

Third Witness for the Prosecution, cont'd.

I kept observation on a house called "Jevington" House, Phyllis Ave. Peacehaven. About 2030 hrs I went to the house, when I saw Miss Whales, daughter of Mrs Whales the occupier. I told her I was a police officer and was making some enquiries about army blankets brought to the house. She went upstairs and brought down two blankets. Sgt Lupton and I searched outside the house and he found 2 more blankets. I also found 2. At 0930 hrs the next day I saw Mrs Whales, told her I was a police officer, explained the nature of my visit and she made a voluntary statement which I recorded in my pocket book.

At 1530 hrs on the 2 Oct 42 I saw F39700 Pte Turpin, G.W. and he made this statement: "I have been cautioned that I ~~wxxx~~ need not make any statement unless I wish to do so and that I am to be reported for stealing blankets, the property of the Cdn Army. About a fortnight ago I went with Pte Martin to a house in Peacehaven. I do not know the name of the house. I asked the lady there if she could do with some blankets. This was at the suggestion of Pte Martin who had stayed at the house. The lady said she could do with some. On Thursday night last 24 Sep I went to the house to see if Pte Martin was there but he was not there. One day I noticed some army blankets in a loft at "Lestalle" South Coast Rd. Telescombe Cliffs where I am billeted. These blankets were there some few days after. I thought no one seemed to be worrying about them so I decided to try to sell them. One night I cannot say if it was Friday or Monday night I took the blankets to the house which I had visited with Pte Martin. I saw the stout lady. I cannot remember if anything was said. I gave her the blankets and received some money. I cannot say ~~xxxxxxx~~ for certain if I took 2 blankets and received 10/ or if I took 3 blankets and received 15/. I have not sold anything else at ~~xxxxxxx~~ the house. I did not steal the blankets. I found them in the loft".

Cross-examined by the accused as follows:-

Q. How did you happen to keep that house under observation?

A. My information came from Sgt Lupton.

The accused declines to further cross-examine the witness. *John Miller, 10/10/42*

Fourth Witness for the Prosecution.

Mrs Whales, of Jevington House, Phyllis Ave., Peacehaven, having been duly sworn states:-

"I am living at Jevington House, Phyllis Ave Peacehaven. Around the beginning of October, Det Con Miller about 0900 hrs came to my house and told me he was asking enquiries about some army blankets which he said had been delivered to my house. Pte Martin who had been staying at my house weekends, asked me on 2 Oct I think if I could do with some blankets. I said, "Yes", I could do with some. A man came up to the house the next night and said he was Martin's friend. He had two blankets with him. I gave him 10/ for the blankets. The next day Martin came between 1300 and 1400 hrs and asked if I could do with four blankets. He said he'd bring them up at 1600 hrs. that day. I told him I would be out but would leave the f he asked for with my daughter. I gave ~~nix~~ my daughter the f to give him and she later told me that she had given Martin the money.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness. *John Miller, 10/10/42*

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