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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE in the case of No.M-99 Gunner  
GESINGHAUS, R., 21 Fd Bty, 6 Cdn Field Regiment, R.C.A.,  
Canadian Army Overseas.

1st Witness - K.20023 Gnr.McARTHUR, P.A., 21 Fd Bty, 6 Cdn Field  
Regiment, R.C.A., being duly sworn states:-

"On Friday evening, 3 Apr 42, at approximately 1900 hrs, along with Gnrs. Spink, Buchan, Grover and Fry, I left the camp in order to go to a show in BUILTH WELLS. On leaving the camp we met Gnr.Gesinghaus, R. and asked him if he would drive us into town. We arrived at the theatre at approximately 1900 hrs and were told there that the show did not start until 2000 hrs. We then asked Gnr.Gesinghaus to take us for a ride. We drove along the Mountain Road and had been driving for about fifteen minutes after leaving the theatre before the accident occurred. I was sitting in the back of the vehicle along with Gnrs.Grover, Buchan and Fry. We proceeded along the Mountain Road at an unknown speed when we came to a corner. The road was very slippery because of rain. The truck began to slide cross wise down the road, I would estimate that the vehicle slid in this position for about 15 or 20 feet, when the vehicle stopped abruptly and turned completely over coming up onto its wheels again and facing the opposite direction. We dismounted from the vehicle and Gnr.Gesinghaus said that he would drive it back to camp and report the accident. We then walked back to BUILTH WELLS and went to the show."

Cross examined by the accused;

Q.1 What time did we leave the Barracks ?  
A.1 About 1845 or 1900 hrs.

P.A. McArthur  
K.20023 Gnr.McArthur, P.A.

2nd Witness - G.4268 Gnr.GROVER, H.R., 21 Fd Bty, 6 Cdn Field  
Regiment, R.C.A., having been duly sworn states:-

"On Friday evening, 3 Apr 42, along with Gnrs.Fry, Buchan, Spink and McArthur, I left camp to go to a show in BUILTH WELLS. We left the camp sometime after 1800 hrs. We asked Gnr.Gesinghaus if he would drive us to the theatre. On reaching the theatre we found that the show did not open until 2000 hrs. We arrived at the theatre at approximately 1840 hrs. We then decided to go for a drive to put in time till the theatre opened. We then proceeded along the road which leads to the ranges. I was riding in the back of the vehicle. We had been driving for about half an hour when I noticed the truck begin to skid on coming down a hill, when the driver shifted down into third gear. The next thing I knew the vehicle had turned over, throwing me about inside the back. I would judge that we had proceeded about two miles from the theatre when the accident occurred, but had stopped previously about a mile back at the top of a hill for some minutes. We then walked back to the theatre."

The accused declines to cross examine the witness.

H.R. Grover  
G.4268 Gnr.Grover, H.R.