

FIRST WITNESS FOR PROSECUTION
14506471 Sgt Thompson previously sworn states:

Exam

I took Halcrow to OC's room, CSM Carrier was there it was about 2100 hrs. I asked the accused if he wished to make a statement he said yes. I took down in writing everything he said after he was cautioned. Caution typed at head of statement accused said he understood it and signed it. When Statement recorded he read it acknowledged it by signing. He made No corrections. Sgb Kendal was present as a guard in the room had nothing to do with the taking of the statement. It took approx an hour or 1½ hrs to take down statement. Took down by dictation. I questioned him only on emergencies. I was formerly with Metropolitan police familiar with judges rules. I dont recall enfringing the rules.

Cross Exam

Same rules with soldiers as in civilian life. He sat beside the fire at HQ Sgt Kendall with me. No one else came in the room. I didnt tell accused to take off his clothes. He didnt take his clothes off. Nobody that I know of told him to make a statement. Sjt Kendall was only one there. I didnt hear any remark "That there would be a rope around your neck." Accused was in room about ½ hour before he consented to make a statement. Accused had a cup of tea somebody brought tea to the door. I am not quite sure who asked for tea. I am sure re the statement. I dont remember who brought the tea to the door. I was sitting down. Room 15' square, Kendall and I talked. When accused asked if he wished to make a statement he said yes right off We took him in to get a statement if he volunteered. Sat around for ½ an hour before asking him to make a statement. I didnt ask him to take off his clothes. I never used means other than Verbal to get a statement. I had statement form with me Statement is in my handwriting and accused can read. I would be surprised if I thought accused could hardly read or write. I took 1 - 1½ hrs to write statement. I didnt cross examine him. Questioned to clear up minor points only. Accused left room about 2300 hrs.

Re Exam

I am a trained investigator I remember only material matters not who gets tea.

Court

None.

R.P. 83(b) complied with.

FIRST WITNESS FOR DEFENCE
Accused sworn states

On 13 Feb I was picked up New York Cafe. Sgt Thompson and another Sjt, Capt and several others. Capt went over Cashhwitch and asked if he were a deserter. He said no I am not. Are you AWL. Yes. He arrested both of us. 2 Sjt sitting with me in back of a jeep. Took to SIS building. Put me in corner of room. Told me to sit down and take my clothes off I took all except my underwear and socks. They searched and found 40 francs on me and 2 pictures. They questioned me They said They knew were I got money from. Said they had been tracing me. Questioned me for an hour. Sjt guarded me told me if I made a statement I would be allright. Capt said if I made a statement I would get off. Went out and came back. U.S. officer said you would look nice with a rope around your neck. You will never see Canada again. I never had a cup of tea. I was picked up at eight I was checked into the En guard room about 0200 or 0300 hrs that morning. I can barely read or write. I went to school for a couple of Summers. I was a minor. I answered questions and wrote it down.

Cross Exam

I have little education but I can pick up things very fast.

Re Exam

None.

Court

None.

R.P. 83(b) complied with.