

A-4. No, sir.

The Prosecutor Lieut. R.C. Hawkshaw proceeds to make an opening address.

"Sir, in regard to the charge that is before you now of Gnr McKinnon being charged with striking a superior officer in the execution of duty, I will say as in the summary of evidence, struck his superior officer namely Sgt Featherstone while this NCO was in the execution of duty. I will call upon my first witness Sgt Featherstone."

1st Witness for the Prosecution. C-16505 Sgt Featherstone, R.P. having been duly sworn is examined by the Prosecutor.

Q-5. Do you recognize the accused ?

A-5. Yes, sir.

Q-6. Will you tell the Court in your own words what happened between yourself and the accused on the night of 30th Oct 42 ?

A-6. I was NCO i/c of Prowler Patrol and Orderly Sgt. About 2130 hrs I was at the Cock Hotel. I noticed two Gnrs in an argument. I took one of the Gnrs outside and while I came back the accused was in an argument with Gnr Perry. I asked them to stop arguing and took Gnr McKinnon by the arm and led him to the door. As we went through the door I was struck on the left side of the face. I grappled with Gnr McKinnon. I was holding him down on the pavement when the Police Constable took me off and took me away to have my head dressed. That is all, sir.

Q-7. Sgt Featherstone, you said that you took Gnr McKinnon by the arm, which arm ?

A-7. Right arm, sir.

Q-8. Did he come peacefully ?

A-8. Yes, sir up to the point where he struck me.

Q-9. What part of the body did he strike you ?

A-9. The left side of my face.

Q-10. You said that after you were struck you fell to the ground, did you fall alone ?

A-10. No, sir Gnr McKinnon fell down with me.

Q-11. You still had a hold of him ?

A-11. Yes, sir, I still had a hold of him.

That is all for the Prosecution, sir.

C ross examined by the Defence.

Q-12. Was there anyone else around when you got hit ?

A-12. No, sir.

Q-13. But there was a crowd after that ?

A-13. Yes, sir, there was a crowd around.

Q-14. You were holding Gnr McKinnon by the right arm ?

A-14. Yes, sir.

Q-15. Sgt Featherstone were you struck on the left side of the face ?

A-15. Yes, sir.