

SWORN STATEMENT BY THE ACCUSED (Continued)

Q. Had you travelled far that day?

A. It was quite a long distance. About 200 miles. The speedometer on my truck doesn't work.

QUESTIONED BY THE PROSECUTING OFFR

Q. You admit that you went to EECLOO with Gnr. Jones and you asked him to get the water while you went on a little expedition of your own. Is that normal procedure?

A. I never had anything said to me in the HQ about not letting anyone to drive my truck.

Q. Is it the normal procedure to start off on a trip and let someone else finish it?

A. This was the first time I have done it.

Q. Did you think it within your rights?

A. I thought it a good chance to do some shopping.

Q. You say you went into the cafe and had a few drinks. How many?

A. Two beers, and 3 shots of licquer.

Q. How long was it that you stood in front of the cafe waiting for Jones?

A. Five or ten minutes. At about 20 minutes to eight.

Q. Then you went back into the cafe?

A. For about 2 minutes.

Q. You didn't have any more to drink?

A. No sir.

Q. What time was it when you were picked up by the "175" half track?

A. About 5 or 10 after 8.

Q. Do you know what time it was when you arrived back?

A. I thought I was in plenty of time to take my shift on guard.

Q. Were you on the morning parade at 0900 hrs?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you hear Sgt. Walker instruct you that you would be on guard duty that night?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did he name a specific time to report?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did you report?

A. I met L/Bdr. Chapman before I went for water and I told him I was going for water and to let the other two chaps toss up for first and last shifts and I would take the middle one.