

back to the official account on 8 Jul 42. In the meantime under provisions of Overseas R.O. 851 I had reported the matter to the AA & QMG CRU. On 15 Aug 42 a cheque was received in my office for £5 in part settlement of this £30 cheque.

- Q. Whose cheque was that?
- A. It was a bank draft made payable to the Chief Paymaster 1 Cdn Div, but was subsequently changed to make it proper.
- Q. From whom did it originate?
- A. It came to me through Field Cashier 1 Cdn Div.
- Q. Where did the funds come from?
- A. I don't know.

Question by the President

- Q. You received this from Field Cashier 1 Cdn Div on behalf of the accused?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. How was the £30 cheque returned to you the 2nd time?
- A. It was a matter of redepositing.
- Q. How did it come back?
- A. Returned "NSF" from the bank.
- Q. Proceed please.
- A. On 22 Aug 42 a cheque for £5 was received. This cheque was drawn by another officer whose name I don't know, but was sent by Field Cashier 1 Cdn Div to be applied as a further payment on the £30 cheque. This was deposited and on Major Mitchell's cheque was endorsed that this balance had been applied. The £5 cheque was dealt with in the same way.
- Q. Were there any other transactions regarding this account?
- A. Nothing, except I sent the cheque up to the Chief Treasury Office and asked that Major Mitchell's pay acct be charged with the £10 and that Treasury Issue a cheque to the Paymaster Command Details clearing his books. That cheque has been with the C.T.O. but is on the way down here this morning.
- Q. In so far as your evidence is concerned that £30 cheque was issued to cover the £30 you advanced him and that cheque was returned "Refer to drawer" and "NSF"?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you make any arrangement with Major Mitchell that you would consider that cheque an overdraft or that it was to be settled by other cheques?
- A. The agreement was that he would pay it as soon as he got his back pay.

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Cross-Examination by the Defence

- Q. In these discussions with the accused with respect to the advance of £30 did it appear that the accused's account had not been opened?
- A. No.
- Q. Were you aware of the fact that at that time a pay acct had not been opened?
- A. No.
- Q. What is the usual length of time from the date on which an officer arrives in England until a bank account is opened for him?