

First Witness - Police Sergt. Zebedee. A. , Wiltshire Constabulary, having been duly sworn, states -

On the night of Thursday, 19th August, 1943, at 1030 P.M., I was on duty outside the New Theatre Ballroom, Amesbury, where a dance was in progress. At that time, about 20 soldiers and airmen came out of the ballroom making a lot of noise and two of them started to fight. I got between them and saw that one of them was a Canadian Parachutist and the other was a member of the Airborne Div., probably Royal Ulster Rifles, but I did not see his cap badge. They were both very aggressive and other troops were joining in. I told the two first mentioned that if they started to fight again, I should stop them in a way they might not appreciate. A Canadian soldier then approached me and said, "that is "Maxie, my brother. He won't fight. He is always like that but he doesn't mean any harm". During this time there was another fracas outside the Fairlawn Cafe but the Military Police came on the scene and this was stopped. The Canadian soldiers then went back into the dance hall and I saw the one referred to as "Maxie" with the one who claimed to be his brother standing in the centre of the floor together with two other Canadian Parachutists. I watched them as though they might be hatching some more trouble and I then noticed that the soldier who claimed to be "Maxie's" brother wore the green and black flash of the Canadian Tank Regt. with a maroon square and a red line beneath. He also had a black beret under his shoulder strap. I could not make out these colors outside because it was too dark but I could see that they were different from those worn by the Canadian Parachutists. These four men left the dance hall together at about 11 P.M. and walked towards Amesbury Station.

The accused, B73846 Pte. LEE, M.N. declines to cross-examine this witness

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