

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF B 82722 Pte COHIUM,
C.J., R.C.A.S.C., a soldier of the Canadian Army
Overseas.

The accused is informed of his rights.

The Commanding Officer directs that the evidence be
taken on oath.

No. 1231 Policeman John GAMBERLAIN, #7 Sec., ANTWERP,
is sworn in as interpreter.

FIRST WITNESS for the prosecution:

Miss Clothidia KEGELS, waitress, 12 Vleeschhouwerstraat,
Antwerp, having been duly sworn, states:

"At about 8 p.m. on Tuesday last, three Canadian
soldiers came in the cafe, the Stad Breda. The shortest
asked the mistress to change a 1000 franc note. Since
she refused he threatened to hit her on the head with a
bottle. The dark haired soldier took a flower pot and
threatened to smash it on the spot. I then went out to
call the police but came back as I could not have the
line through, and my mistress went out with two other
soldiers to get the police. After the departure of the
latter, they asked me to give them beer and the shortest
of the three came to me behind the counter and knocked
me on the head and on my back. I ran away in the cafe
and at that moment the black haired, moustached soldier
took the money. The tallest one, also with black hair,
did very little since he was drunk. The fair haired
soldier, the shortest one of the three, drew his
revolver when I refused to serve them beer. I then left
the cafe and the soldiers did alike."

.....*H. Kegels*.....

The accused declines to cross-examine the witness.

SECOND WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION:

Mrs. Maria PESTERS, Cafe owner, 10 Vleeschhouwerstraat,
Antwerp, having been duly sworn, states:

"One evening three Canadian soldiers came in the
cafe, Stad Breda. The tallest one held a 1000 franc note
which the shortest one asked me to change. On my
refusal, the shortest one drew a bottle from his pocket
and threatened to hit me on the head with it if I persist-
ed in my refusal. I then changed the note while two of
them stood by me and the third one closed the door to
prevent any traffic through. At the same time I told the
waitress to get the police. She came back to tell me
her failure to get the connection with the police. At
this point the shortest one reached for his revolver in
his waistcoat. Since I was encouraged by two other
soldiers as to not be afraid, I went out with them to
get the police myself. On my return the three soldiers
had fled. The waitress was putting me in the picture as
the Military police arrived."

.....*Peters H*.....

The accused declines to cross-examine the witness.