

Gate Guard at approx. 1245 hrs. I also reported to the Duty Officer, when I brought the vehicle from the Sgts'. Quarters.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

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No. 4 Sub-Depot Attached f.a.p.,
No. 1 Sub-Depot, 1 CBOD, RCOG.

SIXTH WITNESS
for the pro-
secution.

Lieut. R.J. Lawrence, on strength of No. 1 C.O.R.U., attached for all purposes to No. 1 Sub-Depot (M.T. Stores Coy) 1 C.B.C.D., an officer of the Canadian Army Overseas, having been duly sworn, states as follows:-

I was Duty Officer on 1 Jan 44. At approx. 1900 hrs., Lieut. Walker, the Transport Officer, 'phoned me at the Depot and informed me that there was a vehicle parked outside the Sgts'. Mess. To cut a long story short, Mr. Walker and I decided that he would go along to the Sgts'. Mess, and I would send someone from here with him to investigate. I sent Sgt. Singer, who was the Orderly Sgt. along with the duty driver, Wood. When the driver returned, I went along to the sentry post at the gate and examined the Gate Vehicle Guard Report. Lieut. Walker suggested that it was the Duty Truck, so I checked the Vehicle Authorization Slips and finding one made out for 1700 hrs. I went to the gate to check whether it had come back. I found on the Guard Report that the vehicle had been marked in soon after it had gone out at 1700 hrs. There was another entry on the report showing the vehicle as having left the Depot at 1840 hrs. I questioned the guard about the vehicle being shown as a B.O.W. Vehicle. He said that that statement had been made to him by the driver. I then asked him about the Work Ticket for the vehicle, and he stated that the vehicle had not paused long enough for him to obtain it.

I then had the driver take me to the Sgts'. Mess where I spoke to Mr. Walker, who said he had immobilised the vehicle. And I also spoke to the Adjutant, mentioning that the vehicle from the Depot was outside the Sgts'. Mess.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

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No. 1 C.O.R.U. Att f.a.p.
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SEVENTH WITNESS
for the pro-
secution.

Lieut. H.B. Walker, on strength of No. 1 Sub-Depot (M.T. Stores Coy) 1 C.B.C.D., an officer of the Canadian Army Overseas, having been duly sworn, states as follows:

I am Officer i/c Transport of No. 1 Sub-Depot, 1 C.B.C.D. On the evening of 1 Jan 44 - it was dark - I went for a walk up the road towards the Sgts'. Mess. When I was passing the Sgts'. Mess I noticed two tail lights shining in the dark. I went in to investigate, and found it was a 15-cwt. truck - 5522 are the last four figures of the number. I recognized this truck as belonging to our unit. I thought that the duty driver must be around somewhere with it. I tried the Sgts'. Mess. There was no one there. I then looked in the front two rooms on the ground floor of the Sgts'. Quarters outside of which the truck was parked. Just about that time a sergeant came along. I asked him if he knew anything about the truck. He said "No." So I investigated the truck and found it was locked up and could not be moved without the keys. I then went back to the Officers' Mess and 'phoned the Duty Officer and asked him if he knew anything about the truck. He said he didn't know who was driving the truck and he suggested that he send the Duty Sgt. up to meet me at the gate. The Duty Sgt. came up with the Duty Driver, and we immobilised the truck.