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6th WITNESS: A-474 Tpr. McKenzie D.G., 6th Armoured Regiment (1 H), having been duly sworn states:-

I can identify the accused as L/Cpl. Farris. On the night of 20th to 21st May 42 I was Sqn picquet. My beat was at the D. & M. Wing along the truck lines. On my beat around 0315 hrs I heard someone coming down the road. I challenged him and he halted. I recognized him as L/Cpl. Farris. I talked to him for about five minutes. When I asked him what he was doing up he said he could not sleep. Tpr. Pardaens came along and I challenged him and we had a few words with him. L/Cpl. Farris then pointed a Tommy Gun at us and told us to drop our rifles and that he wanted a truck. He marched us over to a 15 cwt truck and told Tpr Pardaens to start it up. It would not start so he told him to get out and marched us down to a 3 ton truck. Then he marched us back to where our rifles were and told us to give him our amm and spare clip which he then threw over the fence. There was a magazine on the Tommy Gun so it must have been cocked. He told me he was going to take me for a ride and to get in the truck with him and told Tpr. Pardaens to walk down the road. We drove to Farnham where he let me out at the By-Pass. L/Cpl. Farris was driving and he was a little jumpy when we first started but got better as he went along. He drove fairly slow to Farnham, taking the corners slowly. I had a few words with him on the way in, he said he was going to pay back some money to some fellows in Camp that he owed it to and that he was not a spy or anything like that.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I did not have a flashlight on myself because there were no batteries in stores. I recognized L/Cpl. Farris because he shone his own light on his face. He shone the light on the Tommy Gun so I was able to see it plainly. I could smell liquor on him but he acted quite rational. The truck was being driven jerkily because he was probably not used to driving it. He asked me if I had any cigarettes. As I replied I had not he gave me a few and he said he hoped I got back all right. No re Examination.

RP 65 (b) Complicated with. The witness withdraws.
The Court at 4 o'clock 13 June 1942 adjourned until 4.15 o'clock 13 June 1942.

On 13 June 1942 at 4.15 o'clock the Court re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, present the same members as when adjourned.

7th WITNESS:

PG-356T Percy Salter, Staines Police Department, having been duly sworn, states:-

At about 4.07 A.M. on the morning of the 21 st May 1942, I was Wireless Operator in the Police Radio Car. I received certain information and proceeded to the Market Square, Staines. At about 4.50 A.M. I heard a motor veh coming from the direction of Egham. It came over Staines Bridge. Thinking it sounded like an army veh we commenced to move from the Market Square into Clarence Street. We then switched on our fog lamp on to the oncoming lorry and we then drove towards it. We noticed it bore the Divisional sign '52'. The lorry at once eased up and swerved into the curb. We drove towards it stopping about two feet in front, thus preventing it coming forward. W.R. Carpenter jumped up on the driver's side and spoke to the driver, at the same time snatching something from the breast of his jacket which I afterwards was a revolver.