

CWS

2nd WITNESS (Cont'd)

charge of these stores for two weeks. I considered L/Cpl. Farris to be capable and of sufficient trust to warrant being in charge of these stores. He is not employed as a driver and is not likely therefore to have had permission to take out the van that was missing on the night of the 20th and 21st May 42.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

I am directly responsible for these stores. L/Cpl. Farris is my subordinate acting in that capacity and had the only key to the stores. To the best of my knowledge he has always acted in a soldierly manner. There were loaded magazines in 500 stores at all times.

(In answer to question by the Court Capt. Brooks replied that L/Cpl. Farris had the only key to that lock.)

No re examination

RP 83 (b) Complied with.

The witness withdraws.

3rd WITNESS:

A-305 Sgt. Element, J., 6th Armoured Regiment (1 H), having been duly sworn, states:-

I am employed as Regtl Prov Sgt. I can identify the accused as L/Cpl. Farris. I saw the accused at the Police Station at Staines on the 21st May 42. He was in custody and I had been sent to bring him back to the Unit.

QUESTION BY COURT:

Q.2. Can you identify exhibits 'H' 'J' 'K' & 'L'?

A.2. I can identify them only as the same number of weapons and type and the amount and type of ammun that I got from the Police Station. I took them directly back to Capt. Brooks. I saw the accused at approx 1030 hrs 21 May 42 and he seemed quite normal but confused.

CROSS EXAMINATION:

When I saw the accused he was lying down and was sleeping and when I touched him he appeared dazed and appeared to be suffering from the after effects of liquor. From his appearance I would say he had been on a heavy drinking bout.

No re examination.

RP 83 (b) Complied with.

The witness withdraws.

4th WITNESS:

A-86 Cpl. Noonan, F.J., 6th Armoured Regiment (1 H), having been duly sworn, states:-

On the night of the 20th and 21st May 42 I was Cpl of the picket. At about 6330 hrs 21 May 42 I was in my own lines. In consequence of a report I received I went and notified the Orderly Officer Mr. Linnell. I checked the vans to see which one was missing. I found No. CL- 4215679 the 50 cwt lorry missing. I found sixteen rds of .303 ammun and two magazines from Lee-Enfield rifle opposite the Tk hanger across the road and over a fence near where the trucks are parked.