

Fourth Witness:

Capt. D.W.Caine, 240 HQ Provost Coy, C.M.Police.

Document purporting to be Certificate of Surrender signed by Capt D.W.Caine 240 HQ Provost Coy C.M.Police was read over to the accused, marked Exhibit B and att hereto.

I certify that in my opinion owing to the exigencies of the service incl the time and expense involved the attendance of this witness at the taking of the Summary of Evidence cannot readily be procured.

The accused stated that he did not require the attendance of the witness for cross examination.

W.A. Hand ^{Capt.}
(W.A.Hand) Capt.

The accused was warned as follows:

"Do you wish to make any statement or to give evidence upon oath? You are not obliged to say anything or give evidence unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say or any evidence you give will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence."

The accused desires to make a statement.

The accused states:

"In the first place, I never intended to go A.W.L. at all. We were allowed out on the night of 8 Nov 44 until 2100 hrs. I met a civilian in a pub and he gave me a drink and we got drunk together. He asked me if I would like to go for a ride with him to BRUGES and come right back. I told him all right. When we got there, I lost him and didn't have no idea where he went. I did not have transport to come back and so I stayed there for the night. The next day I met a friend whom I knew so I stayed with him. I stayed with him a few days until he left BRUGES and then I intended to give myself up and I just left it go until I finally did give myself up".

T.A. Eldridge
(T.A.Eldridge)

I certify that R.P. 4 has been complied with.

Taken by me in the field in the presence and hearing of the accused this 22nd day of December 1944, consisting of two pages.

W.A. Hand ^{Capt.}
(W.A.Hand) Adjt.
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