

MacDonald

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

Summary of evidence in the case of C-4656 Pte ROBBINS L.H. CIG, GHQ and L of C Troops Service Increment, a soldier of the Cdn Army Overseas.

By direction of the Commanding Officer this Summary of Evidence is taken on oath.

FIRST WITNESS:

Lieut G. Fawcett R.C.A.S.C. First Cdn Army Service Increment Group H.Q. being duly sworn, states:-

I am S and T, First Cdn Army Service Increment Group H.Q. and as such responsible for all vehicles at this H.Q.. On the 15th of August at about 1330 hours I went to our vehicle park in back of the Crescent Building to detail a driver and lorry for duty. I noticed that Austin Utility vehicle, M5397823 was in the car park. At 1500 hours. I was informed by my clerk that a message had been received from Capt. Swystun, R.C.A.S.C. that vehicle No. M5397823 was involved in an accident on the Epsom Highway, MR 63857885. I could not understand this as I had not detailed vehicle for any trip in the afternoon. I drove out to the scene of the accident and inquired who was the driver. Pte. L.H. Robbins whom I now recognize said that he was. He also stated that he did not have any authority to be in possession of the vehicle. I found vehicle C.T. 2717 a Leyland Coal lorry off the pavement and jammed against a tree after obviously having destroyed a section of the wooden fence. The Austin M5397823 had jumped the curb and was jammed between a lamp post and fence about twenty feet beyond the coal truck and facing in the same direction. Police Constable B.C. Keeping of the Ashted Police was in the process of making investigations. Also at this time F-14325 Gnr MacDonald J.B. was present at the scene of the accident. I obtained what information I needed for the accident report and detailed MacDonald to guard the vehicle until the wrecker came to tow the vehicle in. I took Pte Robbins back with me to Leatherhead and placed him in the custody of GHQ and L of C Increment. Lieut Piercy R.C.O.C. assessed the damage to the Austin at £3.8.0d A.B. 412 and work ticket A.F.C. 3518 Exhibit "A" were found by me in the glove compartment of the vehicle.

G. Fawcett
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Signature of Witness.

The accused soldier declines to cross-examine this witness.