

M17180 Cpl Cousignant AT having been duly sworn states:

I am M17180 Cpl Cousignant AT of #7 Provost Coy, I was on duty in the O/R of #7 Provost Det on the night of 7 Nov 44. I recognize Pte Jones, he along with two other soldiers was brought in by Pte McDonald. When they were brought in they also brought in a quantity of Ladies' clothing and a bottle of liquor. I don't remember whether or not I checked the things that were brought in. I turned the whole thing over to the S.I.S. to a Sgt. I don't remember whether there was any conversation about the things that were taken the things from. The three soldiers were very noisy and wanted me to go out and fight with them, during these arguments I saw Pte Jones take a bottle of ink from the desk and throw it at Pte McDonald. The bottle missed McDonald because he ducked when he saw the bottle coming his way. I am sure it was Pte Jones who threw the bottle because he was very close to me.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENCE

Q Did you make a list of the articles that were handed to you by McDonald?
A I don't remember sir.

Q Can you tell the court now what the articles were?
A No not all of them, I know it consisted of Ladies' clothing and a bottle of liquor.

Q Did you take down any other particulars?
A Yes I took down the regimental particulars of the three soldiers.

Q Was there a list with the articles when they were returned over to the SIS?
A I don't remember sir.

Q Is it part of the O/cpl's duty to list articles that are brought in and suspected of being stolen?
A No sir, it is only his duty to list them when the case is going to be handled by the members of the Company.

Q Did Pte Jones start the fight in the O/R?
A No sir.

Q Did the fight start close to your desk?
A Owing to the size of the room, the fight would have started about ten feet from the desk.

Q Where were you when the fight started?
A I was sitting at my desk.

Q Where was Pte Jones and Pte McDonald?
A Jones was at my left and McDonald at my right, both standing at the ends of the desk.

Q Did anyone grab Pte Jones?
A Yes sir, Pte McDonald grabbed him.

Q Is that how McDonald got ink on his uniform?
A No.

Q Was Pte Jones drunk?
A I would say he was under the influence of liquor.

R.P. 83 (b) has been complied with.