

The first witness for the Prosecution is called. (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Witness  
for  
Prosecution

Capt F.B. ROLPH, 7 Field Bty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Regt RCA

Having been duly sworn states:

"I am Capt F.B. Rolph, Troop Comdr in 7 Field Bty, 2 Field Regt RCA. On last morning of exercise Robin II, Tuesday April 14, 1942, at approx. 0700 the umpire ordered that due to enemy shelling I would have to put half of my troop out of action. Sgt Clarke was ordered by me to limber up his gun and to proceed down the road approx. 50<sup>+</sup> with quad, gun & gun crew, and to stand by.

At 1000 hrs. I ordered Sgt Neale A/T.B.S.A. of the Troop, to tell Sgt Clarke & gun crew to go and relieve Bdr Corbett's gun crew on "A" sub gun.

About 20-25 <sup>minutes</sup> later Sgt Clarke had not relieved Bdr Corbett's gun crew and I questioned Sgt Neale about it. Just after, I saw either Sgt Clarke or Sgt Pinner who is 2 ft of Sgt Clarke's gun, in a nearby Tea shop. I went Sgt Neale over and a minute or two later I saw Sgt Clarke and crew come out of the Tea shop. I shouted at them to come over to the gun right away. I stopped Sgt Clarke on his way to the gun and told him that I was putting a charge against him.

After Sgt Clarke's gun and crew had been put out of action, we had to move