

E-3 STATEMENT BY THE ACCUSED:

B-32258 Sgmn. WHITE, S., 3 Cdn Med Regt Sig Sect, states:

Sir, On the night that I was charged I came into billets; I had been drinking down at one of the local pubs and I was under the influence of liquor and what I said to Sgt. Jaffee, I can say now I wouldn't have said to Sgt. Jaffee if I had not been drinking.

Def: What had you been drinking that evening?

Ans: Beer, and a couple of scotches.

Def: Do you visit pubs often?

Ans: No, I didn't drink a lot before I joined the army, and I can't take much of it at all.

Several weeks before that I had been painting signs at the sig sect; Tactical Signs for trucks and Sgt. Jaffee was continuously after me for that job, and during that period that I was ordered to do these signs all the time, I sort of resented it and figured out of a sig sect of that number of men, why should I be picked all the time for that job. That night I had been drinking. I came into billets and when Sgt. Jaffee ordered me to go on the exchange, I guess in my condition that I thought Sgt. Jaffee wasn't giving me a square deal and resented Sgt. Jaffee giving me that order. Due to my condition I lost control of myself and used insulting language to Sgt. Jaffee and refused to obey his order. I had been issued a pass until 0100 hrs 27th and I did not see why I was picked for the switchboard when I had that pass in my possession. It never occurred to me at the time that I had the pass on me. In my condition, I just forgot myself. That's all.

E-3 ADDRESS BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER:

I'd like to bring to the attention of the court that an offence committed by a man while of sound mind has always been punished by the courts more severely than a man who committed an offence without knowledge or forethought, like while he was of unsound mind or under the influence of liquor. In this case we have Sgmn. White coming back from down town. He had been drinking and ~~when~~ he came into the hut and was told he must go on duty immediately. The accused stated that he had a pass that night and with the pass probably had the feeling that he had been picked upon by the Sgt, and under the influence of liquor he did that which he would not have done if he had been sober.

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