

Q.14. Will you tell the court if there was anybody else in the room?

A.14. At that time there was nobody else in the room and the door was closed. On 9 Feb I was sent up to ICB3C at Chobham to do some security work there until the draft had moved out. On my return I was detailed to go to Farnborough North station to see troops move out. I was instructed that there was one train leaving at 1900 hrs and another at 2200 hrs. I went on the job about 1800 hrs and at 1830 the accused came on the job in civilian clothes and asked me whether things were alright. I said that so far things were alright as the troops had not arrived. He told me about the trains leaving at 1900 hrs and 2200 hrs. He told me to go round keeping my eyes open and make a good job of it. After he left. After the first draft had left I was informed that the second draft had been cancelled. I returned to the office to make my report and from there went home. As I arrived home the accused was in the house.

Q.15. Will you tell the Court what you found and the time that that occurred?

A.15. I went home, it was about 2130 hrs. The accused was there with my wife and also a landarmy girl.

Q.16. Now tell us about the family quarrel when the accused came there?

A.16. On the 24 February I was engaged in a family quarrel with my wife and the accused was called. He came in and told me he had been called in and asked me what it was about. After some discussion he told me that I should go back to the office and sleep there for the night. To that I agreed, so I got prepared and went back to the office. The accused and I left, he in the station wagon and I on my motorcycle. I was suspicious of something wrong so I returned back home, and on my return I found that my wife was gone so I sat down and waited with my motorbike parked in front. I was in the dark. About 20 minutes later I saw the car coming down and slow up when they saw my motorbike. I recognised the car because it had a squeak in the breaks. It went away. I went out and hid my bike. About half an hour later I heard the car come back and I recognised the same squeak, and I know that that was our car because I used to drive it. This time the accused came out of the car and knocked on the door. I did not give any answer. After knocking, the accused went round and knocked on the window. Again no reply. He came back to the front and shouted something to the effect that the coast was clear. Then I saw my wife come out of the car and they came round the back way as it was unlocked. I was still in the house in the dark. My wife came in first and put on the light. They were surprised to see me in the house. The accused told me that he knew that I was going to come back. He said he had come back to take my wife out to have a drink to calm her down. We agreed again that I was going to sleep at the office and this time I made sure that the car was following me.

Q.17. Will you tell the Court what the accused told you when he suggested that you go back to the office?

A.17. The accused told me that it was better for me to go back there and that he saw no sense in my being there. I knew very well he was bluffing and by the surprise on his face.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: "That is not evidence."

Q.18. Will you tell the Court whether he gave you the advice as a CO or as a personal friend?

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