

- Q. 40. Did he act any differently in your presence at the Police Station?
- A. 40. No sir.
- Q. 41. Did the accused sleep at any time?
- A. 41. Not to my knowledge up to 7 A.M. 21 May 42 when I went off duty and left the Police Station.

No re-examination.

R.P.83 (B) complied with.

The witness withdraws.

At 6.00 o'clock the Court adjourned until 2.00 o'clock, 15 June, 1942.

On 15 June 1942, at 2.00 o'clock, the Court re-assembled pursuant to adjournment, present the same members as when adjourned.

The Prosecution is closed.

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R.P. 40 (A) and (B) and Note 2 to R.P. 40 (A) complied with.

The accused states he desires to give evidence on oath and desires to call no other witnesses in his defence.

A-55191, Tpr.(L/Cpl.) George Edward Farris, 6 Cdn Armd Regt (RCD) sworn, states:

After duty on 20 May 1942 about 1800 hrs I left the Sqn lines with two friends and went to a pub in Tilford called the Barley Mow. It was not open so we waited until it did open at 7 o'clock. We stayed in there drinking until ten o'clock when it closed. After it closed we went out in front and there were some soldiers from the Highland Div that I had met while I was in there. One of them had a bottle and we proceeded to finish drinking it. Then we walked across the green to the Tilford Town Hall to a dance there. I remember entering the dance hall but do not recall leaving. The next thing I knew I was sitting at a desk sleeping and was awakened by a policeman, I asked him if I was in Farnham. He replied that I was in Staines. He then tried to give me an idea of what had happened the night before. From there I was taken to another Police Station closer to London, the name of the town I do not know. I ate breakfast there and went to sleep in a cell. I was then awakened later by Sgt.Clement and brought before Capt.Brooks, "C" Sqn. That is all my evidence.

Questioned by Defending Officer:

- Q. 42. On the night previous to 20-21 May were you on duty?
- A. 42. Yes, I was Corporal of the picquet.
- Q. 43. Did the previous night's duty entail your going without sleep?
- A. 43. The picquet goes on at 1800 hrs and is on till 0600 hrs. the following morning. It is in Sqn orders that the Cpl of the picquet must stay awake all night.
- Q. 44. In your capacity in the gunnery stores in "C" Sqn, what is your usual procedure followed when another guard commander comes to draw a pistol.
- A. 44. I issue him a pistol and ammunition for it and 30 rounds amun for the picquets' rifles.