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Title: Frank Merrick's Army Court Martial Charge Sheet

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CHARGE SHEET.

*A.A.
Section:
9(1).*

The accused No. 205144 Pte Frank Merrick, 5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, attached to Depot Lancashire Fusiliers, a soldier of the Territorial Forces is charged with:-

DISOBEYING IN SUCH MANNER AS TO SHOW A VILFUL DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY, A LAWFUL COMMAND GIVEN PERSONALLY BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER, IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS OFFICE

in that he

At Bury on 1st day of June 1917 when personally ordered by No. 2203 Sgt. J.B. Parkinson, 5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers, to take off his plain clothes and put on uniform, did not do so, but said "I understand but I still refuse to do so," or words to that effect.

Bury.

1. 6. 17.

A. J. M. M. M.

Lt. Colonel.

Commanding Depot Lancashire Fusiliers.

*To be tried by District Court Martial
R. C. G. King, 2nd Lieut for Colonel
Commanding No. 3. District*

*J. S. S.
Luton
5/6/17.*