

- A To the best of my knowledge he was.
- Q How would you describe a man was sober after he had been drinking beer ?
- A His actions had not changed from the time I met him when he made the statement. The style of conversation had not changed.
- Q Why did you not lead him into the statement on the trip to town ?
- A I had other people with me. I disagree that I led him into the statement.
- Q You had witnesses in the jeep ?
- A I was not leading him.
- Q You had witnesses in the jeep ?
- A Yes, but the conversation was general.
- Q You were very anxious to get hold of witnesses from your own unit ?
- A Sure.
- Q Did you think the witnesses in the jeep would be just as honest as your own unit witnesses ?
- A I never gave it a thought.
- Q Why did you plan this ?
- A I just wanted to <sup>listen</sup> to the man's talk.
- Q In other words, you planned the whole thing ?
- A No, sir I did not. I wanted to hear the man talk where he would talk to me and I could hear.
- Q You planned to have witnesses present ?
- A Yes, sir. I phoned my own sergeant.
- Q You told him first to go the beer parlor of the St. Regis ?
- A I did not tell him to go anywhere.
- Q Did you ask him to come and have a beer ?
- A I said we were going to have a few beers.
- Q Did you ask him to go with you ?
- A I don't remember just what was said.
- Q You don't remember very clearly what was said ?
- A Yes, I remember very clearly but there were some thing irrelevant to the conversation that was taking place many weeks ago and it would be impossible to remember every word said.
- Q This was not many weeks ago. What was said when you got into the jeep ?
- A The general conversation was carried on among all of them.
- Q You were emphatic about what was said in the hotel ?
- A I am very emphatic, yes, sir.
- Q What time did you phone Sgt. Orcharde ?
- A Before I went to the hotel.
- Q The St. Regis or the Castle ?
- A The Castle.
- Q What did you tell Cpl. McPherson you were doing with Pte. Mitchell ?
- A I explained the case to Cpl. McPherson that I was on the trail of the man who was spreading these rumors and I wanted positive identification of the man who made the statement on 16th. September.
- Q Can you tell me why he would repeat the same statement ?
- A Yes, sir, I think I can explain. If you know the mentality of the man after carefully watching him you would understand it.
- Q So you played on the mentality of the man ?
- A I did not play on his mentality at all, I just spoke to him in an ordinary manner the same as I am speaking to you.