

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF G.32232 Pte SHAW, J.N.
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1. At approx 1245 hrs two soldiers, Canadian, entered my cafe and ordered two drinks, which I gave them, and was paid for. Afterwards I again served them with the same. After awhile a soldier pulled out a knife from his pocket, and threw it on the table, which was occupied by 5 civilians, clients. The civilians with fright left my Establishment and refused to pay for the bill of the soldiers in question.
2. In that time my wife entered the cafe, and stayed alone, that is to say, there anyother clients with the two soldiers in question. They tried to force me to serve them, and to accept Holland money, as I told them that I did not accept that kind of money. He forced me to serve two more drinks. My Wife wanting to go out for Aid, was taken hold of by the neck, afterwards.
3. He placed himself in front of me, and brandished his fist to fight, if I refused to give them the drink. As that I didnt want to cause any more trouble I served him, seeing that he had already taken hold of a bottle, and was going to throw it on the Glass Counter.
4. In that instant my Wife succeeded to leave for help, and went to the Cafe Quebec, R.A.A.F.I., to look for the R.F.s, having seen this the two entered my private yard next to my Cafe, after which they left saying "I see you again and talk you a story", showing me his fist, I wandered at his intentions.
5. I regret to have been obliged to call the Police for help, as it is the first time in seven and a half years that I have had a Cafe. The soldiers owe me for two drinks price 40 francs.
6. I identify the soldier G.32232 Pte Shaw, J.N., who threw the knife, who took hold of my Wife by the neck, and who took the bottle to throw, and cried out "I shall see you again and pay back the story".

(Sgd) Alex De Someville.

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