

Canadian Pleads Not Guilty To Murder Charge in Holland

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Amsterdam, May 16 (CP).—Pte. Stefan Kolesar of Edmonton and Vancouver, today pleaded not guilty when arraigned before a court-martial charged with the murder of Louis Hendrik Stork, a Netherlands air force sergeant, last Jan. 19.

Pte. John Merkley of Gravenhurst, Ont., last week was convicted of the same murder by a court-martial. Although he has learned privately that his sentence is death by shooting, accompanied by a recommendation for mercy, the court's findings have not yet been promulgated.

Pte. Kolesar's English wife, who was brought here from Britain as a witness last week, visits him daily.

Witnesses today told of the discovery of Stork's body in a frozen ditch with the head smashed in. Among the papers and photographs found near by was Kolesar's paybook, which was filed in court as an exhibit.

Detective Albert Recourt said that when Stork's jeep was found it contained a blanket "soaked in blood." Recourt identified a watch produced in court as the one he found in Kolesar's vest pocket. The prosecution contends that the watch was Stork's.

Capt. Terence O'Neil of Vancouver is defending Kolesar. The court is headed by Col. M. B. K. Gordon of Ottawa. The prosecuting counsel is Lt.-Col. Clarence Campbell of Edmonton.

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