

Third witness  
for Prosecution:

K.66671 Sgt. A.B. CHRISTIE, PCIS, having been duly sworn, is  
examined by the Prosecutor:

Q You are a member of the Security Intelligence Section ?  
A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the accused ?  
A Yes, sir I do.

Q Had you occasion to see him between the 12th. and 20th. October, 1944 ?  
A Yes, sir, I was with him on the 17th.

Q Will you explain how you happened to see him ?  
A The history goes back to a long time previous to the case in question now.  
Do you want me to go back ?

Q No. Just tell us how you happened to meet him that day ?  
A We were together in Castle Hotel Beer Parlor. I went to the beer parlor at  
1420 and took a seat at a table with the accused and Corporal McPherson of  
the regimental police.

Q Was anybody else there besides ?  
A Not when I went in first. I was afterwards joined by A/Sgt. Fortune.

Q Will you tell the Court what took place at that meeting ?  
A When I entered there were two glasses of beer in front of Corporal McPherson  
and Mitchell and one glass was partly consumed. They had entered the beer  
parlor at 1415. I had arranged to meet them there. I ordered a beer and was  
sitting there drinking and the accused was making a fuss about his leg, saying  
he was wounded and conversation was carried on in an ordinary manner, just  
talking shop about the war. We were then joined by Sgt. Orchard and another  
beer was ordered. Mitchell moved the chair on the left and put his foot up  
and I said "what's the matter?" and he said "my leg is hurting". I said "that's  
not the leg you were wounded in" and he said "Oh hell! there is a  
then remarked that the wounds were not so bad in this war as the other leg. I  
said, and these are practically the exact words he used "Oh hell! there is a  
sergent in Shaughnessy Hospital has both legs off, both arms off, he is blind,  
has part of his jaw shot away and is cheerful as hell. He can write. There is  
a man on guard and nobody is allowed to see him except his wife." I said "Do  
you know that for a fact ?" and he said "Yes, the man's name is Thomson and  
he received his wounds when a tank overturned" Those are practically the exact  
words he used.

Q Who were present when that statement was made ?  
A Corporal McPherson and Sgt. Orchard and myself.

Q Do you know how many glasses of beer the accused had that afternoon ?  
A We were drinking the third glass of beer at the time.

Q What was his condition ?  
A To the best of my knowledge, he was absolutely sober.

CROSS EXAMINED BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER:  
Q Do you know the accused very well ?  
A No, not very well.

Q Prior to this date did you know him ?  
A Not actually to know him but I knew his name.

Q You had reason to investigate him regarding statements he had made ?  
A Yes.

Q In consequence of those statements was a charge laid at that time ?  
A Not to my knowledge.