

First Witness
for the
Defence.

The Accused, No. F-97048 Gunner George Gracie, 21 A.A. Regiment, R.C.A., (CA), being duly sworn, is examined by the Defending Officer.

Q. 53 Will you tell the Court your own story of what happened on the night in question?

A. 53 I was in the kitchen just getting supper finished and I went over to the canteen and I was drinking beer there. I drank about four quarts. I was looking out the window and saw some boys out there catching. I went out and started to catch for a while. Earle McFee and Frank Casey asked if I could get some beer for them. I told them I would see, so I thought they were old enough to drink and I gave them a quart of beer out the window. I went outside underneath the steps and the three of us drank it. I went back in again and got two more quarts and passed them out the window. So they started going down the street and I walked outside to see where they were going. I got down to the store and hollered at them. Earle McFee turned around and said he would be right back, so I waited by the store until he came out of the house. I asked him for the beer. He said he took it to a house and said "here's the money for it". He tried to give me fifty cents, but I would not take it. I refused it two or three times, so they put it in my pocket and walked away. I was walking away and they said "where are you going" and I said I was going to the store. They asked me to come to the store. I told them "no" the first time and I walked away and turned around and came back and I told them "let's go anyway and get some milk there". I bought three bottles of milk and Mrs. White said they were making too much noise, so we went outside and I took a mouthful of the milk and went back to Camp.

Q. 54 How many bottles of beer did you drink?

A. 54 Four.

Q. 55 Were they quarts or pints?

A. 55 Quarts.

Q. 56 Were you drunk?

The Court objected to the question, and no answer was given.

Q. 57 What was your condition at the time that all this happened?

A. 57 It was fair.

Q. 58 Had you at any time previous to this night, bought beer for these lads?

A. 58 No Sir.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR.

Q. 59 Were they quart or pint bottles of beer that you gave to these boys?

A. 59 Quarts.

Q. 60 You kept the fifty cents?