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The evidence of the witnesses for the defence, including that of the accused, if he is a witness, will be taken here in the order in which they give evidence.

1st witness for the Defence

Lieut. C.W. Knox, 2 Cdn Fd Regt, having been duly sworn is examined by the Defence.

- Q. How long have you been with 2 Cdn Fd Regt?
- A. Approximately 2½ years.
- Q. You are familiar with the charges facing you before this Court Martial and you have heard the evidence of the witnesses. You went out from the Regt on 7 Sep 42?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Where did you go?
- A. Brighton.
- Q. What happened there?
- A. First of all we visited a few pubs and I decided I was going to a dance and be back about 11.
- Q. Did you go to the dance?
- A. No, after I got out of the pub I realized there was not a late dance that night. Seeing I couldn't find the car I walked up the way he would have to come and I sat down in a doorway and consequently went to sleep. I was awakened by the Constable and produced my identify card. They asked me if I knew this car had been taken into custody of the M.Ps. I said I didn't know anything about it. I was taken over to the Police Box and from there they phoned the M.Ps and they were instructed to take me to the M.P.
- Q. You separated from the driver to try and find the car?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Had you made any arrangements about meeting him?
- A. I told him I was going to a dance and he was to get me there. Seeing there was no dance I thought he would come back to where we separated.
- Q. You found out there was no dance?
- A. There was a dance, but it was not a late one and ended about 9.30.
- Q. What caused you to wait for the driver where you did?
- A. It was quite a way from the dance and I didn't feel like walking up there.
- Q. What made you think you would see the driver if you stayed there?
- A. I could stop him as he came by.
- Q. Is that the road you usually take going in and out of Bton?
- A. Yes.
- Q. You sat down and went to sleep?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Coming along further, you heard the evidence of C.S.M. Crombie where he said you told him something or made a statement. What have you to say to that?
- A. I told him that I had had a Court Martial and that I would probably get another one, and then a definite pause I don't remember saying those exact words, but I said it was a lot of fun not referring to the Court Martial.
- Q. What did you mean by this statement of a lot of fun?
- A. I meant during the course of the evening I had had a lot of fun, it had nothing to do with the Court Martial.
- Q. You stayed with the M.Ps until Mr. Maw came for you?
- A. Yes.

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