

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

in the case of

B-83934 A/Sgt. Eldridge T.W.M., Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, on strength at MT Tech. Stores Coy., 1 Cdn. Central Ord. Depot, a soldier in the Canadian Army Overseas.

By direction of the Commanding Officer, summary of evidence is taken on oath.

FIRST WITNESS D-167471 Pte. Gasperec K.C., R.C.O.C., attached to MT Tech. Stores Coy., 1 C.C.O.D., a soldier in the Canadian Army Overseas, having been duly sworn, states:
for the prosecution

** when I now recognize, D.L. at. bhd*

We started drinking about 1030 hours on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 9th, 1944, Pte. Pitre, Blackie (Pte. Weishaupt), Sgt. Eldridge, and myself. We went to several pubs in the Fire Truck. At approximately 1430 hours we came back to the Fire Hall. I then went over to the bushes by the ball diamond to drink a bottle of Scotch I had received from home. After supper Pte. Pitre and I went to the Sgts. Mess to pick up a soldier with a moustache. I don't know his name, but I would know him again if I saw him. After that we went back to the Fire Hall and went out again to go to a pub with Sgt. Eldridge, Pitre, Blackie, the soldier with the moustache, and myself, with Pte. Pitre driving.

Before we arrived at a pub we hit a bus. I do not know where it happened, but it was somewhere on the highway. We had been following the bus and Pte. Pitre tried several times to pass, but each time the bus driver did not make room. Pte. Pitre blew his horn several times. At last he turned out to the right and was passing the bus. As he was passing the bus I felt we hit something. Our truck swerved into the ditch on the left hand side of the road, but pulled out again without stopping. We turned into a lane and stopped and got out. There was nobody else in the truck, but Pitre and myself. We waited about ten minutes, then turned around and went to a pub. At the first pub we met Blackie. While we were there Sgt. Eldridge and the soldier with the moustache came in. After that we went to another pub. Blackie, Pitre and myself then went to a third pub where we had a few drinks. We were told that there was a policeman outside to see us. The policeman talked to Pitre. The policeman did not talk to Blackie or to me. After the questions we got back in the truck and went to two more pubs. When leaving we picked up two soldiers and returned to the pub where we had left Sgt. Eldridge and the soldier with the moustache. They got in and we drove home, letting off the other soldiers near the Base Workshop quarters. When we arrived at the Fire Hall Pitre, Blackie and I were in the front and I got out, and Pitre, and Blackie drove off. I went to the Fire Hall and a Staff Sergeant was there. When the truck was backing up I noticed three Provosts.

The Accused declines to cross-examine.

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