

First Witness  
for the  
Defence.

The Accused, No. F-97048 Gunner George Gracie, 21 A.A. Regiment, R.C.A., (CA), being duly sworn, is examined by the Defending Officer.

- Q. 53 Will you tell the Court your own story of what happened on the night in question?
- A. 53 I was in the kitchen just getting supper finished and I went over to the canteen and I was drinking beer there. I drank about four quarts. I was looking out the window and saw some boys out there catching. I went out and started to catch for a while. Earle McFee and Frank Casey asked if I could get some beer for them. I told them I would see, so I thought they were old enough to drink and I gave them a quart of beer out the window. I went outside underneath the steps and the three of us drank it. I went back in again and got two more quarts and passed them out the window. So they started going down the street and I walked outside to see where they were going. I got down to the store and hollered at them. Earle McFee turned around and said he would be right back, so I waited by the store until he came out of the house. I asked him for the beer. He said he took it to a house and said "here's the money for it". He tried to give me fifty cents, but I would not take it. I refused it two or three times, so they put it in my pocket and walked away. I was walking away and they said "where are you going" and I said I was going to the store. They asked me to come to the store. I told them "no" the first time and I walked away and turned around and came back and I told them "let's go anyway and get some milk there". I bought three bottles of milk and Mrs. White said they were making too much noise, so we went outside and I took a mouthful of the milk and went back to Camp.
- Q. 54 How many bottles of beer did you drink?
- A. 54 Four.
- Q. 55 Were they quarts or pints?
- A. 55 Quarts.
- Q. 56 Were you drunk?
- The Court objected to the question, and no answer was given.
- Q. 57 What was your condition at the time that all this happened?
- A. 57 It was fair.
- Q. 58 Had you at any time previous to this night, bought beer for these lads?
- A. 58 No Sir.
- CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR.
- Q. 59 Were they quart or pint bottles of beer that you gave to these boys?
- A. 59 Quarts.
- Q. 60 You kept the fifty cents?