

FIRST WITNESS

FOR DEFENCE

The accused, No. C.72800, Pte. Bruce William Bell, C.I.C., att'd. No. 12 C.I.(B) T.C., C.A., being duly sworn is examined by the Defending Officer :

Q. Pte. Bell there are a few questions that I would like to ask you in order that the court may have a clearer understanding as to the circumstances of your case, the first one is, <sup>Q2</sup> would you tell the court the particulars about your joining the army?

A. Well, I enlisted on May 15th, 1942, with the hope I may be of some help to the war.

Q. What was your age at that time?

A. Not eighteen, a day before my 18th birthday.

Q. You enlisted where?

A. Lindsay, Ont.

Q. Did you take your training at Lindsay?

A. No, Sir, I took it... I went to Kingston, Fort Frontenac, and was stationed there for a month.

Q. You haven't answered the question, did you take your basic training there?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. Your training was taken where?

A. At <sup>Q2</sup> Cornwall.

Q. Did you complete your basic training?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. What were the conditions at your home at that time, after completing your basic training?

A. While in training and before joining the army my father had not been well, I had always helped at home, my mother, she was not in the best of health either, in joining the army I thought I