

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 Senator Lucas: Nob ody ever talked to you individually
3 about it at all?

4 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

5 Senator Lucas: That is all.

6 Mr. Elliott: The statement was very brief.

7 Senator Lucas: Thank you, Sergeant.

8 The Vice Chairman: Are you through, Senator?

9 Senator Lucas: Yes.

10 The Vice Chairman: Mr. Murphy of Pennsylvania will in-
11 quire, Sergeant.

12 Mr. Murphy: Sergeant, on December 7th it was then Private
13 Lockhart and Private Elliott, was it not?

14 Mr. Elliott: That is right.

15 Mr. Murphy: And you got your orders from Sergeant Mur-
16 phy on Saturday, didn't you?

17 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Murphy: There were supposed to be four men out there,
19 weren't there?

20 Mr. Elliott: The setup originally I believe was set for
21 three.

22 Mr. Murphy: You were supposed to have four or five,
23 weren't you? Weren't you supposed to have a crew chief?
24 Weren't you supposed to have somebody plotting? Weren't you
25 supposed to have somebody on the other part of the instrument

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and somebody was there watching after the equipment? Farmbeck was supposed to be out watching the equipment, is that right?

Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

Mr. Murphy: They didn't show up, the other two, did they?

Mr. Elliott: That was not adhered to. I mean the table of organization for the operation of the radar detector unit calls for -- I believe it called at that time for five men, one motorman and the other a crew chief and three operators.

Mr. Murphy: Right. And there were only two there?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, there were only two.

Mr. Murphy: How is that? Where were the other three?

Mr. Elliott: Well, that I don't recall, other than just operating short-handed.

Mr. Murphy: Well, isn't it a fact that you two were only out there to guard the machines with your guns as part of the anti-sabotage program?

Mr. Elliott: I would not go so far as to say that it was part of the program. It was just a -- as we understood it a precaution that the company commander was taking for the equipment that was out at that station.

Mr. Murphy: Well, did you tell the Army Board that you were there for anti-sabotage purposes?

Mr. Elliott: I don't recall whether they interpreted it that way or whether I said that, or not.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Mr. Murphy: Well, we will get your exact language and I
3 will get to that in a minute.

4 Now, I notice in that chart, Sergeant, you and Lockhart
5 were the only two at the Opana station and you were there from
6 Saturday noon until 7:39 on Sunday morning. Who was it that
7 plotted those marks, "6:48, 6:45 and 6:51"? What about those
8 planes?

9 Mr. Elliott: The only thing that I can explain of that,
10 as I can recall, was that there were no targets during the
11 scheduled problem.

12 Mr. Murphy: That is right. The evidence is you had no
13 targets and while the radio interceptor station was working,
14 in all probably there are enemy scouting planes out and when
15 you have them and think they are identified, call the inter-
16 ceptor station and tell them while the enemy are at a dis-
17 tance.

18 Is that a fair question then?

19 Mr. Elliott: Well, if those planes were out there and we
20 had them on our chart --

21 Mr. Murphy: You had it on your chart but you never called
22 and told about it, did you?

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Murphy: You did not report it?

25 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, we would have no reason for not

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1 reporting them.

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3 Mr. Murphy: Well, the fact is that you had no chart of
4 any kind and you were there on the machine, you and Lockhart
5 and there are planes out there; there is no evidence that they
6 were our planes. We had no planes to the north, this ques-
7 tion of the B-17's, because they did not come in there, and
8 the only thing that is left to infer is that there are enemy
9 scouting planes and they are not turned in to the interceptor
10 station by you or Lockhart, are they?

11 Mr. Elliott: I wonder if you could produce the chart so
12 that I could verify it to you in my own mind?

13 Mr. Murphy: Yes. Will you produce the chart, please?
14 My only purpose, Sergeant, in asking this question, - I don't
15 want to embarrass you. There is some question about that
16 interceptor station working from four to seven and you were
17 only following out the orders you got, weren't you?

18 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

19 Mr. Murphy: And at that time, that time of the morning
20 was very vital?

21 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Murphy: Here is planes at 6:30.

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes.

24 Mr. Murphy: 6:45 is the first one.

25 Mr. Elliott: Yes.

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Mr. Murphy: That is an important schedule. Now, the actual attack does not come until around 7:30 and the fact is that there are no American planes out to the north and that is to the north of the island and in all probability there are enemy scouting planes out in there and I am wondering, if the interceptor command station is working, why Lockhart did not have a message reflected to it of an attack coming, especially in view of the fact that there is so much testimony about the Ward sighting a submarine.

Mr. Richardson: What good does it do? This boy saw only one flight.

Mr. Murphy: The fact is, sir, no one asked him this question and they were both there on the machine. Somebody plotted it and he should know.

Mr. Richardson: Well, nobody asked him about it.

Mr. Murphy: Well, nobody asked him but I think he should be asked about it. We are coming to the end of this hearing.

Who was it, sir, if you know, that made that plot as to those planes?

Mr. Elliott: Why, as I --

Mr. Richardson: Is this your plot as you made it?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Well, we have the plot that he did make. We have a picture made by officer Murphy, certified to by

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2 Murphy.

3 The Vice Chairman: Let him go ahead and finish his ex-
4 planation.

5 Mr. Murphy: Yes, sir.

6 Mr. Elliott: This chart was not taken down after the
7 completion of this scheduled -- I mean this flight at 7:02.
8 That chart was left on the map and it was used on through, I
9 believe for, - I think you will find the times on there.

10 Mr. Murphy: In other words, you had there a chart on
11 which plots were made. Did you have a log book?

12 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, we had the log.

13 Mr. Murphy: Did the log book remain there?

14 Mr. Elliott: That would have been --

15 Mr. Murphy: Wouldn't that be the regular procedure, to
16 leave the log book there?

17 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

18 Mr. Murphy: And wouldn't it be the regular procedure to
19 leave the log sheet there on December the 7th?

20 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

21 Mr. Murphy: Now, you have told counsel that you took
22 that log sheet down and gave it to Captain Upson.

23 Mr. Elliott: I took the log sheet down. The sheet that
24 I took was a more or less scrap paper report.

25 Mr. Murphy: Did you ever testify --

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Mr. Elliott: I mean it was not the official four to
3 seven scheduled period that we had. It was just something that
4 you plot in on another form.

5 Mr. Murphy: Did you ever testify before any other board
6 that you took that sheet to this captain?

7 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I don't believe that I have.

8 Mr. Murphy: Did you ever saw it to anybody until you
9 came into this room?

10 Mr. Elliott: I told one of the gentlemen off the record
11 last night that was talking to me about that.

12 Mr. Murphy: Who was that off the record? Who was it
13 on or off? Who did you talk to for the first time about taking
14 the log sheet downtown? Who was it? Name him, please.

15 Mr. Elliott: I believe it was you, wasn't it, Mr. Rich-
16 ardson?

17 Mr. Murphy: You mean only to counsel, our own counsel?

18 Mr. Richardson: I had a conversation with him yesterday
19 afternoon.

20 Mr. Elliott: Yes.

21 Mr. Murphy: I am just wondering if that is the one.
22 Who was it that you told yesterday about this log sheet?

23 Mr. Elliott: I have been talking to so many.

24 Mr. Murphy: No, you were only talking to one about the
25 log sheet. Who was it? Don't have any hesitancy.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Mr. Elliott: I believe I talked to Captain Ford also on
3 that.

4 Mr. Murphy: Who was it you told about delivering a log
5 sheet to Captain Upson? I am going to go into that.

6 Mr. Elliott: I believe it was Mr. Richardson.

7 Mr. Murphy: That is the only one?

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Murphy: Well, now, when you called that morning
10 Tyler said, "Forget it, didn't he?"

11 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir -- well, that is the information
12 that was passed on to me, yes.

13 Mr. Murphy: Lieutenant Tyler said, "Forget it" and the
14 fact is, sir, you thought they were our Navy planes coming
15 in, didn't you?

16 Mr. Elliott: Yes, later.

17 Mr. Murphy: Well, didn't you say before the other two
18 boards that you thought they were our Navy planes coming in?

19 Mr. Elliott: Well, yes.

20 Mr. Murphy: And you also thought that it would be a fine
21 prob lem if we could have Army interceptor planes go out to
22 meet our own Navy planes as experience, isn't that true?

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, that was an opinion I expressed
24 at that time.

25 Mr. Murphy: All right. Now, you testified here about

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nervousness on each occasion. Did you have the intimation at that time of morning that those were enemy planes?

Mr. Elliott: I cannot truthfully say that I did.

Mr. Murphy: Right. After Lockhart said, "Come on, let's go home" you wanted to stay and you did stay until about 7:30, didn't you, after 7:30?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Then the truck came and you went downtown?

Mr. Elliott: To the camp.

Mr. Murphy: To get breakfast?

Mr. Elliott: Yes.

Mr. Murphy: And immediately upon getting there you found out that war was on, didn't you?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: Yes. And at that time you did not associate your chart at all with the war starting, did you?

Mr. Elliott: I wonder if you would repeat that last question.

Mr. Murphy: I say at that time when you heard that war had started did you associate the idea of having charted planes up on the hills and Japanese planes?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. After we found out what had happened we very definitely knew that the flight that we had plotted was the enemy flight.

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Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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Mr. Murphy: You knew it that morning?

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Mr. Elliott: We were fairly sure.

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Mr. Murphy: Is that what you told the Army Board?

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Mr. Elliott: I don't recall telling it to the Army Board.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, it may not be of any importance, but you have mentioned a captain and there has been a lot of testimony about the failure of the officials, the top command, in getting this information. Now, you have designated a Lieutenant. Maybe I shouldn't mention names. You have designated a Captain Upson, about having given that sheet to him, and you never said a single word about it until two weeks ago and you testified you even went downtown and got breakfast after the start of the attack.

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Now, that puts a burden on Captain Upson that I want to straighten out, because the papers will carry that story all over America. If you did, I would like to know it. If you did not, I would like to know it.

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Mr. Elliott: I am sure I did not have the question put to me before of what actually became of the record of reading sheets.

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Mr. Murphy: Well, you never mentioned the sheet before, did you?

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Mr. Elliott: Well, I --

Senator Lucas: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to interpose

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an objection, but I can't see how this is pertinent or material.

Mr. Murphy: The gentleman himself, Mr. Chairman, has asked a great many questions about that, if the Army knew about this thing and this witness has gone into it and I for one am not going to let some little Second Lieutenant carry the burden of this thing if it is not lying upon his shoulders, and there is not yet a single word of evidence in this case from Pearl Harbor about that little Second Lieutenant -- maybe he is a big Second Lieutenant, I don't know; maybe he is a General.

Senator Lucas: He is a Lieutenant Colonel now, I know that.

Mr. Murphy: Maybe he is, but the fact is he is entitled to the same protection as anybody else and I think we ought to get the facts.

The Vice Chairman: Proceed, but let us keep to information that you know of your own knowledge, Sergeant.

Mr. Murphy: Now, then, Sergeant, that was your plot that morning and there were only you and Lockhart there and how did you come to put those designations on that plot, if you know?

Mr. Elliott: You mean the original chart of that flight?

Mr. Murphy: No, no, I am going beyond 7:02. Here somebody has charted some planes, apparently, at 6:45, that is a quarter to seven, 6:48, 6:50, 6:51, 6:51½. You two put them on there. There were only two of you there. Who put them on?

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Mr. Elliott: The writing there shown on the record of reading sheets I believe very definitely is my writing; I am very sure.

Mr. Murphy: Well, was that that you saw some planes out in there at that time?

Mr. Elliott: The plot would have gone through to the information center. I mean there would be no reason for me and Lockhart to hold back any plots.

Mr. Richardson: He is just asking you whether those plots were put on there by you.

Mr. Elliott: Let me see it again.

Mr. Richardson: I have it.

Mr. Masten: Mr. Murphy, this is the original signed by Lieutenant Murphy.

Mr. Murphy: Lieutenant Colonel Murphy?

Mr. Masten: Yes.

Mr. Murphy: Sergeant, maybe I can help you.

