

FIFTH WITNESS

300 389 Lieut G P H Tooke Border Regt att 607 Coy CMP  
sworn states:

1400 hrs 19 Feb 45. I was OC Identification parade at 54 Itaticlir St. On the line of soldiers there were 33 and included amongst these were Pte Halcrow and C102592 Pte Gibson W.F. There were 2 other Cdn Soldiers in the lineup 28 not under arrest 5 persons. Civilians paraded in front of these lines. Leo Stayvers identified Cpl Halcrow. Richard Lowiers identified Pte Gibson. Edwaard Schelfhoute identified Pte Gibson and Cpl Halcrow. Rene Smit Cpl Halcrows # is H0100182.

Cross Exam

Information obtained from people on parade. Accused gave me that number. Five accused in one room. Civilian Witnesses in another room. Distance between rooms was 45x. I think door was shut. The door was shut all the time I addressed them. Witness couldnt possibly see them. It wasn't possible for civilians to see accused before on parade. Halcrow I believe was in rear rank somewhere near centre of rear rank. Sluyvers I believe identified him. Straightaway. I am not sure whether it was straightaway. Loures didnt identify accused. A Belgian officer spoke to Schelfhout. When Schelfhout identified accused Belgian officer spoke to Schelfhout. I asked Belgian officer what he said to Schelfhout. He said to collect a bracelet which was lost. Stevvers, Schelfhout and Smit went in that respective order through the parade. If Belgian officer followed me through I would have seen him. Belgian officer got behind me for a moment without me knowing it.

Re Exam

I did investigate this interruption by the belgian officer. I dont think it had any bearing on the identifiastion Belgian officer only interested in getting bracelet back. Belgian officer a rep. of British Claims and hiring departments. He represented Belgium Gov. R.P. 83 (b) complied with.

Court

SIXTH WITNESS

14504471 Sgt Thompson J att 83 SIS sworn states:

At 2300 hrs 13 Feb 45 with Capt Whitster, CSM Carrier Sgt kendal all of 83 SIS I went to New York Bar on Schipperstraat Antwerp. I have seen the accused before. I saw him that evening. I went up to accused told him who I was cautioned him and said I have reason to believe you have been concerned with a number of other men of committing armed robberies in this area. Maybe I was in on a couple of jobs. I arrested him took him to 83 SIS where I questioned him later he elected to make a Voluntary Statement. I took it down in Writing. He was cautioned before statement made. Defending officer objects to production of Statement.  
Trial within a trial.