
GIRL ACCUSED

U.S. SERGEANT IN "DIRE PERIL"

Accused of making false allegations against an American Army sergeant that he had raped her, Dorothy Mary Edwards (aged 23), of 95, Brackenbury Road, Kingstanding, appeared before the Stiepndiary (Lord Ilkeston) to-day, charged with causing a public mischief.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, prosecuting, pointed out that the girl's allegations had placed the sergeant in "dire peril," since he was liable to be shot under American military law for the alleged offence.

The soldier, said the prosecutor, was a platoon sergeant and was in Birmingham last Thursday, when he met the girl. They later went to a car park where there was bomb-damaged property. Police-constable Davies came on the scene.

Sergeant "X" was in a very worried condition, and when U.S. Military Police arrived, he declared, "If you will leave your revolver and the room for the moment, I will take the gentleman's way out in this matter."

Later prisoner said: "I told a lot of lies to the police because the Yank had not played straight with me."

Through Mr. Howard Baker, defending, Edwards pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence. She was committed for trial at Birmingham Quarter Sessions.