Before the Army Board in question 22 General Frank said:

"What I am trying to ascertain is whether on the morning of December 7th there was more activity than usual or whether there was less activity than usual or was it average?"

"Sergeant Elliott: Well, sir, during our problem on Sunday there was practically no activity at all.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 "General Frank: Prior to this time?

3 "Sergeant Elliott: Prior to seven o'clock, yes, sir.
4 We had no plots to send in to our information center and
5 had no targets.

6 "General Frank: That is, on the morning of December
7 7th. Now, it may be that at that time the Generals did
8 not know about it, it may be that at that time you did not
9 recall these particular indications on there and I do
10 not want to place the responsibility on you." All of these
11 experts since Pearl Harbor, so far as I can see, have
12 never gotten clear as to what those indications are and
13 it is getting one record for posterity and certainly
14 it is on the Board to show on the record what they are.

15 Mr. Richardson: What difference does it make to this
16 Board if somebody else found something else?

17 Mr. Murphy: He is the one that charted them on the
18 plots indicating it.

19 Mr. Richardson: What of it?

20 Mr. Murphy: The question is did he send them downtown?

21 Mr. Richardson: He certainly knows that.

22 Mr. Murphy: Well, if that had been put on the chart and
23 he was sure about that, that there were planes out there and
24 we had no planes out there and there may have been twenty
25 planes out, he should have sent that information in.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

Well, I won't press it, Sergeant. You made the plot on there. Do you recall whether you called and reported this information that morning?

Mr. Elliott: The only comment I can make is if those planes were picked up as a target it would have been reported. We would have been defeating our purpose, especially in getting up at four o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Murphy: Well, probably after seven o'clock you were getting special training. Did you have the ear phones on your ear in connection with the interceptor station before seven? Do you remember that?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I did not.

Mr. Murphy: Who was it that had the ear phones on, or did anybody?

Mr. Elliott: Private Lockhart was the one that had the -- that did the visual detecting at that time.

Mr. Murphy: And then apparently he said something to you and you wrote in these little indications there on the sheet, or was that only practice? Maybe there were no planes, but you plotted it on there. Now, do you remember that?

Senator Lucas: Will the Congressman yield a minute?

Mr. Murphy: Yes, sure.

Senator Lucas: Does that plot show, 6:48 A.M. or 6:48 P.M. up there? As I recall, there was some testimony,

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although I am not certain now --

Mr. Murphy: Well, if it is his handwriting he was not plotting at night, so it must be morning. He did not go back to plotting.

Senator Lucas: Well, that may be true.

Mr. Elliott: I think you will find on this record of reading sheet, I believe the date is put in there and signed by a "Murphy". Will the gentleman take this apart, please?

Mr. Murphy: May I just say this, Sergeant? The reason I am pursuing this, a witness before the Board here, the very first witness, Admiral Inglis, told us that the Japanese sent out scouting planes. That has not been pursued. It may be that those are the scouting planes; I don't know.

Mr. Elliott: Well, on the 7th of December, as this record of reading sheet indicates and as I have admitted in my own handwriting, with the exception of the date, - I don't believe that I put that in there. You notice the difference in the --

Mr. Murphy: Is it your judgment, Sergeant, that the times indicated there from 6:45 on were in your handwriting?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Murphy: And is it your judgment that you would not put them on there unless they indicated that there was a plane in that vicinity?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Mr. Elliott: They would have been on the overlay, yes,
3 sir.

4 Mr. Murphy: They would have been put on the --

5 Mr. Elliott: If they were put on this chart here as a
6 target.

7 Mr. Murphy: But at any rate if you put it there, by you
8 putting it on there it would indicate that on that morning
9 that in their place there was a plane. Do you have any re-
10 collection on it?

11 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

12 Mr. Murphy: Well, do you know how --

13 Mr. Elliott: I know now we had -- you see, during the
14 problem I don't think it was really necessary at that time to
15 have an overlay. That is, it is very possible that I went
16 ahead and took these readings figuring out where the location
17 was giving me the code names and code letters to forward that
18 information.

19 Mr. Murphy: What I mean is you would not put something
20 on that chart that morning if there had not been a plane there
21 to the north of the island at 6:45?

22 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

23 Mr. Murphy: And you have no recollection now, or do you
24 have a recollection as to whether you reported that through
25 your head phone set via Lockhart to the station downtown?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

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2 Mr. Elliott: No, sir. I was under the impression, so
3 far as remembering that, that there were no flights at all.
4 If there were, there were very few, as the few here indicates.

5 Mr. Murphy: Well, our information is that there were
6 only a few scouting planes.

7 Mr. Elliott: Yes.

8 Mr. Murphy: But you do not have any distinct recollec-
9 tion about reporting that or any conversation in connection
10 with it, do you?

11 Mr. Elliott: No, I am afraid I cannot remember back that
12 far.

13 Mr. Murphy: And one of the reasons why your memory is dim
14 now, this is the first time you have been asked about it
15 since December 7, 1941, is that right?

16 Mr. Elliott: That is right. The things that happened
17 prior to that time you wouldn't have time to note that, not
18 knowing.

19 Mr. Murphy: I want to make it clear, Sergeant. Far be
20 it from me to want to embarrass you. We want to know the
21 facts. And you don't have any recollection. The fact is
22 there is a problem before this committee.

23 I have no other questions.

24 Senator Lucas: Will the Congressman yield?

25 Mr. Murphy: Yes, sir. I am through.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Sen. Lucas

Senator Lucas: What was the ordinary practice that was followed by you and Lockhart when you did find a plane through radar? What would you do about it?

Mr. Elliott: Regardless of whether it was Lockhart and myself or anyone else, the man operating the scope will get a line on the target, lining up the mileage and the antenna to get the azimuth. He will pass that information on to the information, on to the people --

Senator Lucas: That was done every day that you were out there in the event that you located a plane or more than one plane coming in?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Senator Lucas: That was part of your duty?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Senator Lucas: To immediately transmit that information on to the information center?

Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

Senator Lucas: And there was no reason why if you did locate these planes at 6:45, 6:48, 6:50 and at seven that you did not turn that over, that you did not pursue the same course on December the 7th that you had pursued at every other time that you had been out there operating this radar equipment?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, and I might explain what seems to be a mixup here, too, that ordinarily before December 7th I am

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2 sure we did not plot the actual plots on the overlay unless
3 there was a fairly good sized flight, because we had the re-
4 cord with the information that the scope operator passed over
5 to the plotter and keeping a record of the plots that are made
6 you could retrace any flight that you wanted to mark on there,
7 but the point I am getting at is this, that the flight that we
8 picked up at 7:02, that we had to follow a different course
9 because it was our duty and we followed on that follow-up all
10 the way in.

11 Senator Lucas: The only point I am trying to make here
12 to clear up the situation is that up to seven o'clock on
13 December the 7th, 1941 you pursued and followed the same course
14 that you had been following day after day out there as far as
15 transmitting information down to the information center.

16 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Lucas: Now, after seven o'clock in the morning,
18 when you knew that everybody was off duty and you sighted
19 this big group of planes, you immediately thought that it was
20 necessary to make a special call on that and get it to the
21 information center and you so did?

22 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. I might make the comment, too,
23 that so far as reporting to the information center, regard-
24 less of whether it was a distinct overlay, as long as it was
25 on those record of reading sheets that would have been

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Questions by: Sen. Lucas

2 reported to the plotter at the information center. I mean
3 there would be no point in writing these records down and not
4 send it in.

5 Senator Lucas: And, of course, you couldn't tell if you
6 did plot these planes at 6:45 whether it was an enemy plane or
7 whether it was one of our planes?

8 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, we couldn't tell that.

9 Mr. Murphy: Will the Senator yield?

10 Senator Lucas: I took you off before.

11 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman, I ask that the paper which
12 the witness has in his hand, which indicates the 6:45 mark
13 and the others that are in his own handwriting, be placed in
14 the record.

15 The Chairman: Without objection it will be done and
16 spread on the record now as part of the record.

17 Mr. Murphy: I ask, Mr. Chairman, that it be a photostatic
18 copy because it is in his own handwriting.

19 The Chairman: Well, the counsel will take care of that.

20 (The document above referred to is in words and
figures as follows, to-wit:)

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Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

The Chairman: Mr. Gearhart?

Mr. Gearhart: Mr. Elliott, I was called out of the room for a short time.

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Gearhart: Some of the questions that I want to ask you might have been asked heretofore.

First of all I want to know about your tour of duty on this machine on the 6th and on the 7th.

Mr. Elliott: How do you mean that? You mean to explain it to you?

Mr. Gearhart: Well, what I mean is what hours did you go on duty with the machine and what hour did you leave it on the 6th?

Mr. Elliott: I see. On the 6th of December we were sent out there to relieve two men, to, so to speak, guard the unit. We were armed with .45 pistols.

Mr. Gearhart: You mean to guard the unit or operate the unit?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, to guard the unit.

Mr. Gearhart: All right. What time of the day did you arrive there on the 6th?

Mr. Elliott: It around 12 noon. We relieved the two men and in sending us out there we were to remain there and at four o'clock the next morning we were to operate our scheduled

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Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

2 operating period, four to seven A.M.

3 Mr. Gearhart: Do I understand you correctly, you arrived
4 out there at noon on the 6th with instructions to guard the
5 machine until four the next morning and at four the next morn-
6 ing you were with Lockhart to operate the machine, is that
7 correct?

8 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir. I might explain about
9 this guarding the unit. It was no walking guard post, it was
10 not considered as such. That is the impression that we had.
11 The impression that we had was that there were just to be men
12 there in case anything came up, any prowlers around or any-
13 thing like that and that is the reason we had the gun there,
14 but so far as any walking guard, or patrolling around there
15 was brought up, there was nothing like that. It was just that
16 somebody should be there and we got arms in case any prowler
17 came around.

18 Mr. Gearhart: And you and Lockhart were there from noon
19 on the 6th day of December 1941 until 4 A.M. on the 7th day
20 of December 1941 and during that time the machine was not
21 operated at all?

22 Mr. Elliott: The machine -- between 12 noon and 4 A.M.
23 the machine was not operated, no, sir.

24 Mr. Gearhart: Was it warmed up?

25 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, not that I recall.

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Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 Mr. Gearhart: Did you enter the compartment in which the
3 machine was contained between those hours that I have just
4 mentioned?

5 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. We had trouble with the oil pump
6 on the generator motor in the power plant.

7 Mr. Gearhart: You spent some of that time repairing
8 those particular items?

9 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, we repaired the oil pump.

10 Mr. Gearhart: How long did it take you to repair the oil
11 pump on Saturday?

12 Mr. Elliott: It took a good part of the afternoon.

13 Mr. Gearhart: Is that the reason why the machine was not
14 operating for the entire day, or was it because you were not
15 supposed to operate it that day?

16 Mr. Elliott: I don't believe there were any direct orders
17 not to operate it. It just was not operated.

18 Mr. Gearhart: Now, there was an officer's tent, war tent,
19 near the mobile instrument, wasn't there, and that is where
20 you slept that night?

21 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

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Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 Mr. Gearhart: Lieutenant Lockhart slept there that
3 night, too?

4 Mr. Elliott: Private Lockhart at that time, yes, sir.

5 Mr. Gearhart: Private at that time?

6 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

7 Mr. Gearhart: How were you awakened? By an alarm clock?

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Gearhart: When was that set for?

10 Mr. Elliott: Off-hand I do not recall. I imagine
11 around a quarter of 4.

12 Mr. Gearhart: And when you got up did you have to do
13 anything to the radar instrument to prepare it for service
14 beginning at 4:00 o'clock?

15 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. As I recall, we had some small
16 work to finish up on the oil pump. I believe we had worked
17 through until it was dark and we stopped work on it, and
18 all there was left was just to make the connections, and we
planned to do that in the morning.

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20 Mr. Gearhart: It was still dark at a quarter of 4,
21 wasn't it.

22 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

23 Mr. Gearhart: As soon as you were awake did you start
24 to work on your oil pump?

25 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 Mr. Gearhart: Before 4:00 o'clock?

3 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Gearhart: Did you have the machine ready to operate
5 at 4:00 o'clock in the morning?

