

FIRST WITNESS)
 FOR THE)
 DEFENCE)

The Accused, D.128243unner Joseph Paul Emile AUBIN,
 No. 3A District Depot, C.A., being duly sworn,
 is examined by the Defending Officer:

Q.13 Gnr Aubin, we will discuss the first charge, that is
 absenting yourself without leave. You understand that?

A.13 Yes, Sir.

Q.14 Tell your story to the Court?

A.14 I was under doctor's care because I had hand eczema.
 They kept on sending me on duty washing dishes, pots and
 pans against the doctor's orders and the doctor told me
 not to do that kind of work, but the authorities sent
 me to do the work just the same so I got fed up with it
 and took it upon myself to go away and have the proper
 care by civilian doctors.

Q.15 Did you show your hands to the medical officer this
 morning?

A.15 I forgot about it this morning.

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Q.16 Gnr Aubin, did you go to the Army Medical Officer in
 regard to the condition of your hands?

A.16 Yes, Sir.

Q.17 And did he say you weren't in condition to do the work
 that you were doing?

A.17 No, the doctor didn't tell me that, but he bandaged my
 hands.

Q.18 When you were taken in charge by the authorities, did
 you give yourself up or were you apprehended or arrested?

A.18 My intention was to return to the Army, but one night I
 wanted to have a place to sleep and I went to the police
 station and asked for a place to sleep and they asked me
 where I was from and all that and then took me into
 custody.

Q.19 Did you know the Army regulations in regard to staying
 away without proper authority?

A.19 I thought I would have minor punishment for absenting
 myself.

The Defending Officer declines to re-examine.

In the opinion of the Court it is not necessary to comply
 with R.P.83(B).

The witness resumes his seat.

The Prosecutor makes a Closing Address.

(See documents marked "L")

The Defending Officer makes a Closing Address.

(See document marked "M")