

might be cached somewhere on the premises, so we searched the house. L/Cpl Atkinson found 840 British Consols cigarettes in sort of a cupboard underneath the stairsteps. As the OG and QMS were out I took it on my shoulders to mark the cigarette packages, and with the help of L/Cpl Atkinson and Spr Pierce we marked each package one by one, by slitting the bottom of the cellophane and putting a small ink mark with a pen. We then placed the cigarettes back in the cartons and placed them back under the stairs in the same place as we found them. I then ordered L/Cpl Atkinson and Spr Pierce to say nothing about this incident to anyone. I then decided to place a guard to watch for anyone coming in or going out, with Spr Pierce taking the first shift, myself the second and L/Cpl Atkinson the third. Nothing happened during the night. The next morning at about 0630 hrs, the 8 AUG 46 I ordered L/Cpl Atkinson to lock himself in my room and watch anyone coming in or going out of the back door of our house as the front door was bolted. He could see the back door direct from the window in my room as it is only a few feet away, or he could sit on the bed and watch the door by means of a mirror I had placed in the window frame. I then had to go to Slough on duty.

The markings on the bottom of these 24 pkgs of British Consols cigarettes (Exhibit "A") and these 2 pkgs (Exhibit "B") are identical to the markings we put on the cached cigarettes.

The Accused declines to cross-examine this witness.

THIRD WITNESS  
FOR THE  
PROSECUTION

M-50327 L/Cpl Atkinson G B on strength No 7 Cdn Artizan Works Coy RCE having been duly sworn states:

I, M-50327 L/Cpl Atkinson G B live in house 18 at Guadaloupe Barracks, Borden in company with Sgt Saterlee, Spr Stanley, Spr Pierce and Spr Bugnet. At approx 1700 hrs Wednesday 7 AUG 46 just after coming in from work I opened my cupboard and discovered that I had lost most of my cigarettes, 800 to be exact. I informed Sgt Saterlee at once, then went to supper. After supper on the chance that the cigarettes might be hidden, I started to look around in the unused cupboards underneath the staircases. I found some cigarettes (840). I called Sgt Saterlee and he came and had a look then the suggestion that they be marked and put back was made. Sgt Saterlee, Spr Pierce and myself marking them. Sgt Saterlee then told us to keep watch. We kept watch in turns all night but no one came during the night. Thursday morning the 8<sup>th</sup> of AUG 46 as it was raining no one went to work, but in the afternoon everyone except myself went out to work. I stayed and kept watch in Sgt Saterlee's room which looks down on the back door, the front door had been locked, so no one could come in that way. At approximately 1500 hrs I saw Spr Stanley enter the back door. Then I heard noise like someone moving about underneath the stairs, and then move to one of the other rooms where there was a clang like someone opening and shutting a stove. Shortly after I saw Spr Stanley come out of

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