6 Mr. Elliott: We went on the air at 4:15, sir.

7 Mr. Gearhart: You went on the air before you had com-
8 pleted the oil pump repair?

9 Mr. Elliott: No, sir. We finished our oil pump repair
10 and reported on the air approximately 4:15.

11 The Vice Chairman: What time?

12 Mr. Elliott: 4:15.

13 Mr. Gearhart: Then these repairs delayed you?

14 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

15 Mr. Gearhart: Fifteen minutes?

16 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

17 Mr. Gearhart: Then you went on the air?

18 Mr. Elliott: Yes sir.

19 Mr. Gearhart: Now you said you came on duty, in
20 reference to that machine, at noon on the 6th, the day before?

21 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

22 Mr. Gearhart: Now had the men you relieved at that
23 time been operating the machine, or had they merely been on-
24 guard on the machine?

25 Mr. Elliott: I am not sure as to whether they operated it.

1 Witness Elliott Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

2 I believe they did plotting. They knew how to do it, but
3 they had them assigned there and that was their duty, their
4 straight duty, was to remain there 24 hours a day.

5 Mr. Gearhart: But you don't know whether or not these
6 men that you relieved at noon on the 6th were operating
7 the machine or merely guarding it?

8 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

9 Mr. Gearhart: And under your general orders you could
10 have operated it after 12:00 o'clock if you wanted to and
11 the instrument had been usable?

12 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, I am sure we could have.

13 Mr. Gearhart: You are definite on the point that you
14 put the machine in operation at 4:00, or 4:15 o'clock in
15 the morning of the day following?

16 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

17 Mr. Gearhart: And you kept it in operation until 7:00
18 on the morning of the 7th day of December, 1941?

19 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Gearhart: Now there is some confusion in my mind
21 in reference to the hours under which you were working. Did
22 you have a different tour of duty on Sundays and holidays
23 from that which you had on week days?

24 Mr. Elliott: You mean in connection with the time for
25 the problem from 4 to 7?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 Mr. Gearhart: The operation of the machine.

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4 Mr. Elliott: I believe that was the same through the
5 week, 4 to 7 in the morning.

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7 Mr. Gearhart: Now how many days had you been with
8 Lockhart assigned to that machine prior to the 7th day of
9 December?
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11 Mr. Elliott: For actual operation, two weeks, and for
12 setting up the unit another two weeks. We moved out there
13 just about a month before December 7th.

14 Mr. Gearhart: Now you want me to understand now that
15 the hours during all that two weeks for the operation of
16 that machine were from 4 in the morning until 7 in the morning?
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18 Mr. Elliott: As I have testified before, I am not
19 sure just how long we had been working from 4 to 7. I believe
20 that all the time we were out there in those two weeks we
21 operated from 4 to 7, but I am not positive.

22 Mr. Gearhart: Now are you willing to say, as a matter
23 of fact, that on week days the operation hours were from
24 7 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon and that it was
25 only on Sundays and holidays that you operated from 4 in the
26 morning to 7?

27 Mr. Elliott: Not as I recall it, no, sir.

28 Mr. Gearhart: Well, I happen to have the sworn testimony
29 of Lieutenant Joseph Lockhart before me, in which these

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Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

1 questions were propounded and to which he gave these answers:

2 "Q. They were operating with approximately six men?

3 "A. That is right. There were approximately six men
4 of our unit. We had six in ours. We operated from 7 to 9
5 o'clock."

6 I think that 9 o'clock should have been "5", from the
7 text.

8 "Q. Nobody operated at nighttime, so far as you know?

9 "A. If there was an alert, or if maneuvers were going
10 on, or something of that kind, there was a night operation.

11 "Q. From 7 to 5, except for lunch periods, you were
12 on daily?

13 "A. Yes, during the week.

14 "Q. Sunday was a day off normally?

15 "A. We had to operate Sundays from 4 in the morning
16 until 7 in the morning. We took turns. That happened to be
17 my Sunday.

18 "Q. When did you first arrive on the island", and so
19 forth.

20 Now that is the testimony of Private Lockhart at that
21 time, which is very definitely in conflict with that which
22 you tell us now. Could you make a mistake of that wide
23 variation?
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25 Mr. Elliott: I do not think I could have more than he

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

1 could have. I make this testimony from what I remember.

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3 As I remember it, we worked from 4 to 7 in the morning
4 straight through on a problem, as we had been scheduled
5 throughout the week and also on Sunday. That is from what
6 I remember. I may be wrong, I don't know.

7 Mr. Gearhart: Well, you have been asked to make state-
8 ments about this affair on several different occasions, haven't
9 you?

10 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

11 Mr. Gearhart: And the first time you made a statement
12 about it was shortly after the event, wasn't it ?

13 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

14 Mr. Gearhart: Was there ever an investigation conducted
15 in which you testified or wherein you were not asked what
16 was your tour of duty?

17 Mr. Elliott: In explaining my tour of duty, I do not
18 recall whether I was asked about the other days of the week
19 or not.

20 Mr. Gearhart: Well, are you willing to say that
21 Lieutenant Lockhart was entirely wrong when he said it was
22 only on Sundays and holidays that they started the machine
23 in operation at 4 in the morning?

24 Mr. Elliott: Well, I would not know what to say on that,
25 sir. The only thing I can say again is, as I remember it, we
26 operated from 4 to 7 every day, and that that was our scheduled
operating period for our problem. That is as I remember it.

Witness Elliott

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Mr. Gearhart: You remember now that you were on this assignment from the first day of December, 1941, at least. You first said about two weeks, but you are certain you were on for one week prior to December 7, aren't you?

Mr. Elliott: You mean as to operating myself?

Mr. Gearhart: No, that you were on this particular assignment with Private Lockhart.

Mr. Elliott: That may have varied at any time. I mean they could have assigned Lockhart and someone else. We did not work as a particular team. Any man in the unit could work with Lockhart.

Mr. Gearhart: All right.

How many of the days of the first week of December did you work with Private Lockhart?

Mr. Elliott: That I cannot recall either.

Mr. Gearhart: How many nights during the first week of December, 1941, did you sleep in this officer's tent at Opana?

Mr. Elliott: Only the one night, sir, the Saturday night before Sunday, December 7.

Mr. Gearhart: Then do you want to tell me that you did not work on that instrument from four o'clock to 7 o'clock every day on the first week of December, including the morning of the 7th?

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 Mr. Elliott: I cannot recall that either, sir.

3 Mr. Gearhart: As a matter of fact you do not know
4 what the tour of duty was on those instruments on Sundays
5 and holidays, do you; it might be just as the then Private
6 Lockhart pointed out, is that correct?

7 Mr. Elliott: That could be correct, yes, sir.

8 Mr. Gearhart: Now, when I returned to the room, I
9 heard you testify when 7 o'clock arrived there that morn-
10 ing --

11 The Chairman: You are going into another phase of it.
12 It is now 12:30.

13 Mr. Gearhart: I am perfectly willing to suspend here.
14 However, it is only 12:20.

15 The Chairman: All right, go ahead.

16 Mr. Gearhart: As I came in you were testifying when
17 7 o'clock arrived, Lieutenant Lockhart, then Private Lockhart
18 was about to turn the machine off, and you said, "No, let
19 it go on a while."

20 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

21 Mr. Gearhart: How is that?

22 Mr. Elliott: That is right.

23 Mr. Gearhart: Why did you want it to go on a while?

24 Mr. Elliott: Because I was there for instruction pur-
25 poses. I was there to learn more about the unit, and since

Witness Elliott

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2 we had had the unit on from 4 until 7, disregarding the
3 15 minutes late, I figured on continuing operating, that
4 he could give me the instruction that I desired.

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6 Mr. Gearhart: Do you want this committee to understand
7 that the only reason why the machine was continued in opera-
8 tion after 7 o'clock on the morning of the 7th was because
9 you asked Private Lockhart for an opportunity for a little
10 extra training on the instrument?

11 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. That was pre-arranged. Per-
12 mission was obtained from Sergeant Murphy, our platoon
13 sergeant, and that was the understanding, that I was to get
14 further training after the problem, that we were to continue
15 on the air.

16 Mr. Gearhart: But you had been on that instrument
17 from four o'clock in the morning, clear down to 7?

18 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

19 Mr. Gearhart: Did not you consider that training
20 enough in one period?

21 Mr. Elliott: That was training in one field, sir. There
22 was more than one type of training on the job. I was very
23 familiar with plotting. The training I was to get was the
24 operation of the scope where you actually detect the planes.

25 Mr. Gearhart: Now, has not this idea of additional
26 training, your continuing on the instrument after the hour

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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4 as something you might say to explain for having stayed
5 on the instrument? Has anybody suggested to you that that
6 would be a good explanation that you might give?

7 Mr. Elliott: For picking up planes, you mean, on
8 December 7?

9 Mr. Richardson: No. He is asking you whether somebody
10 told you what to say.

11 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

12 Mr. Gearhart: Now, as a matter of fact, did not you
13 stay on that instrument, and, as a matter of fact, is it
14 not true that it was not turned off for the sole and only
15 reason that the truck that was to take you to breakfast
16 had not arrived?

17 Mr. Richardson: Will you read that question to him?

18 Mr. Gearhart: It is a little complicated. I will
19 ask it in a simpler form.

20 As a matter of fact, did not that instrument continue
21 in operation simply because the truck that was going to take
22 you to breakfast had not yet arrived?

23 Mr. Elliott: There also is some discrepancy -- not
24 discrepancy, but I do not recall exactly what the set-up
25 was in this truck coming back. Originally, it was intended
that we were to stay there until 12 o'clock. I believe when

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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1 we called -- when I called through the Administration
2 line, we had to call to our platoon, and they put us on
3 through to the information center, and it was at that time,
4 I believe that we were told instead of working until 12
5 noon, as was previously stated, we would only work until
6 8.
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8 Then, after 7, why, we continued the operation.

9 Mr. Gearhart: Well, haven't you testified here before
10 that the reason the instrument stayed in operation, the
11 reason why you did not turn it off was simply because the
12 truck that was supposed to take you to breakfast had not
13 yet arrived?

14 Mr. Elliott: I do not recall making that statement,
15 no, sir.

16 Mr. Gearhart: Well, reading further the testimony
17 of now Lieutenant Lockhart, then Private Lockhart --

18 Mr. Elliott (interposing): Pardon me, sir. What
19 testimony is that of Private Lockhart? To which Board or
20 committee?

21 Mr. Gearhart: Testimony by Private Lockhart given
22 to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in the Pentagon
23 Building, Washington, D. C., on October 30, 1944.

24 Mr. Elliott: I see, sir.

25 Mr. Gearhart: "Q As you were operating this thing,

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you did not see anything at all until about two minutes after 7. When 7 o'clock came what did you say to Elliott?

"A We mentioned the fact that the truck had not arrived, and there was no particular point in closing up and sitting out in the grass when we could be comfortable inside."

Is that correct, or is that incorrect?

Mr. Elliott: I do not know how much my word is against his, but in my opinion, if he made that statement, he lied, because at 7 o'clock he had already started to shut down the unit, and it was put on again through my efforts. The unit was already being turned off at 7 o'clock when we were told by the Information Center that the problem was over.

Mr. Gearhart: Now, will you say that his statement here, plain as day, is a lie?

"Answer. We mentioned the fact that the truck had not arrived, and there was no particular point in closing up and sitting out in the grass when we could be comfortable inside"?

Mr. Elliott: I personally think it would have been more comfortable laying in the grass than working inside.

Mr. Gearhart: All right. Then you are saying that that is a lie?

Mr. Richardson: Just a minute, Mr. Chairman. I do not think the witness ought to be required to say that any

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

2 testimony that has been taken is a lie.

3 Mr. Gearhart: Mr. Chairman, the witness has injected
4 that word. I haven't.

5 The Chairman: Yes, the witness did.

6 Mr. Gearhart: He said Lieutenant Lockhart lied, and
7 I am asking if this is one of those lies, since he has used
8 a shortening of the word. Is it?

