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Corporal Robert Lee Sturgis  
A Battery 159th FA

About September 11th he took a jeep to service battalion and remained there for six days because a sergeant took the jeep from him and promised to return for him. Sergeant testified that when he returned the same day Sturgis was gone

Sturgis was examined by his commanding officer when he returned and was told everything was all right. He went back to the line and was there for about a month and a half.

About October 22nd a Captain (does not know the name) told him he was being court martialed but did not read the charges to him. October 26th he was moved to Taejon, arrived there the same night. Had a conference with Lieutenant Ellert and Capt Maize. Slept in the court room that night and trial started the next morning. Three witnesses he wanted but could not get were : Leroy Rutledge, a mechanic, a private by the name of Plant and George Huntly.

Said defense counsel advised him not to take the witness stand because it would not do him any good and he would get himself into more trouble.

Pvt Luther D. Williams RA 14 305 046  
C Company 24th Infantry

He says that he was recommended for a silver star <sup>four</sup> for times but that Warrant Officer Deuell tore the recommendations up each time. Warrant Officer Deuell is the one who charged him with being a straggler.

Only had one fifteen minute conference with defense counsel before the trial

Williams says that the president of the court was sleeping most of the time and that many of the other members of the court were reading books including comic books

(white)

Says that a Captain Benson/ of the 24th ran leaving his men during a battle, was threatened with court martial proceedings but was transferred to service and supply

A white battery of the 90th Field Artillery ran and left the guns to the enemy.

He says that at one time he was on the line for 56 days

*Luther D. Williams*

