

SEVENTH WITNESS
For the Prosecution

Police Sergeant Reginald James Sibley, Hampshire Joint Police Force, Stationed at Farnborough, having been duly sworn states:-

At about 10:15 P.M. 29th September 1944, I received a report that a traffic accident had occurred in Minley Road, Cove, I went to the scene, which was about 500 yards north of Guillemont barracks, and in consequence of what came to my knowledge, I made enquiries at that barracks.

At about 12:20 A.M. 30th September 1944, I saw a station Wagon number C.M. 4202621 in a park at the south side of the Transport Shed. This vehicle was damaged on its offside, the reflecting mirror being pushed back and the rear offside window was splintered and there is no doubt that any one sitting on the rear seat opposite that window would have small pieces of glass on his clothes.

A few minutes later I went into the Dispatch Room, where I saw the accused Gendron. He was sitting at the table and was wearing the overalls produced and on the right shoulder I saw a number of small pieces of glass. Gendron was under the influence of intoxicating liquor and when he was aroused he said, "I know nothing about the car." He then got up and walked into the Drivers Room. The Orderly Sergeant and I followed him and there I took the overalls from him and asked him where he had spent the evening. He said, "I have been playing crap with Cpl. Johnson."

At about 1:54 A.M. that day I saw the accused Parsons. I asked him if he would give an account of his movements that night. He said, "I was in and around the camp." I further questioned him and he requested to make a statement to the Duty Officer, which, after caution he did (copy on form 12c produced). He was placed under arrest.

I then saw the accused Johnson and asked him if he would give an account of his movements that night and he said "I was at the NAAFI." He was placed under arrest.

At about 10 A.M. that day I saw Gendron at the Detention Barracks, Guillemont Barracks. I cautioned him and asked him to account for his movements the previous night, also as to the glass I had found on the overalls he was wearing. He said, "I say nothing."

I then saw Johnson and informed him of the accident and said, "I allege that you were the driver of the car involved in this accident." He replied, "I will tell you the lot" and made the attached statement. At about 2:30 P.M. that day I apprehended them and conveyed them to Farnborough Police Station where I cautioned and charged them with the offences.

At about 9:30 A.M. 2nd October 1944, I saw the accused at Guillemont Barracks, I cautioned him and said, "I understand that you were with Gendron and two other men in the motor car that was taken without consent on Friday night." He replied, "I was with them." I apprehended and escorted him to Farnborough Police

R. Sibley
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