9 Mr. Elliott: I was not following you, sir.

10 Mr. Gearhart: I guess you were not following very much
11 of anything, even then.

12 The Chairman: Is the member of the committee disputing
13 the fact that this radar instrument was in operation?

14 Mr. Gearhart: I will not ask you again to pass upon
15 the veracity of Lieutenant Lockhart, since I think you have
16 already done so.

17 "Q Then, you tracked it to about 22 miles. By that
18 time the truck had arrived?

19 "A No. By that time we had lost it in the permanent
20 distortion.

21 "Q You cut off the machine?

22 "A We looked around a little further for somebody
23 else and did not see anything, so we closed down the machine.

24 "Q Had the truck arrived by that time?

25 "A Yes. "

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Witness Elliott

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2 Is that a correct statement of what occurred at that
3 time?

4 Mr. Elliott: The unit was closed, and off the air
5 before the truck arrived. We were taking our bedding
6 along to the officer's tent that you referred to, and were
7 preparing to get on the truck when it arrived, but the
8 unit was definitely shut down between 20 minutes of 8 and
9 a quarter of 8. That was the time that we went off the
10 air.

11 Mr. Gearhart: Now, I just want to ask you this ques-
12 tion in conclusion.

13 You had no regular written order telling you when you
14 should be operating the machine and when you should be
15 just there guarding the machine, is that correct?

16 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, that was just a verbal order.

17 Mr. Gearhart: Who gave you those verbal orders?

18 Mr. Elliott: That was passed on to us by Sergeant
19 Murphy, the sergeant in charge of the platoon.

20 Mr. Gearhart: Now, where did you work on the 5th, 4th,
21 and 3rd of December?

22 Mr. Elliott: There again, I don't recall.

23 Mr. Gearhart: Were you assigned to operate other
24 machines besides the one which was at Opana?

25 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I was not.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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Mr. Gearhart: During the last week of November and the 1st week of December, your only connection with a radar instrument was the portable machine which was stationed at Opana?

Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

Mr. Gearhart: And you are not able to tell us whether or not your tour of duty was different on week days from the Sundays and holidays which occurred in that two weeks' period?

Mr. Elliott: I have made my statement from my memory. If my memory isn't right, why I don't know just what else I can say.

As I recall it, we worked from 4 o'clock in the morning until 7. That is, on the problem.

Mr. Gearhart: Then you went on duty on the afternoon of Saturday, or noon time Saturday?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Gearhart: And did not do anything but repair the instrument until the following morning at 4. Who told you to put it on at 4 the following morning?

Mr. Elliott: Those were our instructions from Sergeant Murphy, to go on the air at 4 o'clock. That was understood that we were to work from 4 to 7.

Mr. Gearhart: How long had you been under training

1 Witness Elliott questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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2 for this kind of work?

3 Mr. Elliott: Approximately a month and a half.

4 Mr. Gearhart: Where were you trained? At Schofield
5 Barracks?

6 Mr. Elliott: Partially, yes, sir. Partially there and
7 partially in the field, after the unit was set up.

8 Mr. Gearhart: Was Lieutenant Lockhart, or Private Lock-
9 hart, in those days, under training with you at the same
10 places?

11 Mr. Elliott: I would not say he was under training.
12 I do not recall that he was.

13 Mr. Gearhart: As a matter of fact, he had been under
14 training way back the previous June, had he not?

15 Mr. Elliott: I imagine he had.

16 Mr. Gearhart: As a matter of fact, you regarded him as
17 an expert in radar operation, did you not?

18 Mr. Elliott: In the operation I might have, yes, sir.
19 He knew how to do it. I don't know how much of an expert I
20 would call him.

21 Mr. Gearhart: Well, he did the operational work, did
22 he not, and you did the plotting and recording?

23 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

24 Mr. Gearhart: And he had supervision of your work
25 as well, did he not?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Gearhart

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Mr. Elliott: Yes.

Mr. Gearhart: That is all.

The Chairman: The committee will recess until 1:30 o'clock.

You be back then, Sergeant.

(Whereupon, at 12:35 o'clock p. m., the committee recessed to 1:30 p. m. of the same day.)

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Witness Elliott

Questions by. Senator Ferguson

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p.m.

The Chairman: The committee will come to order.

Sergeant Elliott.

TESTIMONY OF GEORGE E. ELLIOTT, JR.

(Resumed)

The Chairman: Senator Ferguson.

Senator Ferguson: Sergeant, you had a sheet of paper there this morning. Would you let me know what that is? You said you had some figures on it.

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. That is a record of readings sheet. It has on it the log of all the plots that you make of the targets at the time that you make them.

Senator Ferguson: And was that sheet made daily by the people who operated the machine?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. That was made daily by the plotter.

Senator Ferguson: Well, would it show what time the machine was operating, what time you started to work and what time you quit?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I don't believe that is covered on the log. The only indication that you would have there is the time of the plots.

In other words, the first plot to the last plot would give you, the interceding plots would give you the time.

1 Witness Elliott Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 Senator Ferguson: But it wouldn't indicate when you

3 were working on the machine?

4 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, it wouldn't.

5 Senator Ferguson: Now, we have heard a lot about decora-

6 tions from various witnesses. Were you decorated during the

7 war in any way?

8 Mr. Elliott: I have received a letter of commendation

9 from Lieutenant General Emmons, Major Tinker and Brigadier

10 General Davidson of the Hawaiian Department.

11 Senator Ferguson: Was that for the part you took in

12 the events on the morning of Pearl Harbor?

13 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, it was.

14 Senator Ferguson: Now, your fellow private who was

15 there, what decorations did he get for what he did at that

16 time?

17 Mr. Elliott: The only one that I know of that he has

18 is the Distinguished Service Medal.

19 Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether he got it for

20 his conduct that morning?

21 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

22 Senator Ferguson: The Distinguished Service Medal.

23 Do you know whether Lieutenant Tyler, the officer that

24 was called on the telephone, received also the Distinguished

25 Service Medal for his part?

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 Mr. Elliott: That I don't know, whether he did or not.

3 Senator Ferguson: Now, you told us something about a
4 statement that you made. Did you sign that statement?

5 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, I did.

6 Senator Ferguson: Can you give us the substance of
7 what was in that statement outside of what you told us this
8 morning that they wanted you to certify that there were three
9 men there and in fact there were only two?

10 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. The statement, in substance,
11 was that. As I mentioned this morning it was very brief.
12 We didn't break it up actually into things that were done.

13 In other words, such as him doing the scoping and I
14 doing the plotting. We just put down "we" picked up this
15 flight and "we" gave the time, and so forth. It was very
16 brief.

17 Senator Ferguson: How many pages?

18 Mr. Elliott: It only covered one page. I believe
19 it was double-spaced type.

20 Senator Ferguson: Were you sworn to it or not?

21 Mr. Elliott: I believe I was, by the officer that I
22 signed it before.

23 Senator Ferguson: Did it purport to state what had
24 taken place that morning as far as you seeing this flight
25 was concerned?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Mr. Elliott: No, sir. Are you speaking of myself
3 individually?

4 Senator Ferguson: Yes. What was in the statement.

5 Mr. Elliott: No. Everything was "we".

6 Senator Ferguson: It was a joint statement?

7 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, it was a joint statement.

8 Senator Ferguson: Now, I am not quite clear on this
9 record as to when you went back to where the machine was at
10 Opana.

11 Mr. Elliott: We arrived around 8 o'clock. The attack
12 had been going on for about 5 minutes or so. The time
13 element there was only the length of time enough to get
14 our belongings or equipment and to get back on the truck
15 and get back out to the unit which I imagine did not take
16 more than a half-hour, to get back there.

17 Senator Ferguson: You would say that around 8:30 to 9:00
18 o'clock you were back to the radar station?

19 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: Were you in a position at that
21 time to ascertain if it was then being operated by some other
22 men?

23 Mr. Elliott: It was being operated by other men, yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: Well, were you near the station, did
25 you see any plotting then?

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1 Witness Elliott Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I didn't. You see, having our
3 camp nine miles away, we didn't have any living facilities
4 at the unit itself. We went out there and started clearing
5 off some ground to put up the tents.

6 Senator Ferguson: So that you didn't pay attention to
7 what they were doing on the machine?

8 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, not until my next tour of duty,
9 which was much later in the day.

10 Senator Ferguson: Now, as I understood this machine
11 that you had, this radar, you couldn't tell the number of
12 planes but by the sound wave you could tell there were a
13 great number of planes, or more than two or three planes,
14 is that right?

15 Mr. Elliott: Not by the sound wave. By the visual
16 electrical impulse which you see.

17 Senator Ferguson: By the impulse?

18 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. We could tell that there was
19 probably more than ordinarily by the size of the echo.

20 Senator Ferguson: Well, now, ordinary doesn't mean
21 much to the committee at the present moment. More than
22 how many?

23 Mr. Elliott: As I testified this morning it may have
24 been 50 to a hundred, but I couldn't say.

25 Senator Ferguson: Now, did you indicate when you telephoned

1 Witness Elliott Questions by: Senator Ferguson
2 in any way that your machine showed 50 or a hundred?

3 Mr. Elliott: Not by number, but just explaining that
4 there were a large number of planes. I mean, we knew there
5 were a larger number of planes than ordinarily.

6 Senator Ferguson: So instead of the number being used
7 the word "large" was used, the adjective "large"?

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: Or "many". Which was it? Was it
10 "large" or "many"?

11 Mr. Elliott: Large.

12 Senator Ferguson: Large?

13 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

14 Senator Ferguson: Now, there was a plat shown you
15 this morning, a tissue plat. Do you recall that?

16 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. I have it.

17 Senator Ferguson: Now, is that the original paper
18 that you made or used on the morning of the 7th of December
19 1941?

20 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, it is.

21 Senator Ferguson: Your own handwriting or markings
22 are on there; is that true?

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

24 Senator Ferguson: Now, I notice that the line of
25 flight was not as regular as this one on this chart that was

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 made for us. Would you put those dots on that paper that
3 is now before you.

4 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: So that would be an accurate chart
6 of everything that happened up until 7:40 as far as you
7 were concerned that morning.

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: And after that, of course, you allowed
10 the paper to remain on the machine so that some other private
11 or some officer would use it from that time on?

12 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: And you were only speaking of it as
14 of the time that you left there, which was about a quarter
15 to 8?

16 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: Mr. Chairman, I now ask that this
18 original paper be made an exhibit in this case.

19 The Chairman: Is there any reason, Sergeant, why you
20 wish to keep that as your personal property? This is the
21 original.

22 Mr. Richardson: This is a part of the files. It doesn't
23 belong to this witness.

24 The Chairman: Let the original be filed as an exhibit.

25 Mr. Masten: 155.

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 (The document referred to was marked
3 Exhibit No. 155.)

4 Senator Ferguson: Sergeant, I have only a few other
5 questions. On these markings, that is, 6:48 and 6:45, and
6 the one that hasn't a number, could they be more than one
7 plane, do you know? That doesn't designate one plane or more
8 than one, does it?

9 Mr. Elliott: No, sir. That is one of the flights
10 that I referred to, it was less or out of the ordinary --
11 I mean it was ordinary.

12 Senator Ferguson: It was an ordinary flight?

13 Mr. Elliott: It was an ordinary flight. I mean there
14 was no exceptional echo on the scope.

15 Senator Ferguson: Does this map show how far out the
16 plane to our left on this map, 6:48, would be from your
17 station?

18 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

19 Senator Ferguson: How many miles?

20 Mr. Elliott: It doesn't show on the map. I mean, on
21 the overlay. You would have to have the map in the radius
22 room that this chart was made from. You see, the overlay
23 is marked with two of the grids of the particular map that
24 was used.

25 Senator Ferguson: With a scale on it, is that what it is?

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

2 The overlay has a scale on it?

3 Mr. Elliott: The scale has been put in later. That
4 was not on on December 7. We didn't put any scale rule on
5 there. The scale that we used on the plotting table was
6 just the radius rod, which is calibrated in miles.

7 Mr. Richardson: Will you estimate the distance from
8 this 6:48 to your Opana station here?

9 Mr. Murphy: There are two 6:48's on there.

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Witness Elliott

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Senator Ferguson: I mean the one to our left as we are looking at this map.

Mr. Elliott: I would judge about 95 miles.

