

THE ACCUSED, A-31410 Gnr. Foster, W.F. having been duly sworn states:-

QUESTIONED BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER

Q. What are your duties on the HQ?

A. I am a dvr IC.

Q. Would you tell the Court in your own words the sequence of all events that you can recall on 27 October.

A. Starting first thing in the morning?

Q. Yes.

A. I don't remember just as what time we left to pick up rfts and stores.

Q. Where did you go?

A. I don't know the name of the place. It was quite a distance. On the way back Sgt. Walker told me that there was a show in camp that night and I asked him if it would be okay if I left early for water so that I could get back in time to go to the show. He said okay. We arrived back in the HQ about 3:30. I unloaded the stores and by that time it was getting on to 4 o'clock and I didn't bother going for water right away. I waited for supper, and about a quarter to six I went to the HQ and got the water wagon, got out through the gate, and about 25 yds away I met Gnr. Jones. I asked him what he was doing and he said "nothing for the night", and I asked him to go for water with me, and he was quite willing to do so. We got into EECLOO, and I asked him if he would do me a favour and get the water for me as I wanted to do a little shopping in EECLOO. He was quite willing to go for water. Where I got out it was just across the rd from a cafe. I told him to pick me up at the cafe as soon as he could. I suggested to him to try and pick me up by 7:30. He drove away and I went up from one side of the street and down to the other side to the cafe.

Q. Did you do any shopping?

A. No, the stores were closed.

Q. What did you do then?

A. I went into this cafe. I had two glasses of beer, 2 shots of licquer, and by that time it was getting close to 7:30 and I went outside in front of the cafe for a few minutes. Jones didn't show up and I went into the cafe again to tell the people that when he came back to tell him I had left. A veh with the "175" tactical sign was coming along as I waited and I got on it. I arrived back into camp and got off and went to the kitchen. I had some tea, went inside, was talking to Mundle, and sat down beside him on the bed. I lay down and fell asleep until Sgt. Walker woke me up the next morning and told me I was under open arrest.

Q. What time did you get back to camp?

A. I couldn't say.

Q. Approximately?

A. About 10 o'clock.