

Q You don't know him personally ?

A No.

Q I am going to read a charge to you. The accused, "in the Castle Beer Parlor Granville Street, Vancouver, BC. at approximately 1400 hours on the 17th. day of October, 1944 did circulate a false rumor relating to the Canadian Army, viz: "There is a Sergeant in Shaughnessy Hospital that has both legs and arms off; he is blind; part of his jaw is not away and he is still quite cheerful. He can also write. He was under close confinement at Shaughnessy Hospital, under guard" well knowing that said rumor was untrue'. Will you tell the Court how many patients there have been in the hospital during your time there who would answer that description ?

A We have had no patients in Shaughnessy Hospital answering that description.

Q How long have you been at the hospital ?

A Since October, 1939.

Q Have there been any patients there as nearly seriously injured as that man would be ?

A No.

CROSS EXAMINED BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER:

Q You have been in Shaughnessy Hospital since October 1939 ?

A I have.

Q Have you seen anyone admitted there with double amputation ?

A Yes, I have.

Q And facial injuries?

A Not that I can recall.

Q But you would not say that they would not be admitted with both ?

A Not to my recollection.

Q Therefore there could have been ?

A It is possible.

Q Would they be kept in a separate ward if they were seriously injured ?

A Not necessarily.

Q They could have been kept in an observation ward ?

A They could, but they would not be.

Q Have you ever had a double amputation case kept under observation ?

A Not that I know of.

Q But you cannot swear there was not ?

A Obviously not, I don't know.

Q To your own knowledge you don't know, but you would not swear to it ?

A No.

Q It is possible there was a double amputation case with facial injuries ?

A I don't think it is possible.

THE PROSECUTOR DECLINES TO REEXAMINE THIS WITNESS.

QUESTIONED BY THE COURT:

Q When the word 'observation' was used, what did it mean ?

A The only observations rooms we have in Shaughnessy Hospital is for the observation of mental cases, or mental diseases.

Q Somewhat in the nature of a guard ?

A It is a closed room.

Q One might easily get the impression that anybody in there was under close confinement ?

A Yes, they would.