Senator Ferguson: Did you hear any conversation there on the day after you went back that they had used this machine to follow out the Japanese planes as they were leaving the Island going back?

Mr. Elliott: I believe they tracked some of the planes.

However, it was pretty much of a mixed up affair. I mean they were dispersed. I mean, they didn't come -- they didn't go out in the same formation that they came in. And I think that what happened was that they had plots here and there, and it was just almost impossible to keep up with all of the targets as they left the Island of Oahu.

Senator Ferguson: Well, after they got out, looking at the plot before you, there are some planes at 10:39, 10:27 -- you see them on that plot before you, going north? Are they on your original map?

Mr. Elliott: I am just wondering whether you are under the impression that the two targets you point out there are at that mileage away from the Island. There is no indication up here. It would be very -- I retract that. I see it.

Senator Ferguson: Look on your original map. Do you

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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1 see those chartings?

2 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

3 Senator Ferguson: There is a way on the machine to
4 know whether a plane is coming in to the machine or going
5 out, is there not?

6 Mr. Elliott : Yes, sir, very definitely, sir.

7 Senator Ferguson: Very definitely.

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Senator Ferguson: So that the people operating the
10 machine would be able to determine if there were planes
11 leaving, as shown by this plat, that they were going north?

12 Mr. Elliott: That is right, sir.

13 Senator Ferguson: That machine only had two methods
14 of reaching the center, and they were both by telephone,
15 there were no other means of communication. No teletype?

16 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

17 Senator Ferguson: Just by telephone?

18 Mr. Elliott: Just by the two telephone lines, yes,
19 sir.

20 Senator Ferguson: And you knew of no bombing in the
21 vicinity of where you were working with this machine, so
22 as to interrupt the telephones, so far as the center was
23 concerned?

24 Mr. Elliott: You are speaking of after the attack?
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Witness Elliott

Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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Senator Ferguson: Yes.

Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

Senator Ferguson: Where was the Communications Center?

Mr. Elliott: Down at Fort Shafter.

Senator Ferguson: Do you know whether it was bombed?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I don't. I really couldn't say.

Senator Ferguson: There was communication by road between Opana and Fort Shafter?

Mr. Elliott: I understand that there was.

Senator Ferguson: About how many times, do you know.

Mr. Elliott: Off hand, about 50 miles away from Fort Shafter.

Senator Ferguson: Now, is there anything that you could tell us here today that we haven't asked you about that may be of benefit to us on this question?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, there is one point.

In reading the Roberts report, it states in there in substance that a non-commissioned officer was instructing a private and at that time there was no non-commissioned officer involved. Private Lockhart and myself, both privates, were there only.

However, when Private Lockhart was called into the Roberts committee, a staff sergeant went along with Private

1 Witness Elliott Questions by: Senator Ferguson

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2 Lockhart, although I don't know whether he went before
3 the committee.

4 Now, this staff sergeant was put in charge of the
5 unit sometime during the day of December 7, over the
6 Sergeant Murphy that had been in charge.

7 And, as I stated before, I don't know whether he
8 testified before the Roberts committee, although I do know
9 that he went in with Private Lockhart, together, the day
10 that he testified.

11 Senator Ferguson: I have the language now before me,
12 and I wonder whether this is the language you are talking
13 about.

14 On page 11 of the Roberts report:

15 "A non-commissioned officer who had been receiving
16 training requested that he be allowed to remain at one of
17 the stations and was granted leave to do so. At about
18 7:02, he discovered what he thought was a large flight
19 of planes slightly east of north of Oahu at a distance of
20 about 130 miles."

21 Was that the sentence that you had in mind?

22 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, it was.

23 Senator Ferguson: You wanted to state that there were
24 no commissioned officers, two privates were all that were
25 there?

Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

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1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 Senator Ferguson: That is all I have.

3 The Chairman: Mr. Keefe?

4 Mr. Keefe: I shall be very brief.

5 I gather from your testimony, Mr. Elliott, that you were
6 operating this radar equipment fundamentally for training pur-
7 poses, is that right?

8 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: Now, when you went out to this particular task
10 did you get instructions from any superior officer as to what
11 you were to do and what reports you were to make, if any?

12 Mr. Elliott: None other, sir, than just the reporting of
13 any targets that we had found.

14 Mr. Keefe: Well, who gave you those instructions?

15 Mr. Elliott: Well, that came down through the chain of
16 command from the commanding officer.

17 Mr. Keefe: In other words, you were directed to report
18 any targets which you found in the operation of this machine?

19 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: And when were you to make the reports, - im-
21 mediately?

22 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, as soon as possible.

23 Mr. Keefe: And that is why that phone on the chart board
24 was there on the machine?

25 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. That was the main purpose of our

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

2 training, was getting that information as soon as could be
3 possible to the information center.

4 Mr. Keefe: So that it was considered to be part of your
5 training to be able to spot a plane or a target, as you say,
6 and to immediately report that, with the necessary directions
7 and distances and so on, to the information center?

8 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

9 Mr. Keefe: So that if the occasion came when it was ne-
10 cessary to utilize that information in that field you would
11 be trained to perform properly, is that true?

12 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

13 Mr. Keefe: Now, you had no ideas that there were any
14 Jap planes liable to come in on Oahu that day, did you?

15 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

16 Mr. Keefe: You hadn't any idea as a private in the
17 United States Army that there was any thought of an attack on
18 Oahu imminent or liable to take place?

19 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

20 Mr. Keefe: So that as far as your charting these tar-
21 gets on your report, it was merely routine?

22 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir. It was more or less of a theo-
23 retical problem.

24 Mr. Keefe: And you would have made your report whether
25 those were Jap planes or American planes just the same?

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

1 Mr. Elliott: That is correct.

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3 Mr. Keefe: But I understood your testimony to be that
4 you were concerned because of the large number of targets that
5 showed up, is that right?

6 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

7 Mr. Keefe: And that caused you some concern and some
8 nervousness, as you said, when you reported it?

9 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

10 Mr. Keefe: Now, if there had only been an ordinary num-
11 ber of targets, three or four or five, you would have re-
12 ported that exactly the same way, would you not?

13 Mr. Elliott: That is definitely right.

14 Mr. Keefe: How soon after you observed the planes or
15 targets, as you have described, would you normally report to
16 the information center?

17 Mr. Elliott: I would judge offhand thirty to forty-five
18 seconds.

19 Mr. Keefe: So that I assume that when you found out
20 later that the planes that you had noticed on your machine
21 turned out to be Jap planes you were as much surprised as
22 anybody else?

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Keefe: That is all.

25 Mr. Murphy: Mr. Chairman.

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 The Chairman: Mr. Murphy.

3 Mr. Murphy: Sergeant Elliott, I notice on the chart there
4 there are two 6:48's, so that would indicate that at least at
5 that moment you sighted on your machine at least one plane in
6 each of those locations, isn't that right?

7 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir, if the times are both
8 the same day.

9 Mr. Murphy: Well, I understand that that shows December
10 7th. I will just show you what I mean.

11 Mr. Elliott: I believe that this overlay here will show
12 a little more than December 7th.

13 Mr. Murphy: Now, there is a plane there, or at least a
14 pip in there at 6:48, there is another 6:48. Would that mean
15 that you found a plane here, at least one plane here and an-
16 other plane here at the same time?

17 Mr. Elliott: That is possible, yes, sir.

18 Mr. Murphy: And would you know whether or not there was
19 one plane or several planes in each of those places?

20 Mr. Elliott: Depending on the size of the echo.

21 Mr. Murphy: Well, assuming there was only two or three,
22 you couldn't tell the difference from whether it was one there,
23 could you?

24 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, not at all.

25 Mr. Murphy: Then I notice on this 6:58 and 6:59 there

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Murphy

2 are red stars instead of white. Do you know what that would
3 indicate?

4 Mr. Elliott: I wonder if I may examine the chart?

5 Mr. Murphy: Yes, I wish you would, take your time. 6:58
6 and 6:59, as well as these three over here, 7:40, 7:43 and
7 7:43, are indicated by red stars, whereas the others are in-
8 dicated by white blocks. Was there any set procedure as to
9 one having a red star and the other having a white block that
10 you know of?

11 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, none that I know of.

12 Mr. Murphy: I have one other thing. In answer to the
13 Senator from Michigan you said that those at 6:48 were or-
14 dinary. By that you mean ordinary in size, is that it?

15 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

16 Mr. Murphy: No other questions.

17 The Chairman: Just one question, Sergeant. You were
18 asked this morning about the testimony of Private Lockhart in
19 regard to the truck being late arriving at the station and
20 also about some suggestion that it would have been more com-
21 fortable out on the grass than on the inside of the station.

22 Regardless of that, whether it would have been more com-
23 fortable or not on the grass, or whether the truck was late,
24 the station was in operation at the time you have testified
25 and it was taking these readings that you have described here

Witness Elliott

Questions by: The Chairman

1 to the committee?

2 Mr. Elliott: That is correct.

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4 The Chairman: No matter what the cause of your delay in
5 getting away from the station, whether you had prearranged to
6 stay until eight o'clock or whether the truck was late or whether
7 it would have been more comfortable somewhere else, you were
8 at the station and at the machine taking these readings as
9 these planes came in?

10 Mr. Elliott: That is correct, sir.

11 The Chairman: And Private Lockhart was there with you?

12 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

13 The Chairman: Yes. There was one other question, but I
14 have forgotten what it was.

15 Mr. Richardson: May I ask a question, Mr. Chairman?

16 The Chairman: Counsel wishes to ask a question.

17 Mr. Richardson: Sergeant, you did put the information
18 which came in over your radar station on this plot that you
19 have been examining here all morning and at the time you saw
20 these ships coming in from the north?

21 Mr. Elliott: You are referring to the 7:02 plot?

22 Mr. Richardson: Yes.

23 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

24 Mr. Richardson: Now, did you take off at the same time a
25 log which would be a station record showing the progress of

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Richardson

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2 those planes?

3 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

4 Mr. Richardson: Now, what was the paper, if any, that
5 you took in with you that you gave to your platoon commander
6 when you came to camp at eight o'clock?

7 Mr. Elliott: That was a copy of the record of reading
8 sheets with the recorded plots on them.

9 Mr. Richardson: But the log that you took remained in
10 the station?

11 Mr. Elliott: That I do not know.

12 Mr. Richardson: The one that you took in and gave to
13 the company commander showing that was not the official record?

14 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, there was no official record.

15 Mr. Richardson: Was there any other record of the pro-
16 gress of the planes by way of a log, except the one you gave
17 to your platoon commander?

18 Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

19 Mr. Richardson: You are sure you gave that paper to him
20 when you came to your camp at eight o'clock?

21 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, we gave it to him.

22 Mr. Richardson: That is all.

23 The Chairman: Any further questions?

24 Mr. Keefe: May I ask a question just to be sure?

25 The Chairman: Yes.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

Mr. Keefe: I don't know a great deal about radar.

Would your scope, - I believe you referred to it?

Mr. Gearhart: Oscilloscope.

Mr. Keefe: Oscilloscope, would that show a ship that came on the surface of the water?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir, it would. Ordinarily you cannot pick up a ship at sea I would say over thirty some miles out because the ship is over the horizon and it is an impossibility to do that.

Mr. Keefe: Well, if there was in fact a ship within that thirty mile visibility limit that you have expressed, it would show on your oscilloscope, would it not?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: It might even be a whale surfacing, might it not?

Mr. Elliott: It could, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Or a submarine if it came to the surface.

Mr. Elliott: I don't want to be quoted on that. I believe it would, yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: But as to planes, they would show on the oscilloscope at a greater distance because of the visibility above the horizon, is that right?

Mr. Elliott: Not necessarily. I mean if you had a plane thirty miles out, the size of the echo would probably be much

Witness Elliott

Questions by: Mr. Keefe

larger than an ordinary ship at sea at the same distance.

Mr. Keefe: Well, I am thinking of these pips or targets or whatever it is that shows on this oscilloscope that you can see visually.

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Mr. Keefe: You also hear, do you not?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir, you do not hear.

Mr. Keefe: You do not?

Mr. Elliott: No, sir.

