

162 But as to the details after you left the Mess your recollection is hazy?

A.162 Yes.

(The Defending Officer upon being asked at this point if he is willing to admit that Officers of the Cdn Corps Tps. Supply Col, RCASC, used Orchard House as billets on 24/25 December states that although he does not know about the billets he is willing to admit it was a requisitioned building.

The President of the Court states that Miss C.M. Crouch, an essential Defence Witness has been rushed to Redhill County Hospital for an appendicitis operation.

In view of the absence of Miss Crouch the Court is adjourned at 11:30 A.M., 14 Feb 42.

The Court reopens at 1503 hrs, 26 Feb 42.

The Sixth Witness for the Defence, W/74401, Pte. Cynthia Mary Crouch, A.T.S., being duly sworn, is examined by the prosecutor

Q.163 You are W/74401 - Pte. Crouch of the A.T.S.?

A.163 Yes.

Q.164 You were in the A.T.S. on 24 Dec 41?

A.164 Yes.

Q.165 At that time you were quartered at Haxted House near Eddisbury

A.165 Yes.

Q.166 About 7:15 on Christmas Eve, you and a number of other girls were going to go to a dance?

A.166 Yes.

Q.167 And two Canadian Officers came in to use the telephone

A.167 Yes.

Q.168 As a result of conversation with them, four of you arranged to go to the dance with them?

A.168 Yes.

Q.169 The four of you were Sibley, Miller, Sedgwick and yourself?

A.169 Yes.

Q.170 Do you remember the names of the two Canadian Officers?

A.170 No.

Q.171 The four of you got in a car with the two officers?

A.171 Yes.

Q.172 You remember where you went then?

A.172 To the Officers' Mess.

Q.173 What time did you arrive at the Officers' Mess?

A.173 About 7:30.

Q.174 What happened at the Officers' Mess?