

1st Witness Pios

Capt Black. duly sworn states;

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I am Capt D J Black 3rd Lt 1st Regt P.C.R.

On 21 Dec 43 the regt moved ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{from} positions in the Venatro area. Due to the presence of a great deal of mud, a great deal of delay was caused getting the guns out of the position onto the road. I was in D's Tp of which I was then tp Comdr. P's Sub, came out first & I instructed the gun & tractor to move forward up the road for a distance of about two miles & wait there till the remainder were ready to move on. At approx 1430 hrs, with the remainder of the tp in rear of me, I approached the spot where P's Sub gun & Diesel were parked, as my own vehicle approached to pass I noticed the accused, Conr Oakes, whom I recognize, standing to the side of the road, waving his arms in an ineffective manner so that in my estimation his signals would appear most confusing to any passing traffic. After passing the diesel I ~~stopped~~ ^{halted} my vehicle, got out & walked back to where Conr Oakes was standing. When he saw me approach he turned, as if to walk away & I called to him. When I got up to Conr Oakes I considered that he was drunk. His breath smelt very strongly of Vinio, or a similar type of wine & his eyes were glazed & tarry. I instructed Bdi Hannah who was standing nearby to place him under arrest and put him out of the way back of the diesel. The usual duties that he was called upon to perform he did rather ineffectively.

X Exam.

At any time a man's faculties are so changed, & alcohol has a bearing on his actions, his drunk.

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