

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
-ARMY-Fort Osborne Barracks,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

15 Aug 49

APM,
HQ Prairie Command,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

SIR:

1 At 1100 hrs 9 Aug 49 I, SK 14445 Pte BOWCOTT, H.J., HQ Prairie Command, C. Pro. C., was detailed by the A/AFM HQ Prairie Command to proceed to Camp Borden, Ontario, and escort SB 153381 Gnr GAZELL, E.C. (RCSA) to #9 MDB, Winnipeg, Man.

2 At approx 0030 hrs 12 Aug 49 Gnr GAZELL and myself boarded #5 train (C.P.R.) at Essa, Ontario. We took seats in the day coach. Gnr GAZELL was handcuffed from the time we left the DND vehicle, at Essa, until approx 0600 hrs that morning. We arrived at Sudbury, Ont. at 0730 hrs. At 0900 hrs we left the day coach and walked back to the dining car (three cars to the rear). We took seats near the front end of the car. We had been seated a few minutes when GAZELL said he had to go to the lavatory. I failed to accompany him. Although GAZELL showed no signs of uneasiness indicating that he might attempt escaping custody, I followed him 1 or 2 minutes later. I checked the lavatory of the first coach, but he was not there. I then proceeded to check the lavatories of the remaining three coaches, but he was nowhere to be found. By this time the train was well on its way as it had started moving just as we entered the dining car. After checking the lavatories and all other possible hiding places, the train was a few miles out of Sudbury.

3 I got off the train at CARTIER, which was the first stop out of Sudbury. I wired the Provincial Police Det. at Sudbury and the APM HQ Prairie Command, and then returned to Sudbury aboard the 1030 freight.

4 I patrolled the streets, freight yards and all places I thought GAZELL might be found. I reported to the Provincial Police Det and they offered no assistance whatsoever. I kept looking for GAZELL until midnight, then I went to the C.P.R. station to wait for the next train to WINNIPEG.

5 It is my opinion that Gnr GAZELL headed back to TORONTO, where his family and bride-to-be reside. He stated that he was supposed to have been married on Saturday 13 Aug 49.

H. J. Bowcott.

SK-14445 Pte Bowcott, H.J.

This is Appendix "A", being the statement of the evidences of SK 14445 Pte Bowcott H.J. the third witness, purporting to be signed by him, and included in this summary of evidence pursuant to provisions of RP 4 (G)

C. Brough
Sgt
Officer detailed to take
this Summary of Evidence.