Mr. Keefe: Well, then, these pips would be large or small, depending upon the distance away?

Mr. Elliott: Depending upon distance and the size of the object.

Mr. Keefe: I see. That is all.

Mr. Richardson: Now, Sergeant, the lower the approaching object gets, the closer it goes to the surface of the sea or the land that you are looking over, the harder it is to pick it up with your radar, is it not?

Mr. Elliott: That is correct as to the training that we had.

Mr. Richardson: And the fact that you could see these planes first 137 miles away showed they had a pretty good elevation in the air, did it not?

Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

Witness Elliott

Questions by: The Chairman

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2 Mr. Richardson: Can you estimate what that elevation was?

3 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I could not.

4 Mr. Richardson: All right.

5 The Chairman: You speak of the echo throughout your tes-
6 timony here. You referred to the echo. That is not a sound
7 that you yourself heard. It is the registration on this in-
8 strument of the sound made by the planes at the distance?

9 Mr. Elliott: Yes, sir.

10 The Chairman: You would not hear that at all but you
11 would see it as it is recorded on this chart?

12 Mr. Elliott: That is correct.

13 The Chairman: Yes.

14 Mr. Elliott: We call it an electrical impulse or an echo.

15 The Chairman: It is not an echo as we --

16 Mr. Elliott: Or it is commonly called a pip.

17 The Chairman: It is not an echo as we understand an echo
18 that we hear?

19 Mr. Elliott: No, sir. I am sorry I have thrown you off.

20 The Chairman: I wanted that explained. Thank you very
21 much, Sergeant. We appreciate your willingness to come here
22 and give your testimony and you are now excused.

23 Senator Brewster: Perhaps one question. I haven't been
24 here much of the day. There has been a round robin question-
25 ing and maybe this has been asked before. Is there anything

1 Witness Elliott

Questions by: The Chairman

2 further that you know, that you have not been queried about,
3 that you think would be helpful?

4 The Chairman: He was asked that by Senator Ferguson.

5 Mr. Elliott: No, sir, I believe that I do not have any
6 more. I appreciate gratefully being called here. I just
7 came down as an observer yesterday and I certainly did not in-
8 tend to be here today and neither did my boss.

9 The Chairman: Where is your home now?

10 Mr. Elliott: Long Branch, New Jersey, sir.

11 The Chairman: What is your occupation?

12 Mr. Elliott: I am with the New Jersey Bell Telephone
13 Company.

14 The Chairman: In what capacity?

15 Mr. Elliott: As a construction clerk.

16 The Chairman: I see, all right. Thank you very much.

17 Mr. Elliott: Thank you again, sir.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 The Chairman: Who is the next witness?

20 Mr. Richardson: I would like to call Captain Creighton.

21 The Chairman: Captain Creighton, please come forward.

22 Mr. Gearhart: Mr. Chairman.

23 The Chairman: Mr. Gearhart.

24 Mr. Gearhart: We discussed the probability of Lieutenant
25 Lockhart being called as a witness in this case and I have

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2 ascertained that he has business that will consume the entire
3 day. In view of this situation and the conflicts on some of
4 the points in the testimony of the witness who has just left
5 the chair, I think we should include the testimony of Lieuten-
6 ant Lockhart at this point in the record.

7 I have a copy of the transcript of his testimony given
8 on October 30, 1944 in my hand. I ask that it be included in
9 the record.

10 Mr. Richardson: Was that given in any of our reports,
11 Congressman?

12 Mr. Gearhart: No, it is in addition. This is a special
13 investigation conducted by the Signal Corps in preparation for
14 the writing of a history of that part of the Army.

15 Mr. Richardson: It would seem to me, Mr. Chairman, that
16 it at least is of the grade of the Clausen affidavits, to
17 say the least. I do not see any objection.

18 The Chairman: Well, I see no objection to making it
19 part of the record at this point.

20 (The testimony of Lieutenant Lockhart above referred
21 referred to is in words and figures as follows,-
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Transcript of
CROSS-EXAMINATION OF LT. JOSEPH LOCKHART

(Signal Corps - SCAWH)

Who, On the Morning of December 7, 1941

Detected the Approach of Japanese

Planes to Pearl Harbor.

Place of Examination:

Conference Room; Office of the Chief Signal
Officer, Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1944.

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Interview with Lieut. Lockhart

Fraser: When you were in the islands, there were six 270-B's; were installed?

Lockhart: There were no 270-A's. The 270-A was a unit that was initially designed. We never had any of them. There were only six units on the island.

F: That was the latest machine available?

L: It was the latest available to us. They may have had other equipment in the laboratories, but it was not yet available to us.

F: They were operating with approximately six men?

L: That is right. There were approximately six men per unit. We had six in ours. We operated from seven to *five?* nine o'clock.

F: Nobody operated at nighttime so far as you know.

L: If there was an alert or if maneuvers were going on or something of that kind, there was night operation.

F: From seven to five, except for lunch periods, you were on daily?

L: Yes, during the week.

F: Sunday was a day off normally?

L: We had to operate Sundays from four in the morning until seven in the morning. We took turns. That happened to be my Sunday.

F: When did you first arrive on the islands.

1 L: I landed on December 10, 1940.

2 F: You were really there only three days under a year.

3 L: That is right.

4 F: Did George Elliott come there at that time.

5 L: I don't know. He was an Air Corps man.

6 F: How old was he?

7 L: About 21 or 22.

8 F: What was the first job assigned to you when you arrived

9 in 1940?

10 L: At that time, I went directly to this particular outfit

11 that I was with all the time I was there. At that

12 time we had no equipment and were carrying on training

13 and a program similar to Signal line-up.

14 F: Was there instruction in the use of the 270-B's.

15 L: No, because we had no equipment.

16 F: Did your instruction cover any sort of machine at all

17 or was it all of a general nature?

18 L: We were at that time conducting a company school in

19 radio theory. Most of our operation was as a radio

20 Signal company. We had the old 171 and 131's, a small

21 field transmitter.

22 F: What is the maximum range of these equipments?

23 L: The 171 is good for ten miles. We are lucky if we get

24 two or three miles out of the 131. Those are actually

25 World War I sets.

1 F: When did the first radars arrive?

2 L: They came in July and there were six of them, all
3 270-B's.

4 F: You went right to work learning how to use them?

5 L: No. One of these units was set up adjacent to the
6 company area. No one seemed to know too much about them.
7 We had the manuals which came with them. We proceeded
8 to learn the functioning and operation of the equipment.
9 The entire company was trained in the operation.

10 F: Was there somebody there who really knew how to operate
11 the equipment from the beginning?

12 L: I don't know. There didn't seem to be too much informa-
13 tion available. Shortly thereafter, Lieut. Bell came
14 over. He was very familiar with the equipment.

15 F: Did he train the men in the operation of the equipment?

16 L: No. He was more interested in the maintenance and
17 logging and the operational abilities of the equipment.

18 F: Was there a school or course which trained the men?

19 L: There was no established school. The company was
20 running the training program.

21 F: Is Col. Murphy whom you speak of the Colonel William
22 H. Murphy who was killed in an automobile accident in
23 Florida last winter?

24 L: I don't know if it was he or someone else.

25 F: Is it very difficult to learn to operate a 270-B?

1 L: No. The biggest problem in the operational function
2 is that of being able to distinguish and interpret the
3 pictures which appear upon the screen.

4 F: I suppose to set down the log and track would take some
5 mechanical knowledge.

6 L: No.

7 F: Do you recall if any of these machines were out of order
8 while you were there?

9 L: Certainly. No machine is mechanically perfect. We had
10 to do most of our own maintenance at first.

11 F: Do you recall when you first started using the particular
12 machine that you were using on December 7?

13 L: It was about the middle of November. The unit was set
14 up at Schofield Barracks and we dismounted it and moved
15 it to Opana and set it up there.

16 F: Was there any particular reason why they moved the
17 equipment?

18 L: It had been set up at Schofield for purposes of training.
19 We were living in the old Chemical Warfare Barracks in
20 Opana. It was set up right in that vicinity. It
21 wasn't sent to Schofield for operational purposes. It
22 was used merely for training. After we moved the
23 equipment to Opana, we were doing our training on the
24 job. As new individuals came into the outfit who
25 hadn't had the training, they were allocated for training.

- 1 F: Did you train Elliott?
- 2 L: I helped.
- 3 F: You had been working on that machine since about
4 Thanksgiving Day?
- 5 L: I guess so. Yes.
- 6 F: When you speak of a truck that was supposed to come,
7 was it a regular army truck?
- 8 L: It was what is called a four by four.
- 9 F: It came every Sunday or holiday morning to pick up
10 whoever was operating the machine and carry them back
11 to wherever they were living?
- 12 L: We hadn't been under that set-up for too long a time
13 prior to that date. We didn't usually operate on
14 Sunday. We had been doing it for only three or four
15 weeks.
- 16 F: Did you have any written instructions as to whom to
17 report to, if you saw anything extraordinary on the
18 scope?
- 19 L: No.
- 20 F: On that particular Sunday morning, you were sleeping
21 in a small tent almost next to the machine. Was it
22 any particular type of tent?
- 23 L: It was an officer's war tent.
- 24 F: Then you had to walk only a few feet to the 270-B?
- 25 L: Yes..

- 1 F: How was the equipment housed?
- 2 L: It was a mobile unit, mounted on two trucks. The trucks
3 are van-type.
- 4 F: The antenna is the same antenna they have on all 270-B's?
- 5 L: Yes.
- 6 F: In order to operate the machine, you had to mount the
7 truck?
- 8 L: We had to unlock the vans and open them.
- 9 F: There was nothing in this van except the machine itself?
- 10 L: That is right.
- 11 F: Was Elliott doing the actual computation or were you?
- 12 L: I was doing the computation. Elliott was doing the
13 plotting and keeping the log.
- 14 F: What do you mean by "operating the equipment"?
- 15 L: Operations consist of controlling the movement of the
16 antenna and reading the information from the oscilloscope,
17 both on the screen and on its mileage scale.
- 18 F: As you were operating this thing, you didn't see anything
19 at all until about two minutes after seven. When
20 seven o'clock came, what did you say to Elliott?
- 21 L: We mentioned the fact that the truck hadn't arrived
22 and there was no particular point in closing up and
23 sitting out in the grass when we could be comfortable
24 inside.
- 25 F: At about two minutes after seven, you were the first

to notice anything on the scope?

L: Yes.

F: You noticed it as a big thing coming up?

L: Yes.

F: What did you say to Elliott when you first saw that thing?

L: I don't know offhand. I asked him to look at it. I thought at first there was something wrong with the equipment.

F: That was at a range of 136 miles?

L: Approximately.

F: You kept observing it to 132 miles and at 132 miles you decided to call?

L: We reported it in at 132 miles. We had accomplished all the preliminaries to a telephone conversation. It takes a relatively short amount of time to check the equipment.

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- 1 F: Can you estimate the time elapsed between 136 miles and
2 132 miles?
- 3 L: An average airplane travels three miles a minute. It
4 was about one minute and a half.
- 5 F: Then you called the main switchboard operator. When you
6 told this fellow you had something you wanted to report....
- 7 L: Yes, I called the switchboard operator and told him I
8 wanted to report. I asked if there was anyone around
9 the Information Center. He said they had all left.
10 I asked him to find somebody.
- 11 F: Do you recall his name?
- 12 L: Yes. Joe McDonald.
- 13 F: He left the switchboard or did he call up somebody?
- 14 L: No. He left the board and relayed the information.
- 15 F: Couldn't he plug in and ring somebody at their quarters?
- 16 L: No. Not with that switchboard; it merely connected the
17 various radar stations on the island with the I.C.
- 18 F: You couldn't have plugged in if you wanted any commanding
19 officer?
- 20 L: I don't know really how the exchange was set up.
- 21 F: He left his post and found somebody?
- 22 L: Yes. McDonald relayed the information I had given him.
23 The officer he spoke to didn't appear interested and I
24 asked to talk to him.
- 25 F: Then when you spoke to him, can you recall what you said?

