

The accused having been cautioned in accordance with R.P. 4(E), elects to give evidence on Oath, and being duly sworn, states:-

I was in No. 7 Company canteen on Sunday 2 Oct 43 when I was approached by K-99121 Pte. Stephenson and asked by him if I wanted a few tins of jam, some tea and sugar. I asked him what he wanted for it and put my hand in my pocket and gave him what change I had. It would be about twelve or fifteen shillings. There was a ten shilling note. As I left the canteen I was handed a gunny sack. I opened the sack when I got home and found it to contain tins of jam (10) with some tea and also some sugar. Previous to making the aforementioned purchase with Pte. Stephenson, I met a Mr. MacDonald, a farmer with whom my wife and I resided. He asked me if Pte. Stephenson was in the canteen and I said yes. He then asked me to inform Pte. Stephenson that he, MacDonald, was there. I did so and Pte. Stephenson came out and spoke to him. Pte. Stephenson was outside for about one half hour. He then came back into the canteen. When I moved to Inverness on Monday 4 Oct 43, I took with me the goods I had purchased from Pte. Stephenson and when my residence was searched, the goods were found by the Civil Police and taken to Police H.Q. The goods taken by the Police were on the shelves in a cupboard and I did not at any time try to hide same away. I did not at any other time take any goods or foodstuffs to my home nor did I at any time give any foodstuffs away to any other party. I did not ask Pte. Stephenson at any time where he got the foodstuffs from. All he said to me was "This is some overs". When I returned to camp on Tuesday morning, not Monday night as I previously stated to Cpl. Saunders, C.P.C., and carrying on with my duties mostly in the bush all during parade hours. On Tuesday, 5 Oct 43, after having my supper I went into the canteen to get some change I noticed MacDonald's car parked alongside the canteen heading out towards Inverness. I overheard some men talking and recognized MacDonald's voice. MacDonald was saying "Is it alright?" and a person I do not know said "Yes, its O.K., it is cached over by Royn Place." I further state when I purchased the ~~xxx~~ foodstuffs from Stephenson I was not aware that any foodstuffs or rations had been stolen from any place. If I had of been in camp, I probably would have heard same, but I was granted leave to move my wife from MacDonald's farm to Inverness from 1000 hrs. 4 Oct 43 to 0700 hrs. 5 Oct 43 and as stated before, when I did report to camp, and after having my breakfast, I immediately proceeded to the bush to pick up tools, repair a fence and other various duties. I further wish to state, had I been aware that any foodstuffs or rations had been stolen I certainly would not have made the purchase under any circumstances.

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