

# TRIAL OF SOLDIER BY COURT-MARTIAL NEARS CONCLUSION

Winnipeg, April 5.—(CP)—The two final defence witnesses will take the stand in the general court-martial of C.S.M. Marcus C. Tugby here to-day. Tugby, 29-year-old member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, faces 16 charges arising from incidents alleged to have occurred at Oeyama prison camp in Japan.

A verdict in the case may be returned to-morrow following summing up of Prosecuting Officer Capt. F. W. Christie and Defence Counsel David Folden, of Winnipeg. The judge advocate, Major W. M. W. Shaw, of Ottawa, will then address the court.

Tugby is accused of collaboration with his Japanese captors, misappropriation of Red Cross parcels and assault on Allied soldiers in the camp.

## Defence Evidence

Four defence witnesses yesterday concurred in testimony that there was a need for corporal punishment at Oeyama and contended that all other methods had proved ineffective.

Citing the specific case of Pte. W. H. Lynch, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, involved in three assault charges against Tugby, witness Major Lemoyne Bleich, Buffalo, N.Y., United States Army Medical Corps, testified "I don't believe he was a vicious person. He was a hungry one."

But he did things that injured other men, Major Bleich said. He was given extra benefits and such things as extra food, but this proved to no avail and corporal punishment was the answer.

When the prosecution suggested that such punishment did not accomplish what was intended, Major Bleich replied, "That is obvious."

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