

1st. Witness for the Defense.

B 116795 Rpr. Kasun H.M. of the Regina Rifle Regt. sworn states,

I B 116796 Rpr. Kasun H.M. did on the night of the 23 Dec 44 tend a bar at the company dance. After the dance was over, I stayed behind to clean up. On the shelf were the bottle in question with the contents. I put this in my tunic and went out. After wandering around for a bit I met another chap and we proceeded to look for something to do. After quite a period of time and innumerable drinks from the bottle, we spotted the vehicle in question on the road, about ten or three yards from the curb. We proceeded to investigate it, and found that there was a rotar arm in the vehicle. When I was putting back the distributor cap, someone coming up on the other side of the vehicle caused me to look up. A light was shone in my face and the next thing I knew the Sgt had a hold of the front of my tunic. The Sgt took me a little way behind the vehicle and searched me for weapons. While doing this he found the bottle in question. When we were proceeding to the information post, the Sgt stated that "it was a good job that I didn't try to run away." After being taken to the info. post I was questioned. In answer to his questions I stated that "I did not know who the other soldier was", also that "I wanted the vehicle to get a ride home".

Cross exam by prosecution:

Q. Did you move the vehicle at all?

A. No.

Q. Did you try to start the vehicle?

A. No. I was never at any time inside the vehicle.

Q. Did you intend to get the vehicle running?

A. I couldn't say. I was just looking to see if the vehicle would run or not.