

First Witness for
the Prosecution

WR 170 Constable E O CROSSE, Monmouth Police
Sta, MONMOUTH, being sworn states:-

At 0040 hrs Tue morning 31 Aug I was in my house at Whitebrook, Monmouthshire when I heard the sound of smashing timber on the rd outside and men shouting. I put on my uniform and went down onto the rd where I saw a square of fencing 4'x4' smashed on the other side of the rd. About 20 or 30 yds up the rd there was a group of 4 soldiers. I shone my spotlight on them, they were still smashing something up the rd. One of them called out, "What do you want". I replied "I want you to come back here and see this damage". Two of the men then ran towards me, a third one laid down a few feet away. The fourth man remained further up the rd holding a white light. The two men who came towards me appeared to be hostile, so I shone my torch on my uniform so that they could see who it was accosting them. I then shone the light on them again and the man on the left shouted, "It is only a fucking policeman, we can knock his head off". The man on my left then wrestled with me for possession of my torch which he obtained. I then drew my staff and warned the men again that I was a police offr. The two men then took hold of the staff and my arm was twisted until I had to release it. The man on my left then raised the staff over my head with his right hand and said, "we can knock your head off and we will". He did not deliver a blow however, he closed with me and pinned my arms to my side. He then began to walk me backwards and the man on my right landed two blows on my neck. The man on my right then said, "take your bloody glasses off so that we can hit you properly". Neither of the two men had hats on. I noticed that the man on my left had hair which was brushed back, the man on my right had hair which was standing straight up. I eluded the men and went to phone for help from Monmouth. I also got another torch from my own house. When I got back to the rd the men had vanished. I immediately made enquiries at Whitebrook in company with two other police offrs as a result of which we went to a gravel quarry near Galleck. The gd there took us to Capt J E Seybold and we told him what had happened. After making a search of the camp he info us all men were present. The time was then 0230 hrs 31 Aug. Later in the day I returned to the quarry. I identified Pte Danard as the man who had been on my left and Gnr Gray as the man who had been on my right.

The Prosecution examined
the above witness

- Question 1 How did you identify the accused?
Answer By an identification parade and again I saw the two accused late in the day not at an identification parade and I satisfied myself the accused were the two men in question.
- Question 2 How far is it from "Pub" in Whitebrook to where the fight occurred?
Answer About one mile, sir.
- Question 3 Were there any other tps in the vicinity?
Answer No to my knowledge.