

SOLDIER FOUND GUILTY OF ASSISTING ENEMY

Will Be Sentenced This Afternoon With Two Companions.

Dressed in khaki, Pte. William Irvine, of the 97th Battalion, sat in the prisoners' box in the General Sessions to-day, together with Mike and Steve Stoney, Macedonians, all three of whom were charged with conspiring to assist Fritz Reinhardt, a German, to leave the country. All pleaded not guilty.

Fritz Reinhardt told the court that he was born in Dresden, Saxony, Germany, 28 years ago, and had come to this country in 1909. For the last month he had been interned here.

Reinhardt said that he had gone to see Steve Stoney in Toronto who had given him a letter to his brother Mike, at Niagara-on-the-Lake. On August 22 Reinhardt said he went to Niagara where he saw Mike. In turn he was introduced to Irvine, who at that time ran a tattooist shop near the camp there.

"I told him I wanted to get over to the United States, and said I was a Swiss," said Reinhardt. "He said he knew I was a German and that he would be fined \$500 if it became known that he was taking aliens across the border."

Subsequently Irvine and he had taken the ferry across to Youngstown, Reinhardt stated. At Youngstown Irvine showed him the car to take to Buffalo, and he handed him a \$5 bill.

Pte. Irvine said that he was born in the Muskoka district, but had lived the greater part of his life in the United States. He was friendly with Mike Stoney.

"He introduced me to the German," said Irvine. "Mike said he was a Swiss, but when he spoke I noticed his accent, and said 'Are you sure you're not a German?' He said that he was a Swiss, and Mike said he was, too. Then this man asked me if he could go over to Youngstown with me. I said he could if he liked. We crossed on the ferry with about seven other people. Before we got into the ferry, he said: 'You haven't much love for the Germans, have you?' I said 'No, you bet I haven't. If anyone has anything to do with them nowadays he is liable to be fined \$500.' Over on the other side we walked along the street until a car came along. He put a \$5 bill in my hand and then ran and jumped on the car. I didn't know he was a German. I took his and Mike's word that he was a Swiss."

All three men were found guilty. They will be sentenced this afternoon.