

Seventh Witness - W/244404, Pte. Stephens, R.M., Wilts Pl., A.T.S.

having been duly sworn, states:-

I was outside Sandhurst Block about 2345 hrs with Sjt. McIntyre when I saw four or five soldiers coming from the direction of the C.R.C. They pushed Sjt. McIntyre and the next thing I knew, he was on the ground. I next saw Sjt. McIntyre going up the road. Then, one of the four or five previously mentioned came up to him, followed by the others. They put him on the ground again. After that encounter, two more soldiers came down the road. One helped Sjt. McIntyre while the other helped me. In the meantime, the four or five had left in the direction of Carter Barracks. The two that had helped us then left. Sjt. McIntyre and I then went to Carter Barracks and reported the incident to the Orderly Officer.

Question - Were you able to identify the original party of four or five as Canadians?

Answer - Yes.

Question - When did you identify them as such?

Answer - During the first assault.

Question - What was the identity of the two soldiers that gave you assistance?

Answer - Canadian.

Question - Did you actually see Sjt. McIntyre being struck?

Answer - Yes.

Question - How long did the first encounter last?

Answer - About five minutes.

Question - When the "one" returned, followed by the others were any blows passed?

Answer - Yes.

Question - How long did this second encounter last?

Answer - About three or four minutes.