Public Law Board No. 3514

PARTIES TO DISPUTE: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

and

Consolidated Rail Corporation

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Appeal by R. Seabolt from Carrier's decision to dismiss him on June 10, 1980.

FINDINGS:

Claimant, a machine operator with 3 1/2 years service, was missing from his assignment on May 8, 1980, after the lunch period. He had no authority to be absent.

According to claimant, he had to leave his assignment due to a painful dental condition. While he testified that he consulted a dentist at the Ohio State Dental College the following day, the record shows that he was treated there for the first time on July 11, 1980.

No sound basis is perceived in this record for setting aside the dismissal. It was appropriate that Carrier consider, in determining the amount of discipline, that claimant had been suspended in February 1977 for property destruction and dismissed on October 11, 1977 for insubordination (he was subsequently restored to service on that occasion).

<u>AWARD</u>:

Claim denied.

Adopted at Philadelphia, Pa., October 4, 1984.

Harold M. Weston, Chairman

Carrier Member

Employee Member