

Question by the Accused:- Did I ask you about any vehicle going out that night?

A. No, you were not in the office when Spr. Gendron asked.

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Canadian Army (Overseas)

THIRD WITNESS
For the Prosecution

D.16 Cpl. PARSONS, S. of No. 1 C.E.R.U., a soldier of the Canadian Army (Overseas) having been duly warned that he cannot be compelled to answer any question tending to incriminate him, and that he can remain silent, but that anything that he does say, may be used in evidence; and having been duly sworn, states:-

On 29 Sep 44, after supper between 1800 and 1900 hrs, I went to the N.A.A.F.I. Hut in camp, and had a couple of pints of beer. About half-past seven, or a quarter to eight, I went over to the M.T. dispatcher's office. As I went into the Office L/Cpl. Johnson asked me to go out with him. Spr. Gendron and Spr. Menard were with L/Cpl. Johnson. We all went out, got in to a station wagon, and drove to the Eli Hotel. We had a glass of beer apiece and then L/Cpl. Johnson and I went out and drove to the Forrester's Arms, as both L/Cpl. Johnson and I were afraid that we would drink too much if we stayed with Spr. Menard and Spr. Gendron. In the Forrester's Arms we had a drink apiece, and then returned to the Eli Hotel. Here we each had a drink and then left in the station wagon, for camp, with Spr. Gendron, Spr. Menard, and L/Sgt. Lynham, who had asked for a ride back to camp.

On Minley Road, just before reaching camp the car made a swerve and then proceeded on to camp. We let the sergeant, Spr. Gendron and Spr. Menard out near Spider No. 9, and then proceeded to the M.T. Office, we went into the M.T. Office. I stayed about fifteen minutes in the office and then went to my quarters.

Q. Did you know whether or not L/Cpl. Johnson had authority to take the station wagon?

A. No, sir, I didn't.

Q. Did you hear any crack of glass or feel any bump on the way back?

A. No, sir.

Q. When you felt the vehicle swerve on the way back, did you hear anyone say "Keep going, it's alright"?

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