

CROSS-EXAMINED

- Q. The previous witness told the Court that the SUS were kept in their huts after 4 o'clock. Do you agree with that?
A. That was when the general working parties generally came in the hut. On my job it was 4 o'clock when I got in and sometimes after that.
- Q. You told the Court it was sometime after 4 o'clock?
A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall VE Day?
A. Yes.
- Q. How did the SUS first learn about VE Day?
A. By a news bulletin sent around about noon.
- Q. What happened?
A. There was a lot of noise and mess tins thrown out the window.
- Q. I suppose there was lots of talking and shouting.
A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. All began to wonder when they would be going home?
A. Yes.
- Q. Was there any relaxation by the staff that day?
Did they let you talk more?
A. Yes, the staff let things go easy.
- Q. As a matter of fact there were quite a few smoking?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did the staff do anything about it?
A. No.
- Q. So official or unofficial they didn't do anything about it?
A. No.
- Q. Were the staff smoking on duty?
A. I don't know, Sir.
- Q. Were they excited?
A. Yes.
- Q. Just one of the boys that day?
A. Yes, sir, about the same.
- Q. Do you recall the Summary of Evidence in this case?
A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall saying "On the night of 8 May 45 some SUS approached me and asked if I wanted to make a break with them. SUS Jones was one of the party but I could not say if he asked me or someone else asked me if I wanted to make a break". Is that correct?
A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. From that it may have been the accused or one of the others?
A. Yes.
- Q. You don't know who it was?
A. No, I don't know.
- Q. On the 9th May were the SUS still excited about VE day?
A. Yes.
- Q. Did the same relaxation of rules seem to apply that day?
A. I don't know, Sir, I was away from the hut.
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