

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

In the case of No D-57409, Private Paul Edlie BRISSON, on the strength of the Royal 22nd Regiment, a soldier of the Canadian Army Overseas.

By direction of the Commanding Officer, this Summary of Evidence is taken under Oath.

First Witness E-42294, Pte DUGUAY L., R22eR., having been duly sworn, states for the prosecution as follows:

At about 1730 hrs 20 May 45, the accused, whom I now recognise, and myself were warned by the clerk at the transport office, that we were to report to Bn HQ with our trucks for duty. At Bn HQ, we were told by the orderly officer that we had to proceed to Bde HQ to fetch 27 dutch civilians. Our work tickets in order we proceeded on our journey. We first drove to the garage where we had a few drinks. The accused had much more than I did. After this we proceeded to Bde HQ. The accused was driving a 60 cwt vehicle and I had a 15 cwt vehicle. I was following the accused with my truck and after riding a bout 1 1/2 mile, Pte Brisson stopped his vehicle so I stopped too behind him. He got out and walked to me and mentioned something to the effect that I was a good driver. I noticed that he was not conscious of his senses. He was drunk. I know him well and it was easy for me to see that he was not normal. He started to run and I tried to tell him to stop being silly, but he did not understand. I saw him going to his truck and he got a revolver. He fired 4 to 5 rounds in direction of the canal running along the road. Running out of ammunition, he again got to his truck and this time came out with a Sten machine carbine. He started firing with his sten in every direction and running in the same time. I cannot certify that the Sten machine carbine marked Exhibit "A" is the same Sten he used but it is a similar weapon. I tried to stop him but I couldn't and it was most dangerous. So I got in my truck and drove back to Bn HQ to get help. The orderly officer told me to get two Regt'polices which I did and then drove back to the 60 cwt vehicle. There I noticed that the vehicle was not in the same position as it was before I left to get some help. It was turned around with its back close to the ~~road~~ edge of the canal. The accused was arrested and escorted to my 15 cwt truck where he sat in front with me and one of the Regt'polices. Once at the guard room's door, I got out of my truck together with the Regt'police. The accused jumped at the wheel and drove away with the truck. That day I had occasions to see the accused drinking hard liq uor several times both in the morning and the afternoon.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

Duguay L. Pte

Second Witness E-6118 Pte GANNON L., R22eR., having been duly sworn, states for the prosecution as follows:

I am employed as a Regt'police at R22eR. At approx 1800 hrs 20 May 45, I was on duty at the guardroom when Pte Duguay L., R22eR., a 15 cwt driver, came to the office asking for help. Pte St/Pierre M., R22eR., of the Regt'police, and myself accompanied him to his truck and we were taken to about 1 1/2 mile outside of Hauldwick. There we saw a 60 cwt WD vehicle No L-5928897 stopped along the road with its back close to the edge of the canal. From information received we proceeded to a nearby house where we were met by a Capt of the R22eR who guide us into the house. We walked

L. Gannon