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- Q.140 Did you ever on any occasion issue two slips to the same truck?
- A.140 No, sir.
- Q.141 Did you ever tell either driver or helper you are to deliver that amount of wood, and you are to bring me back that amount of money?
- A.141 No, sir. I just gave it to him. He could read it for himself. I was satisfied that he had been on the job before and knew the job.
- Q.142 Was Atherton ever employed as a driver?
- A.142 No, sir.
- Q.143 Was Atherton only employed for that week?
- A.143 He was on that week, sir.
- Q.144 Strictly speaking he was a bushman?
- A.144 Yes, sir.
- Q.145 He was not one of the men you have usually working with you?
- A.145 No sir, he was not one of the regular helpers.
- Q.146 If Atherton says that he was on for not more than one half day before that week would that not be about correct?
- A.146 Yes.
- Q.147 You got orders by truck personnel, by letter, by phone and by Lieut. Morton?
- A.147 Yes.
- Q.148 And after they came to you you went to the Orderly Room and got a slip?
- A.148 Yes.
- Q.149 Did you ever send men out with wood without a slip?
- A.149 No, sir.
- Q.150 Did you ever have periods when there was no demand for the sale of wood?
- A.150 No, sir.
- Q.151 Have you ever told any driver to throw on a load of wood and go to the village and see if he could sell it?
- A.151 No, sir.
- Q.152 Did you ever tell Pte. Dunlop and L/Cpl. Berry to throw on a load of wood and see if they could sell it?
- A.152 Not that I can remember.
- Q.153 If you had done that would there have been slips?
- A.153 Yes, sir.
- Q.154 In whose names would they have been made out?
- Q.154 If this had happened the slips would have been made out in the name of whoever bought the wood and given to them after that.
- Q.155 I am suggesting to you that on one or two occasions you, a Sgt., instructed certain individuals to take a load of wood, sell it if they could and bring back the money to you. Is it your evidence that on any occasion did you ever instruct a man of your Company to take a load of wood and sell it without a slip?
- A.155 No, I never did that I know of.
- Q.156 You have told me two people were employed in each truck. On this day Howes and Atherton were on one truck, did you know Atherton was riding with Howes?
- A.156 Yes, sir. He was on the day before, and I knew he would be going on that morning with Howes.
- Q.157 You gave Pte. Atherton the slip?
- A.157 He took it off the desk.
- Q.158 Did that relieve Pte. Howes of responsibility?
- A.158 No, sir. After the slip was taken off the desk they were both responsible.
- Q.159 Did you think it a good thing to have a dual responsibility for one job?
- A.159 Yes, sir.
- Q.160 I suggest to you that it is an unsound thing not to have one individual responsible when only one man handles the money?
- A.160 Not in this case.
- Q.161 Who usually turns in the money after the wood is delivered?
- A.161 Often in the handling of money I have had money turned in by helpers, sometimes by drivers.
- Q.162 When was the last before 24th Nov you had money turned in by a helper?
- Q.162 I don't remember, sir.