company he was from, and what he
was doing at A Echelon. He told me that he had come back from the front line
and the reason being that his nerves were gone and was unable to stand the
strain of front line duties. I told him to report to his CSM and at the
same time warned him that he was leaving himself open to disciplinary action.
I contacted the CSM of HQ Coy and told him the story. The following morning