Soldiers AWOL from Royal Marines

Found in Birchington

ABSENTEES – At the Cinque Ports Police Court at Margate, on Monday, before Mr. E. S. Wootton, John Thompson and James McKie were brought up in custody, charged with being absent without leave from the Royal Marines, stationed at Walmer. – P.C. Dryland stated that about half past five the previous evening he went to the **New Inn, Birchington**, where he saw the prisoners sitting in the bar. He thought they looked suspicious, and he approached the three men and asked them if they were absentee soldiers. They admitted that they were and he took them into custody.

