

THIRD WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

Rene Smit 17 Ginzenstraat Antwerp duly sworn states.

I am as above. Fri Nite about 2220 hrs in Cafe Regal I remember the occasion. It was early in February. The cafe was closed. My brother was going to clean the doorstep. Two soldiers came in. Soldiers asked for beer. My mother refused and hearing the trouble I came into the cafe they asked me for beer. I said the cafe is closed and refused them beer. One of the soldiers drew his revolver and asked for money. I told him there was none in my cafe as I just took it from the counter. I stood behind my counter. He took my wallet searched for rings and watches. They asked for more money. In my wallet there was 500 or 600 Francs. They hit me because there was not enough money. They asked for cognac. I went to the rear to get a bottle of Bourdeaux wine. The man with the revolver went with me to the back room for one bottle. They saw 8 bottles and took 8 bottles of wine. They came ~~xx~~ back in Cafe and one soldier knocked me and mother. They told me and my Mother not to come outside cafe. They then went away. I would recognize soldiers again. I was at identify parade on 19 Feb. I identified two soldiers at that parade this man present. The date of the actual robbery. Prosecution has Pte Gibson, Gallant and Lashkurteh brought into room, they sort themselves amongst provost for orderlies in the room. I could identify these soldiers as they were 1/2 hour in my cafe. Identifies Gibson and Halcrow.

Cross Exam

Witness marks on map the with a R the Regal cafe (Exhibit A) Regal Cafe shown by R. I close my cafe at 2200 hrs. Sidelights were on in cafe. It was light in my cafe. My cafe is 8 Metres by 4 metres. About 10 lights of 15 volts in the room. There were only two men present. I only saw two. One who sits behind desk (accused) Knocked me on head with bottle. Accused had on U.S. Hat and Jacket.

Re Exam
Court

None.

I didn't badges of rank.
R.P. 83 B complied with.

FOURTH WITNESS

Edwaard Schelfhout 53 Korte Runstreeh Antwerp sworn states:

I am as above. I was in cafe Normandy one Evening early in February. The date was the 3 Feb 2130 hrs. I didnt see any soldiers enter. I saw soldier inside cafe. There were 3 soldiers 2 with a pistol one without a pistol. It was about 2200 hrs we were ready to leave the cafe. We were in the back room ~~xxxx~~ first I heard the soldiers they said we want cognac. After that we came into the cafe. Soldiers looked as if they were drunk. I want to go outside and I came to the door. One of the soldiers punched me in the chest. Then I went back to cafe next my friend against the wall. The soldiers asked for 2000 francs. There were 7 persons in cafe, two in Shelter 5 in cafe. The unknown person gave his purse to the soldiers out of which they took 80 francs. The soldiers saw a bracelet on my arm. When they saw that they took the bracelet from me. The same soldier also took my wallet. On 19 Feb I was at the identification parade. And I recognized two soldier. This night I was robbed I had a good look at the soldier. Pte Gibson, Laskhurch and Gallant paraded into court room take up positions around the room. Identifies Holeraw and Gibson. I had 650 Francs in my wallet.

Cross Exam

The day of the identification I identified the accused. He stood in the 2nd rank. I pointed him out before any one ever spoke to me. There was a Belgium officer there whom I dont know I spoke to the Belgium officer after I pointed out the two soldier. He spoke to me and asked if I had picked them out. I only saw the accused when they were in the ranks. First time I saw them since I was robbed.

Re Exam

Belgian officer said to me "did you pick them out" that was all. I said "yes". "I pointed out two" Was there anything said on parade that you remember about a bracelet? No I dont remember.

Court

Did the Belgium officer say anything to you on that identification parade about the bracelet. No I could not think when. P.R. 83(b) complied with.