

Summary of evidence in the case of B-9097 L/Sgt. Long. (cont)

3rd. WITNESS. No. 978270 Cpl. DAVIES, Walter, Edward, R.A.F.
Police, Biggin Hill Aerodrome.

The witness was duly sworn:

At the R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill, on the 28th day of Sept. 1941 at approximately 2315 hrs. while on duty in the North Gate Guard Room I heard a succession of shots. Sgt. Tanfield entered and asked me to accompany him. We proceeded through the Station Married Quarters in the direction of the Power House. After passing the football field we came to the barbed wire entanglements and were challenged and ordered to advance. We skirted the barbed wire and came to the Gun Post. Sgt. Tanfield asked if anyone had heard machine gun fire. I didn't hear a definite answer given. Sgt. Tanfield asked for the N.C.O. in charge of the Gun Site. The accused L/Sgt. Long, said that he was in charge. Sgt. Tanfield asked to be taken to the Machine Gun Post. We were taken outside the Bofors Gun Post to the Lewis Gun Post. Sgt. Tanfield felt the barrel of the gun and said that it was warm. Sgt. Tanfield said "Some one must have fired the gun, who was it?" L/Sgt. Long admitted that he had fired it. I observed several spent cartridge cases on the floor of the Lewis Gun Pit. Sgt. Tanfield asked L/Sgt. Long to accompany him to the Guard Room to see the Orderly Officer. On the way back we called into L/Sgt Long's hut and he accused a man in bed. I saw the man later on in the Gun Post. He was a L/Sgt. We met the Orderly Officer on the way to the Guard Room. I returned later with Mr. Wells the Orderly Officer. We took possession of the Lewis Gun and replaced it by another on instructions from Colonel Horda Local Defence Commander.

Cross Examined:- Question by the accused: "Did you pass anyone on the way to the Gun Postion?"
Answer: "Yes. People were outside the houses. I believe they were wondering from where the shots came."
Question by the accused: "About how many would you say there were?"
Answer: "I couldn't give an estimate. There were quite a number."

(Signed).....*W. E. Davies*.....