

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

In the case of B 116895 Rfn RAASU, A.M., 1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment, a soldier of the Canadian Army Overseas.

The Commanding Officer directs that all evidence be taken on oath.

FIRST WITNESS ^{cf 4}

F 15236 Sjt HARDING, G.S., F Section, 13 Cdn Provost Corps, a NCO of the Canadian Army Overseas, having been duly sworn, states:

"I am F 15236 Sjt Harding, G.S. of F Section, number 13 Cdn Provost Corps. At about 0115 hrs 23 Dec 44 Cpl Akeins, L.W. reported to me that he had seen a Provost Jeep near the roundabout. I immediately went and checked where I had left my jeep at about 2200 hrs 22 Dec 44. I found my jeep to be missing. Accompanied by Cpl Akeins, I proceeded down the street towards the roundabout where Cpl Akeins had reported to me to have seen the jeep. As I got closer to the jeep I recognized it to be the vehicle in my charge. I walked towards the front end of the vehicle and saw two soldiers leaning in over the motor and working at it. I shouted to them to stop and they both began to run. I gave chase and managed to capture a soldier who turned out to be Rfn Raasu, A.M., about five to ten yards from the vehicle. Cpl Akeins gave chase to the other soldier but reported to me later that he lost sight of him. I escorted the soldier I had captured to the information post where I questioned him as to what the other soldier's name was. He stated he did not know. I asked him why he had stolen my vehicle. He stated "to get a ride home". On searching Rfn Raasu I found a water bottle half full of rum in his possession. Questioning him to where he got it he stated that it was his issue rum. I placed him in close arrest and escorted him to the civilian jail, where he was held until picked up by his unit.

* The evidence is read back to the accused.
The accused cross-examines the witness.

Q - When Cpl Akeins first reported the vehicle to you did he mention any soldiers around it.

A - Yes he reported that soldiers were seen in the vicinity of the jeep.