

Treason Trial Of Windsor Man To End Thursday

Farnborough, Sept. 4 (CP).—Pte. Edwin Barnard Martin of Riverside, Ont., spent six hours today pleading his case before a Canadian general court-martial on two charges of aiding the enemy while a prisoner of war and answering prosecution questions about his activities in Germany after his capture at Dieppe in 1942.

Both defense and prosecution counsel had completed their examination of the stocky Essex Scottish Regiment private when the court adjourned until tomorrow when defense witnesses will be called. The trial is expected to end Thursday.

During examination today Martin admitted giving information to the Germans and admitted he voluntarily joined the German-controlled British Free Corps, but in both cases he said his object was not to aid the enemy, but to gain information for the Allies.

One of Original Six

Martin deliberated over every question asked him during the long examinations by Lt.-Col. F. E. D. Wallace of Brantford, Ont., defending officer, and Lt.-Col. J. D. Watt of Ottawa, prosecuting officer. Most of his replies were given with considerable detail. At one point in the cross-examination Col. Watt appealed to the court to instruct Martin to "answer my questions" and at another point he asked the accused not to argue

with him.

He said he joined the corps to break it up or to form an organization inside the corps that would be pro-British and would commit acts of sabotage in Germany.

"I almost broke it up," he said.

The strength of the corps when he left it was 12 men, compared with a maximum of 22 when he was a member and a maximum of 30 after he left.

Gave Misleading Information

Martin said any information he had given the Germans was incorrect and misleading. He said later he gave information to the Germans about small arms equipment used at Dieppe and tank landing craft "because I knew that they already had it and by that means I gained the Germans' confidence with the aim of doing real damage."

The accused said he had received a draft of \$500 and had accepted it because it was the only way in which he could check on drafts which he believed and later confirmed had been paid to other prisoners.

Col. Wallace asked: "Did you aid the enemy while you were a prisoner?"

Martin replied: "No."

During cross-examination, Col. Watt asked: "Do you agree you were one of the 'big six' in the British Free Corps?"

"I was one of six or seven original members," Martin replied.

Watt: "You took morning parades?"

Martin: "Yes, for one week."

Watt: "Did you use the Nazi Party salute?"

Martin: "Yes."

Watt: "Did you design the flag and banner for the corps?"

Martin: "Yes."

Watt: "Did you go through the men's kits and discover information which you passed on to the Germans?"

Martin: "No."

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