

First
Witness

H.69844 L/Cpl DONETZ, Alexander, #10 Cdn Pre Coy CA, having been duly sworn states:-
Sir, on the 26 Dec 44 at approximately 1400 hrs, we were discussing 9 mm amn fitting into a .38 calibre pistol and having a conversation about this. That night K.4183 L/Cpl Mitchell, Peter, Henderson, and I were slated to go on street patrol in Terrace. We went at about 1900 hrs and patrolled around the streets for about an hour and at 2000 hrs we walked down the back-lane to urinate. As I finished urinating I turned around and his pistol discharged and hit me on the left shoulder. After I was hit we went over to K.4183 L/Cpl Mitchell's house (he had lived near there) and got a civilian car and took me to Terrace Military Hospital. I was admitted to Terrace Military Hospital at approximately 2030 hrs and was hospitalized from 26 Dec 44 to 9 Jan 45. Since I have left the hospital I have felt no ill effects from the gun shot wound.

Q.1 - Did you notice the Pistol in L/Cpl Mitchell's hand before it exploded and if so, did you notice whether it was pointed at you or not?

A.1 - Yes I saw the Pistol, but cannot say whether it was actually pointed at me.

Q.2 - Was there any remarks made by L/Cpl Mitchell to you immediately after the shooting?

A.2 - Yes Sir, he said, "did I hit you".

Q.3.- Have you been given instructions not to carry your pistol loaded while on patrol?

A.3 - Yes I have.

Q.4 - By whom?

A.4 - By NCO i/c, A.56069 Sgt. Withers, E.A.