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Defence

R.P. 40 complied with
1st witness for Defence. accused A. 3784 Pte
states. When I stepped at Borden
fire hall to pick up these 3 lads
who were waiting for a bus & after
they had got in the car I asked
them the time & they said between
10 to mine + 5 mins to mine & I
knew I could not make the train
at Bentley Station in time. I
know the distance to Bentley
is approx. 5 to 5 1/2 miles. The
train was due either at 2 mins to
9 or two minutes after. That is
there was a discussion between Pte
Jacques & myself as to whether we
should proceed to Farnham Str or
Bentley Str. which we knew the
difference in the mileage could be
straightened out when I came
back. While proceeding along the
Borden Farnham Road I noticed
an Eng. Lorry ahead of me. When
we were approaching Holt Pond Bottom
when about 40 to 50 yds behind the
lorry I started blowing my horn to
pass. I continued to blow the horn.
When almost beside him when pulling
out to pass he took a sharp turn to
the right in which he gave no hand
signal which resulted in me
hitting his lorry on the right hand
wheel. The prosecutor does not desire to examine
By the Court. This is the first time I have had to
use my combative + to be heard the lorry
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