

- Q Why was there no charge laid ?
A I have no idea. I never heard the statement made.
- Q On this 17th. day of October this year where did you first see Pte. Mitchell ?
A At the depot here.
- Q Did you pick him up in a car ?
A I did.
- Q Why did you pick him up in a car ?
A I had received a report from my commanding officer of a man spreading malicious rumors in the St. Regis Beer Parlor. There was a fair description of this man in the letter. I noticed the accused around the United Services Club acting strangely and I thought he was the man.
- Q That was about a week previous you had that information ?
A That was the 16th. October.
- Q Did you now have that information long before that ?
A I got it on the 16th. September, I mean.
- Q So you were unable to verify the rumor were you ?
A I had no means of verifying it.
- Q Did you ask the accused anything about it ?
A I never spoke to the accused.
- Q You picked him up on the 17th. October. Did you tell him why ?
A No, sir.
- Q Why did you pick him up ?
A I wanted to see if my judgment was right.
- Q How were you going to see if he made that statement ?
A I got into conversation with him.
- Q Did he say anything in the car ?
A Not relevant to that.
- Q How did you suggest to him to get into the car ?
A I said I was going down town to have a beer and he said he could go down town any time he liked.
- Q Did you invite him into the car ?
A Yes.
- Q Did you invite him to come and have a beer with you ?
A Yes.
- Q Did you give him an order to come in and have a beer ?
A No.
- Q You are a sergeant ?
A Yes, sir.
- Q Is it correct for a sergeant to take a private and drink beer in public ?
A I think so.
- Q Now, sergeant, I ask you: You are in the security section ?
A Yes.
- Q Is it correct for a superior to drink with.... ?
PROSECUTOR: I object. He is no authority on procedure.
A (No answer).
- Q You think it is quite in order for you to drink with a private in public ?
A Absolutely.
- Q All right. You invited him down for a beer ?
A Yes, sir.