

question by the defense.

Q.— Was Pte. Morisson minding his own business ?

A.— Yes sir I would say that he was.

Q.— How far away would be Pte. Morisson ?.

A.— Five or six feet.

Q.— What do you mean by minding your own business ?.

A.— What I mean is that he could be standing and not bothering any one.

Question by the court.

Q.— Did you see any fray around that bus stop ?.

A.— Not on that night, not to my knowledge.

Q.— How far could you see that night ?.

A.— Quite a distance.

Q.— What do you mean by quite a distance ?.

A.— It was fairly bright.

Q.— If there had been a fray you would have seen it ?.

A.— Yes sir.

The accused is warned and the defense asks him to take a stand after he has been duly sworn in.

FIRST witness for the defense, F.11105 Pte. Morisson W.H.(W.E.S.R.)

Question by the defense.

Q.— Do you remember the night of 14th of February ?.

A.— Yes sir.

Q.— At what time did you leave Wallingham ?.

A.— I left the pub at ten o'clock.

Q.— And from this point give details of your conduct ?.

A.— I proceeded from the Old Lion pub at ten o'clock, I went with Pte. Mc Neil and Smith, when we got down to Chelsham Bus garage Pte. Smith stopped to talk to Pte. Whynot, and his girl friend and her mother. I kept walking along the road a little piece further on and there was some sort of an argument at the side of the road. I took no part myself in the argument, I proceeded to my billets, I helped Pte. Mc Neil home.

Q.— Where you drunk ?

A.— I had been drinking but I was not drunk.

Q.— Had you any quarrels with Thibault ?.

A.— No sir.

Q.— Did you know Thibault ?.

A.— No sir.