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3rd Witness - M.3199 Gnr.SPINK, R.M., 21 Fd Bty, 6 Cdn Field Regiment, R.C.A., having been duly sworn states:-

"On Friday evening, 3 Apr 42, after having supper Gnr. Buchan, Grover, Fry, McArthur and myself decided to go to the picture show in BUILTH WELLS and asked Gnr.Gesinghaus if he would drive us to the theatre. He consented and on arriving at the theatre we found that the show closed but were given to understand that it would open later. We left camp and arrived at the theatre sometime between 1800 and 1900 hrs. We asked Gnr.Gesinghaus to take us for a ride to put in the time. We then proceeded along the road that leads to the ranges. We stopped at the top of a hill for a few minutes. We started down the hill in third gear and at approximately 300 yards from where we had stopped we came to a sharp corner. I was riding in the front with Gnr.Gesinghaus. We were travelling at approximately 20 M.P.H. On going around the corner the rear wheels slid side ways and when the rear wheels gripped the pavement the vehicle turned over, making one complete turn and landing right side up and facing uphill. I then got out of the vehicle along with Gnr. Fry, Buchan, Grover and McArthur and walked back to the theatre. Gnr.Gesinghaus drove the vehicle back to camp."

The accused declined to question this witness.

M. Spink
M.3199 Gnr.Spink, R.M.

4th Witness - K.20029 Gnr.BUCHAN, P.R., 21 Fd Bty, 6 Cdn Field Regiment, R.C.A., having been duly warned and sworn states :-

"On Friday evening, 3 Apr 42, at about 1845 hrs we decided to go to a show in BUILTH WELLS. We asked Gnr.Gesinghaus to drive us to the theatre. When we arrived at the theatre at approximately 1900 hrs we found it closed but were informed that it would open at 2015 hrs. We asked Gnr.Gesinghaus to take us for a ride. I was in the back of the vehicle with Gnr. McArthur, Grover and Fry, while Gnr.Spink was in the front with Gnr. Gesinghaus. We stopped for a few minutes just outside of the town. The next thing I knew the vehicle appeared to skid and as I was sitting nearest the back of the truck I was thrown out on the side of the road. I was shocked from the fall and did not notice what had happened until I had got to my feet and saw the truck at a complete stop at about twenty feet from where I was standing."

The accused declined to cross examine this witness.

P. R. Buchan
K.20029 Gnr.Buchan, P.R.