

- Q.13 Where were they?
- A. They were in the dugout.
- Q.14 What were they doing there?
- A. They were on the prowl guard.
- Q.15 What were they doing at this time?
- A. They were lying on the gun.
- The witness is cross-examined by the Defending Officer.
- Q.16 You didn't see Sgt. Long fire the Lewis Gun?
- A. No.
- Q.17 Could you answer me this? At the time or shortly after these shorts were fired do you recall that the R.A.F. guard was turned out en masse, or the West Kents, or the 53 Battery?
- A. No; only the Corporal of the Guard, R.A.F.
- Q.18 There was no genuine state of alarm?
- A. No.
- The witness is question by the Court
- Q. 19 You heard the Lewis gun fired?
- A. Yes.
- Q.20 Was it a burst of fire or single round?
- A. Two small bursts. I have no idea how many shots were fired.
- Q.21 Was there a long time between them?
- A. The bursts were practically together.
- The Court decides that it is not necessary to comply with rule 83B owing to the presence of a shorthand writer.
- Second witness for prosecution. 909381 Sgt. Tanfield, E.M., Service Police, R.A.F. being duly sworn is examined by the prosecutor.
- Q.22 Will you tell the Court what happened on the night of Monday Sept. 29th.
- A. At Biggin Hill, R.A.F. Airdrome, Sept. 29 at about 2315 hours. I was on duty at the main gates, North Camp, when I heard bursts of machine gun fire at approximately five seconds interval. I observed tracer bullets going into the air at an angle of roughly 60°. I then called Cpl. Davies from the guard room and proceeded in the direction from which the bursts came. We entered the Sports Field and proceeded to the Bofors gun post and we were met about ten yards from the post by a gunner. I told him who I was and the reason for my visit. I entered the gun post and asked if anybody had hear any machine gun fire. Nobody gave any definite answer. I then asked who was in charge of the post and the gunner said that he was. I then asked for the N.C.O. in charge of the gun post and a Sgt. stepped forward and said that he was the N.C.O. in charge. (The witness recognises the accused as being the Sgt. he spoke to.) I asked him if he had heard any machine gun fire. He said no. I said somebody must have fired a gun from around here. Have you a Lewis gun position?