

Objection by accused to members of the court

Defending officer states :- Both Capt Clough & Lt Pearson have a previous knowledge of the accused.

It is not submitted that they had any previous connection with this charge, but only that they know the man & of his record.

J.P. :- RP 20 does not apply to F.C.S. (see RP 121) and the covering officer being in immediate command of a body of forces on active service in the circumstances which he has outlined in the covering order, he can legally approve these two members.

In my opinion neither of the officers are disqualified ~~on~~ on the ground submitted or on other grounds & I so advise the president.

Objection is over ruled by the court.

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