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1 L: I merely mentioned the fact that there was something
2 unusual on the scope both in size and direction. They
3 were expecting a flight of B-17's that morning from
4 California. He probably assumed that was what it was.

5 F: The B-17's did come in?

6 L: Yes and they got a hot welcome too.

7 F: Didn't you also say that "I have never seen anything
8 like this in my experience"?

9 L: That is right. I said it was the largest formation I
10 had ever seen.

11 F: You said that it was coming in due north and what did
12 did he answer?

13 L: I don't recall exactly. He said it was all right, that
14 that was all he wanted to know.

15 F: Then you went back to your scope. How had the situa-
16 tion changed?

17 L: The formation appeared a little closer.

18 F: Did Elliott make any comment and did you try anything else?

19 L: There was nothing else we could do.

20 F: Did Elliott seem to be alarmed?

21 L: No, we were just interested.

22 F: Then you tracked it in to about 22 miles; by that time
23 the truck had arrived.

24 L: No. By that time, we had lost it in the permanent
25 distortion.

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F: You cut off the machine?

L: We looked around a little further for somebody else and didn't see anything so we closed down the machine.

F: Had the truck arrived by that time?

L: Yes.

F: Then you got in with Elliott. He was in back of the truck and you were up front with the driver.

L: That was about right.

F: Did you mention to the driver what had been puzzling you?

L: No.

F: Then you went back to Kawaiiloa. About halfway back, you met a similar truck carrying some of your colleagues.

L: Yes. They were going very fast back toward the unit.

F: They simply waved?

L: We blew the horn and slowed down. We wanted to ask why they were going back but they simply blew their horn and went on very fast.

F: Would you say that was at approximately a quarter to eight or about seven thirty?

L: It would have to have been about 7:55. That is supposedly when the first bomb fell.

F: How long did it take you to go from your radar unit to your base?

L: It would take about 20 minutes or 25 minutes. It was about a mile and a half or two miles over a very bad dirt road.

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We had to go down this dirt road to get to the highway.

F: Was it during that mile and a half that the Japanese planes actually struck?

L: I don't know. It shouldn't have taken very long. After I lost them at 22 miles, it shouldn't have taken them very long to get those last miles.

F: Can you tell how many minutes elapsed between losing them in the distortion and the arrival of the truck?

L: As I recall it, not over five minutes

F: When you got back to your base and the truck drove up, what did it carry besides you and Elliott?

L: Nothing. It came up for the purpose of bringing us back.

F: When you reached your base the first thing you saw was a group of men looking at the sky?

L: That is right. Lt. Carcarus was there.

F: They all had the information that Pearl Harbor had been attacked and as soon as you got the information, you turned to Elliott and said: "I bet that is what we saw."

L: Something like that.

F: Then you joined the crowd and they questioned you as to what you had seen?

L: Yes. We told them what had happened.

F: What did you do next?

L: After a hurried breakfast, we put a few things together and went right back to the unit. The other crew had it

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in operation when we got there and we started taking shifts.

F: Each unit had six men?

L: Well, six or more.

F: It could be operated with only two men?

L: It wasn't comfortable. Twenty-four hour operation with six men means that you pull a four-hour shift and at the same time you had to do guard duty. We had to conduct the operation, the maintenance, and guard the equipment 24 hours a day.

F: Normally you didn't have to have any guard.

L: No.

F: Was it difficult to operate with only six men when you didn't have to have a guard?

L: No. That was all right; it gave everyone something to do.

F: On the way home to your base, you noticed these heavy oil clouds?

L: We noticed this black oil smoke in the sky. The island on two sides is mountainous. Down the center is a plateau which starts from the sea level area and runs up gradually between these two ranges of mountains to the plateau where the palms grow. On the other side, it goes down approximately 200 feet to the sea again.

F: These clouds were so heavy that, by the time you got

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1 half way to your base, they were visible?

2 L: They were visible to us and we knew they were coming
3 from the harbor.

4 F: When you saw these oil clouds, they didn't have any
5 particular meaning to you?

6 L: We thought there might have been some sort of an accident
7 or a fire.

8 F: After you got back to your base, did you get any official
9 request from anybody to report your own findings on the
10 scope?

11 L: No, the story wasn't accredited yet.

12 F: When was it first taken notice of officially?

13 L: It must have been about a week.

14 F: Can you recall how Colonel Murphy looked?

15 L: He was rather short, heavy set, with graying hair and a
16 florid complexion.

17 (At this point Mr. Fraser referred Lt. Lockhart to the
18 large detailed map of Pearl Harbor, supplied by the
19 War Department, and traced his (Lt. Lockhart's) movements
20 thereon from Kawaiiloa base to Opana and return. Lt.
21 Lockhart also noted position - as of December 7, 1941 -
22 of the five other radar (271-B's) installations on the
23 map.)

24 Mr. Fraser: Thank you, Lieutenant, you have been very
25 helpful.

Lockhart: I am glad to have been of any help.

(Termination of interview.)

TESTIMONY OF CAPTAIN JOHN M. CREIGHTON

(sworn by the chairman)

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3 Mr. Richardson: Will you state your name, Captain, for
4 the record?

5 Captain Creighton: My name is John M. Creighton.

6 Mr. Richardson: Captain, your name was brought up into
7 this hearing in connection with the examination of Admiral
8 Hart; that is, in connection with a message received by Ad-
9 miral Hart which had some reference to what has been desig-
10 nated here as the A-B-C-D.

11 In that connection Senator Ferguson asked that you be
12 presented as a witness.

13 I think, Mr. Chairman, with your permission and in view of
14 that fact, we would probably save time if I turned the witness
15 over to the committee to permit the Senator to conduct the
16 examination he wishes of this witness.

17 The Chairman: It is entirely agreeable and if the coun-
18 sel has turned the witness over to the committee, the chairman
19 of the committee will turn him over to Senator Ferguson.

20 Senator Ferguson: Captain Creighton --

21 Mr. Murphy: I object.

22 The Chairman: Well, the objection is overruled.

23 Mr. Murphy: All right.

24 Senator Ferguson: Captain Creighton, the other day Ad-
25 miral Hart stated that you had been the Naval Attache at

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2 Singapore and that you had sent him a message some time on the
3 sixth. Have you made a search to ascertain whether you could
4 find that message and have you found it?

5 Captain Creighton: When I read in the evening paper on
6 the day of Admiral Hart's testimony a record of what you have
7 just related it meant nothing to me at all, nor could I re-
8 member what he was referring to, and after thinking about it
9 that night and again the next morning and still recalling no-
10 thing that he might have meant by his testimony, I called him
11 up to tell him that I could remember nothing of the sort and
12 while we were very busy in Singapore and many messages were
13 sent and received, at least I could not support his evidence
14 by recalling the matter.

15 So he said, "Well, you sent it all right because I can
16 produce a copy of it." So I made an appointment with him this
17 morning at the hotel and he called his office and authorized
18 his secretary to give me the key to his file and sent me down
19 there to get it and on the way down I picked up a reserve
20 officer named John Moser, now a Captain on duty here in the
21 Navy Department, who had been my assistant in the six months
22 I was in Singapore before Pearl Harbor.

23 Like myself he called nothing of the kind either, so we
24 came in together and found the telegram and read it and after
25 reading it I am sorry to say that our memory is no more clear

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2 than before having seen it.

3 Senator Ferguson: But you have the cablegram?

4 Captain Creighton: That is right.

5 Senator Ferguson: Would you produce the cablegram?

6 Captain Creighton: I have it here.

7 Senator Ferguson: Yes, all right. Now, will you read
8 it into the record?

9 Captain Creighton: Yes, sir.

10 Senator Ferguson: And the number and all that is on the
11 page.

12 Senator Brewster: The date.

13 Senator Ferguson: The date and the hour and all that.

14 The Chairman: Before you do that may I ask, Senator,
15 whether the witness is able to identify it as a telegram or a
16 cablegram that he sent?

17 Senator Ferguson: Captain Creighton, do you now identi-
18 fy this as a cablegram that you did send on the 6th or 7th?

19 Captain Creighton: I have no better memory of having
20 seen it before than before having seen it, but if that sounds
21 a little odd I will explain, if you will give me a moment or
22 two, what we were doing in Singapore, for we had two offices
23 eighteen miles apart, one in the city attached to the consul-
24 ate and another in the dock yard.

25 I was alone, except for a reserve officer and a chief yoo-

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2 man. I felt it my duty to be so physically acquainted with
3 everything taking in the dock yard that if contingents of our
4 fleet came there I could guide them to all of the shops and
5 put them in touch with the proper people to get repairs done
6 on guns, batteries or anything else.

7 I was also the routing officer for all American merchant
8 ships in that area and our office in town was constantly
9 filled with merchant captains and shipping agents. We were in
10 intimate relationship with the consulate across the hall, whose
11 shipping advisor was constantly in our office, and besides I
12 was equipped with special passes to get a constant stream of
13 American people out of airports, where they arrived with dis-
14 patches and money and sometimes pistols which they could not
15 get through the gates, so we were living in a very fast moving
16 life and because I cannot remember that telegram even is not
17 as important as it might otherwise look.

18 Senator Ferguson: And you do not purport to say that
19 this was not a telegram sent from your office under your au-
20 thority to Admiral Hart?

21 Captain Creighton: Not at all.

22 Senator Ferguson: In fact, you identify it, do you not,
23 as being a copy of a telegram from your office to CinCAF?

24 The Chairman: Senator, he has not identified it at all.

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, do you identify it as that?

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3 Senator Ferguson: All right, what is it?

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5 ity of the Navy communication system that I accept this as such
6 a telegram.

7 Senator Ferguson: As a genuine telegram?

8 Captain Creighton: I do.

9 The Chairman: Senator, may I interrupt there for just a
10 minute?

11 Senator Ferguson: Yes.

12 The Chairman: Did you ever talk with Admiral Hart about
13 this telegram since you found it?

14 Captain Creighton: Yes, I did this morning, sir.

15 The Chairman: And does he identify it as the one that he
16 received and was testifying about the other day?

17 Captain Creighton: He does in that he said, "You will find
18 that in my office" and I went to his office and got it and
19 here it is.

20 The Chairman: All right.

21 Senator Ferguson: All right. Now, will you read it?

22 Captain Creighton: This is in December 1941.

23 The Chairman: What date?

24 Captain Creighton: The time of the dispatch is 06, meaning
25 the sixth of the month; 1526, meaning the hour, 3:26 P.M.

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23 The Chairman: What date?

24 Captain Creighton: The time of the dispatch is 06, meaning
25 the sixth of the month; 1526, meaning the hour, 3:26 P.M.

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1 Senator Brewster: What kind of time is that?

2 Senator Ferguson: Is that Greenwich?

3 Captain Creighton: Since it is not marked otherwise I pre-
4 sume that it is Greenwich time.

5 Senator Brewster: What time would that be here in Wash-
6 ington?

7 Captain Creighton: I do not know offhand and it never
8 came to Washington, but in Singapore it was about 9 P.M. of the
9 6th and also in Manila.

10 Senator Brewster: That would be 9 P.M. of the 5th here?

11 Captain Creighton: Roughly, yes.

12 Senator Brewster: And about 10 o'clock in the morning
13 under Washington time.

14 Captain Creighton: I can't do it that fast.

15 The Chairman: It couldn't be 9 P.M. and 10 A.M. both at
16 the same time.

17 Captain Creighton: In any event the telegram came from
18 one address to another, both in the time zone of Singapore.
19 It was not addressed to Washington and never came there.

20 Senator Brewster: Yes.

21 Captain Creighton: This is the telegram:

22 "Brooke Popham received Saturday from War Department
23 London Quote WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED ASSURANCE OF AMERICAN
24 ARMED SUPPORT IN CASES AS FOLLOWS: AFIRM WE ARE OBLIGED
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This is marked as having been received in Manila on the
7th of December. The hour is not marked.

Senator Ferguson: Who signs it? Does it show who sends
it?

Captain Creighton: It shows that it came from "ALUSNOB",
which was my code title in Singapore.

Senator Ferguson: To whom?

Captain Creighton: To Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet,
Admiral Hart.

Senator Ferguson: That would be Admiral Hart?

Captain Creighton: Yes, sir.

