

W.H.

Q.118 On the morning of the 24th Nov you took the slip out of the safe. Was this the last load of wood delivered by them that morning?
A.118 No, sir.

Q.119 How then was it you did not receive the money till the afternoon?
A.119 Sometimes I received it immediately after the delivery, but occasionally I waited till the end of the day. Each truck made usually four trips a day.

Q.120 Could it happen then that they might turn in their money at the end of the day?
A.120 Yes.

Q.121 On these occasions would you refer to your book and see how much money was due altogether?
A.121 Yes.

Q.122 It could be possible then that without figuring they pulled the amount of money you named out of their pockets and paid you. Did you ever know a time when Pte. Howes was over the amount of money he was supposed to have paid to you?
A.122 No, sir.

Q.123 You have had Pte. Howes working on the truck a number of times?
A.123 Yes, sir.

Q.124 Did you ever know Pte. Howes to do anything either in the amount of wood he delivered or in the amount of cash he collected that would cause you to suspect him?
A.124 No, sir. Not even once.

Q.125 This load in question was delivered exactly when?
A.125 I don't know, sir.

Q.126 Was Pte. Howes back on that job again after that day?
A.126 Yes, sir.

Q.127 When?
A.127 Saturday morning, the day after, sir.

Q.128 Did he continue on that job after that?
A.128 I don't know whether he took any more wood out after that. I don't remember.

Q.129 Do you remember speaking to Pte. Howes on 25th Nov?
A.129 Yes.

Q.130 Did he tell you that he on that trip was going to return the money to Mr. Allen?
A.130 Yes, sir.

Q.131 Did you think that if at that time Pte. Howes had been suspected of doing anything wrong, he would have been allowed to continue on that job?
A.131 No, sir.

The witness is re-examined by the Prosecutor

Q.132 When did you make an entry from the slip in your book?
A.132 On the 24th Nov just before Pte. Atherton got the slip. The alterations had not been made at that time.

Q.133 It was a few minutes after that Atherton got it?
A.133 Yes.

Q.134 Were you with the rear party?
A.134 Yes.

Q.135 Had you plenty of men?
A.135 Sometimes we had. Other days we were short.

Q.136 On the period 25 to 27 Nov 44 had you a surplus?
A.136 No, sir.

Mr. A.H. Macdonald for G.45557 Pte. Atherton, E.L., cross-examines the witness:

Q.137 You said that you put the slips into your safe. Have you a safe?
A.137 It's a desk with a drawer and a lock on, sir.

Q.138 On the 22nd you had six slips more or less, on the 23rd four of these slips were used more or less, and on the 24th you had two slips?
A.138 Right.

Q.139 One to Ptes. Atherton and Howes and one to the permanent haulers?
A.139 Yes, sir.