

CWS

4th WITNESS (Cont'd)

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I saw the accused on my rounds near the veh park at 2340 hrs on the night of 20th to 21st May 42. I would have heard if anyone was trying to start up a veh. The accused was in the driver's seat of a truck. The accused appeared drunk and I thought that it was a good place to leave him to sober up.

No re-examination:

QUESTION BY THE COURT:

On being questioned by the Court the witness states:

The truck in which I saw the accused was not the truck which I later found to be missing.

R. P. 83 (B) complied with.

The witness withdraws.

5th WITNESS: A-102, Tpr.Pardaens, A.A., 6 Cdn Armd Regt (IH), sworn, states:

I can identify the accused as L/Cpl.Farris. I was the picquet on the truck lines on the night of 20th to 21st May 42. I was awakened at 0130 hrs 21 May 42 by L/Cpl. Farris coming in to the Sqn weapon stores where we both slept. L/Cpl.Farris said he was going to London, I told him not to be silly. I was due to go on the next shift at 0200 hrs so I got dressed and went out on duty. At about 0300 hrs. I heard the other sentry challenge someone and I heard a lot of talking. I approached and was challenged by Tpr.McKenzie and I also saw and recognized L/Cpl.Farris. As I was just about to go on my beat L/Cpl. Farris brought a Tommy Gun to bear on use and told us to put down our rifles and told me to start up a truck for him. The second truck I got into started. He took us back at the point of the Tommy Gun to where our rifles were and told us to take the magazines out and also the spare clips in our pocket and hand them to him. He then threw them in the field beside the road. He took Tpr.McKenzie, the other picquet, with him at the point of the gun. He said he would leave Tpr.McKenzie at Farnham and left with the truck and Tpr.McKenzie. I reported to Cpl.Noonan who was Cpl. of the picquet, as soon as they had gone. L/Cpl.Farris said he had been drinking but he acted very rational. I did not smell any liquor on him.

CROSS-EXAMINATION:

L/Cpl.Farris had no arms or ammn when I first saw him in our quarters at 0130 hrs. I do not know whether or not L/Cpl. Farris had been drinking but I do know from previous experience that L/Cpl.Farris could hold a lot of liquor. I could see no weapons on L/Cpl.Farris when I saw him again later at the veh park.

No re-examination.

R.P. 83 (B) complied with.

The witness withdraws.