Senator Ferguson: And he was in Manila?

Captain Creighton: That is true.

Senator Ferguson: Now, the first name used, - what is it,

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2 Popham?

3 Captain Creighton: Brooke-Popham.

4 Senator Ferguson: Brooke-Popham?

5 Captain Creighton: Yes.

6 Senator Ferguson: Who was he?

7 Captain Creighton: Brooke-Popham was an Air Marshal who
8 was at the same time in command of the Royal Air Force in
9 Malaya and of the British Army Forces.

10 Senator Ferguson: You were personally acquainted with him?

11 Captain Creighton: Not well at all. There was in a li-
12 tion to myself in Singapore a Colonel in the U. S. Army named
13 Francis G. Brink. As Brink was an Army officer, he was between
14 us the person to consult with Brooke-Popham and not I, who
15 was there for liaison with Admiral Geoffrey Layton, the British
16 Navy commander.

17 Senator Ferguson: You were liaison or naval attache to
18 whom in Singapore?

19 Captain Creighton: Well, the right title was naval ob-
20 server.

21 Senator Ferguson: Naval observer?

22 Captain Creighton: And my business there was to keep in
23 liaison with the British Admiral but not with Brooke-Popham.

24 Senator Ferguson: Pardon?

25 Captain Creighton: I say not with Brooke-Popham.

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2 Senator Ferguson: The Admiral was Admiral Phillips?

3 Captain Creighton: Admiral Phillips arrived in Malaya only
4 three or four or five days before he was killed in the Prince
5 of Wales. His predecessor was Sir Geoffrey Layton and after
6 the death of Admiral Phillips, Admiral Layton, who was pre-
7 pared to depart, reassumed command of the naval forces there.

8 Senator Ferguson: When did you come to the conclusion
9 that the Japs were going to attack somewhere on the 6th or the
10 7th?

11 Captain Creighton: On the night of -- now, I must guess
12 at something which there is no difficulty in establishing else-
13 where. The 4th or the 5th of December we received a report in
14 Malaya which had come, we were told, from the pilot of a
15 British reconnaissance airplane whose duty it was to fly from
16 a certain point in northeast of Malaya on a regular patrol up
17 towards Siam.

18 The report reaching me was that on his passage over that
19 area in the late afternoon he had encountered a large convoy
20 of what looked to him like transports, several old battleships,
21 an aircraft carrier and attendant destroyers. They were headed
22 west and almost south of the south point of Siam.

23 The report said further that when he went closer in his
24 plane to observe them that Japanese fighter planes came up off
25 the deck of the carrier and went straight at him, making it

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2 perfectly evident that they would keep him from approaching
3 the convoy. That is when we presumed that one of the follow-
4 ing things would occur. Whether after nightfall they would
5 continue west to the Kra Peninsula, north of Malaya, or shift
6 northwest toward Bangkok, toward which many threats had been
7 made recently, we could not tell. So when you ask me when
8 I thought something would happen, that is when I concluded
9 that.

10 Senator Ferguson: I think you answered my question.

11 Now, when did you know or receive word that they were go-
12 ing to attack the Kra Peninsula? They did attack the Kra
13 Peninsula, did they not?

14 Captain Creighton: They did.

15 Senator Ferguson: They did. Well, when did you first
16 know that?

17 Captain Creighton: I did not know it until the same night
18 that Singapore was bombed, when word reached us that the
19 Japanese were disembarking troops and supplies not only at
20 Khota Baru but at a harbor the name of which I think is Petani,
21 on the Kra Peninsula, just to the north of the Malayan bound-
22 ary. In other words, I heard it when the whole world knew
23 it and not before that.

24 Senator Ferguson: Had you ever received any word as to
25 what America's policy was, other than the word that you sent

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2 here, the one that you have read, in case there was a Japanese
3 attack upon the British and/or the Dutch in the Netherlands
4 East Indies?

5 Captain Creighton: I had not.

6 Senator Ferguson: You had no word as to what our policy
7 was other than contained in this message?

8 Captain Creighton: I had not and this itself is a matter
9 of hearsay.

10 Senator Ferguson: Yes, but it comes to you from a commander
11 er that you were taking information from in Singapore.

12 Captain Creighton: That is a presumption that is not
13 justified by my knowledge. If one reads the opening phrase
14 here I do not blame you for thinking so, but actually, looking
15 at this with the wisdom that one has now and which he hardly
16 had then, I must tell you that I never knew Brooke-Popham in-
17 timately enough to have received from him directly such in-
18 formation as this, nor did I receive this information directly
19 from him.

20 Senator Ferguson: Where did you get the information?

21 Captain Creighton: I am sorry to tell you that I haven't
22 the faintest idea at the moment to be able to tell you who
23 Brooke-Popham had told that to -- who told me that Brooke-
24 Popham had told him of those things.

25 Senator Ferguson: Well, you wired it as a fact to the

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2 Asiatic Commander-in-Chief?

3 Captain Creighton: If the language had been as long as
4 a legal document invites, but that the Navy rules out in tele-
5 graphing, it might be that all of that might have been put
6 in there that somebody told me that somebody had said some-
7 thing.

8 Senator Ferguson: Do you know what code it was sent in?

9 Captain Creighton: Will you repeat that?

10 Senator Ferguson: Was it sent in the Navy Code to Ad-
11 miral Hart?

12 Captain Creighton: I can't tell from this text but I am
13 confident that it was.

14 Senator Ferguson: It would be sent as a secret message?

15 Captain Creighton: Of course.

16 Senator Ferguson: Did you know as to whether or not the
17 Japanese were intercepting and translating any of your mes-
18 sages?

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20 they were not.

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23 Captain Creighton: Of course.

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2 your message?

3 Captain Creighton: No, sir.

4 Senator Ferguson: I show you exhibit 40.

5 Captain Creighton: I have read it, sir.

6 Senator Ferguson: I will now ask you again, have you
7 ever learned of that?

8 Captain Creighton: I do not understand your question.

9 Senator Ferguson: Did you ever hear of that before you
10 saw it here today?

11 Captain Creighton: Yes, in a newspaper the day before
12 yesterday, but prior to that, no.

13 Senator Ferguson: Not prior to that. Do you know of any
14 other messages you sent from, say, the 4th to Admiral Hart in
15 relation to an attack, or that might help us here?

16 Captain Creighton: I know of no other message related
17 to this as a matter of policy, for example, nor except for
18 my telling about the convoy coming west around the south end
19 of Sierr, anything about a portending attack.

20 Senator Ferguson: You say you did send the information
21 that you obtained about the fighter planes leaving the deck?

22 Captain Creighton: Yes.

23 Senator Ferguson: And what you have related. That was
24 all wired to Admiral Hart?

25 Captain Creighton: Yes. It was, according to my memory,

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2 also sent to Admiral Kimmel and the Navy Department.

3 Senator Ferguson: Do you have copies of those messages?

4 Captain Creighton: When we left Singapore, Senator, it
5 looked so much as though it were going to fall promptly that
6 we burned everything we had except a small folder of the most
7 recent messages which I carried out to Java myself and six
8 or seven weeks later we were being driven out of Java and
9 leaving on a night when you either left or did not go away,
10 we burned everything else except a further group of dispatches
11 that I carried to Australia and I have no records from Singa-
12 pore to help me remember or tie to or rejuvenate a memory
13 of those things.

14 Senator Ferguson: Now, would you know on what day that
15 you sent to Admiral Hart the message of what the British
16 planes had ascertained in the Gulf of Siam?

17 Captain Creighton: I do not, sir, but I do not think my
18 memory is necessary to determine it. I am sure that the mes-
19 sage I sent was received in the Navy Department and can be
20 found here.

21 Senator Ferguson: Counsel, do we have that message? I
22 had not seen it.

23 Mr. Richardson: I haven't seen it.

24 Senator Ferguson: Commander Baecher?

25 Commander Baecher: I never heard of it before, Senator.

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Questions by: Sen. Ferguson
The Chairman

2 Senator Ferguson: Well, will you look it up and try to
3 produce it?

4 Commander Baecher: Very well, sir.

5 Senator Ferguson: I think that is all, then.

6 The Chairman: Captain, did you know this man Brooke-Popham
7 of whom you speak?

8 Captain Creighton: I knew him only to this degree, sir,
9 that he was the most important military figure in Malaya and
10 while it was my house mate's duty to know him well, since they
11 were both Army officers and that was the business of Colonel
12 Brink, my house mate, I saw him at several conferences, really,
13 after the war.

14 The Chairman: What was his title, if you know?

15 Captain Creighton: Well, I know his proper title in the
16 R.A.F. It was Air Marshal.

17 The Chairman: Air Marshal. He did not tell you this, he
18 did not give you this information or this rumor or whatever it
19 was that you wired to Admiral Hart in person?

20 Captain Creighton: He did not, sir.

21 The Chairman: He did not tell you that?

22 Captain Creighton: He did not.

23 The Chairman: Somebody else told you that he had been told
24 that?

25 Captain Creighton: He couldn't have because I was never in

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a private circumstance with the Air Marshal.

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The Chairman: I did not get that.

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Captain Creighton: I say I had not, sir, nor was I ever
in a circumstance where he could have.

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The Chairman: Yes. Well, now, did Admiral Sir --

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Captain Creighton: Geoffrey Layton.

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The Chairman: Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, did he ever
give you this information or anything like it?

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Captain Creighton: He did not, sir.

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The Chairman: Do you know or recall who it was who told
you that he had got ten this from somebody, the substance of
what you wired to Admiral Hart?

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Captain Creighton: I do not.

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The Chairman: You do not?

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Captain Creighton: I do not, sir. I do not know, sir.

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The Chairman: You don't know where he got it?

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Captain Creighton: No, I do not.

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The Chairman: You do not know how many hands it had gone
through before it got to you?

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Captain Creighton: I do not, sir.

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The Chairman: So that when it got to you it was really
nothing more than rumor?

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Captain Creighton: That is right.

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Questions by: The Chairman

2 The Chairman: But you thought it your duty to pass
3 that on to Admiral Hart, for whatever it was worth?

4 Captain Creighton: I might say, sir, when I went to
5 Manila enroute to Singapore it was plain to me, in being
6 on Admiral Hart's flagship for about six weeks, in a course
7 of education going to Singapore, at least he felt he was
8 constantly suffering from a lack of information from home,
9 and I felt it my duty, wherever I was, to try to give him
10 any current information or reports I received.

11 The Chairman: Even if that information did not come
12 from home?

13 Captain Creighton: Of course.

14 The Chairman: You realize, of course, as a Naval
15 officer, that a policy involving whether we were going to
16 assist Britain in a contingency had to come from Washington
17 and not London?

18 Captain Creighton: Of course I do.

19 The Chairman: This so-called rumor, or information,
20 or report, or whatever it was, that Mr. Brooke-Popham was
21 said to have gotten from the British War Department in London,
22 you have no way of knowing how reliable that was as it came
23 out of London to him, or from what source it came?

24 Captain Creighton: I have none. I did not know that
25 Brooke-Popham actually said this.

1 Witness Creighton

Questions by: The Chairman

2 The Chairman: You did not know whether the fellow who
3 gave him the information, or rumor, knew what he was talking
4 about either?

5 Captain Creighton: I did not.

6 The Chairman: Admiral Hart has testified that based
7 upon your message to him he wired Washington, the Chief of
8 Naval Operations, that he had gotten this message from you
9 and that he had received no corresponding instructions from
10 the Navy Department here, and that he received no reply to
11 that message.

12 Captain Creighton: Yes.

13 The Chairman: Would that indicate to you, whatever
14 this information may have been, or whatever rumor or statement
15 may have come out of London, was or was not authentic insofar
16 as any commitment of the United States Government to Great
17 Britain in any of the contingencies were concerned?

18 Captain Creighton: I would think, sir, even if the
19 Navy Department were perfectly sure that the report had no
20 substance, that they would, in time, have told Admiral Hart
21 their conclusions.

22 The Chairman: In the meantime, though, the war took
23 place immediately, the attack on Pearl Harbor was almost
24 on it at the time that you sent this message?

25 Captain Creighton: That is correct.