

The Court was reopened at 1125, the Accused brought in, the Prosecutor, witnesses and audience admitted, and the finding read.

bit "G". The Accused's Certificates (Page 65) were read out. (Exhibit "G") (Accused stated that his Certificates prior to 1st January, 1941, were lost in H.M.S. "MERCURY".)

The Deputy Judge Advocate stated that there were no previous convictions by Court Martial.

By the Deputy Judge Advocate to the Prosecutor:-

325. Q. "Do you produce any entries against the Accused in the ship's Log?

A. No.

326. Q. Do you produce any other official documents containing a definite censure for a definite offence previous to that before the Court?

A. No.

By the Deputy Judge Advocate to the Accused:-

327. Q. Do you wish to call any witnesses as to character?

A. Yes, I would like to call Lieut. Commander John MacLinden, R.N.R. and also the Prosecutor, Lieut. Com. Leonard Cooper Windsor, R.N.

Lieut. Com. John MacLinden, R.N.R., was called and examined by Accused's Friend on behalf of the Accused:-

328. Q. Will you tell the Court about the qualifications and character of this Officer?

A. I have known Lieut. Palmer from up to about 1939. I have been with him most of that time personally in his company also on Naval duties and I consider him in every respect to be above reproach in character, also his professional ability insofar as I have been in connection with him.

Prosecution did not wish to cross-examine.

Court did not wish to examine.

Witness withdrew.

Lieut. Com. Leonard Cooper Windsor, R.N. was called and examined by the Accused's Friend on behalf of the Accused.-

329. Q. Will you please tell the Court what you know of the character and professional qualifications of the Accused?

A. I have known Lieut. Palmer since the day that the 11th Minesweeping flotilla was formed on the Clyde. During this time he has always been extremely loyal and keen, very zealous and always ready to get on with the job. There was never any flinching or any lame excuses for not wishing to do anything that he could possibly do. As 1st Lieut. of the "MERCURY" he always maintained very good discipline and especially good "esprit de corps" in the "MERCURY" and as Commanding Officer he has carried that on with great credit to himself.

Court did not wish to examine.

Witness withdrew.

330. Q. By the Deputy Judge Advocate to the Accused. -

Do you wish to make any statement in mitigation of punishment?

A. I do not wish to do so.