

# REQUEST MADE COURT-MARTIAL VISIT HOSPITAL

## Hearing Evidence in First of Three Charges

### Alleged Irregularities in Medical Examinations

Quebec, Dec. 30.—(CP)—A general court-martial, trying Major Celestin Guimont on the first of three charges in connection with alleged irregularities in the medical examinations of prospective army recruits, might possibly go to a Quebec hospital to-day to hear the testimony of a crown witness.

After a number of witnesses had been heard, Crown Prosecutor Lieut.-Col. Laval Fortier asked that the court, set up to try five medical officers and four privates following the irregularities, be taken to the hospital to hear the testimony of a witness.

Whether the court will go to the hospital has not yet been decided.

Major Guimont, 34, of Pont Rouge, Que., being tried separately on the three counts and who has pleaded not guilty to the first accusation, is charged with examining certain persons prior to their being examined by a medical board, contrary to instructions issued by his commanding officer.

The second charge states that the accused accepted various sums of money pertaining to the examinations, while the third says that he accepted various sums of money while in the performance of his military duties.

J. A. Lessard, Quebec notary, who yesterday testified that he had brought a number of men to the accused because they were unable to obtain certain positions without their army discharge but was not sure whether they were brought within the time element mentioned in the charge, said to-day that a number of them were brought between July 11 and October 17 this year.

#### Obtained Discharge

Borromee Germain, of Pont Rouge, told the court he went to the accused's home, where, after being "sounded," he was told it would be better to have an X-ray taken with the disease he suffered from. He said he later obtained his discharge.

Maurice Martel, also of Pont Rouge, said that he, too, had gone to Major Guimont's home with Lessard, but that he was not examined. He said the reason he went was to find out how to go about getting a job.

Capt. G. A. Grondin, of Quebec, one of the accused, identified his signature on the medical formula of Germain which was admitted as evidence over the protest of Defence Counsel Antoine Rivard.

The accused is the last man to be charged by the court, presided over by Brig. J. A. Leclaire.

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