

First  
witness for  
the defence

The accused, No. M.612059, Pte. John Altenhofen, A 16 Canadian Infantry Training Centre, C.A., being duly sworn, is examined by the Defending Officer.

- Q. No. M.612059, Pte. John Altenhofen, A 16 Canadian Infantry Training Centre, C.A. -- is that your number, rank, name, and Unit?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How old are you, Altenhofen?
- A. Twenty-six, sir.
- Q. Are you married?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How many children have you?
- A. Three, sir.
- Q. Where do your wife and family reside?
- A. Albert Park.
- Q. Albert Park, Calgary?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On the weekend of 23rd March until the 26th of March were you on weekend pass?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. I want you to tell the Court your story from that time on.
- A. On the 26th of March, on Monday morning, I 'phoned up my Orderly Room at 8:30 and told them I had sickness in the family, and I understood that I was to stay at home until things were cleared up at home and everything was all right, so I stayed home. I called the doctor and the doctor came up and said that the baby just had a rash but gave me a prescription to get filled and one for my wife, and I went down the next day and got them filled. Monday evening the baby got worse, after the doctor was there.
- Q. While you were away, where did you spend the time?
- A. I spent the time at home, sir.
- Q. At Albert Park in Calgary?
- A. Yes, sir, except an odd day I went down town to get groceries -- down to the store.
- Q. On the 20th of April at 0930 hours did you surrender yourself?
- A. Yes, sir.