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<u>Company</u>	S.I.S.	<u>Formation</u>	C.M.H.Q.	Corps
<u>Location</u>	London	<u>Date</u>	28 Dec 42	

SUBJECT: Reg.No. D-95 Pte DUQUETTE, Robert
5th Sec Cdn Arm'd Corps Ord. Wksp., R.C.O.C.

UNLAWFULLY DISPOSING OF ARMY CLOTHING AND PAY & SERVICE BOOK,
MASQUERADING AS MERCHANT SEAMAN.

File Nos.
42/SIS/D-7/96

G.I.D. Liverpool
19 Nov 42
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42/SIS/D-7/85

Previous Report

G.I.S. First

1. With reference to the above and marginally-noted, a report dated 19 Nov 42 was received from the Chief Constable, Liverpool, with covering memo. Report reads as follows:

"I beg to report that at 1530 hrs. on Thursday, the 12 Nov 42, L/Cpl. John Ford MORLEY, attached to the Military Police stationed in Liverpool, saw the accused - George William PEARSON, 17 yrs, Seaman, c/o Dr. Barnardo's Home, Stepney Causeway, London, or 29 Clare Street, Cardiff - in Dale Street, Liverpool, wearing the battle-dress of a Pte. in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.

"L/Cpl. Morley stopped PEARSON and asked him for his pass, and after feeling in his pockets PEARSON said 'I've lost it.' When asked for proof of his identity PEARSON produced a Canadian Militia Soldier's Pay Book and Service Book, both in the name of D-95, Pte. Robert DUQUETTE of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, and stated that they were his. He was detained and then stated to L/Cpl MORLEY that he was an absentee from the R.C.O.C.

"It was later ascertained that he was not Pte. R. DUQUETTE, and at 1400 hrs on the 14th instant, I interviewed PEARSON at Argyle Street Military Bridewell. I told him who I was and asked him for his name and address and he said 'George William PEARSON, 17 yrs, c/o Dr Barnardo's Home, Stepney Causeway, London. I deserted a ship in Bramley Dock about 2 weeks ago.' I asked him to account for the battle-dress which he was wearing and he said, 'Me and a Canadian Soldier who is a deserter, swopped uniforms; and papers in the Y.M.C.A. Church Street, last Wednesday'. I cautioned and told him that I was going to arrest and charge him with Unlawful Possession of the Battle-dress, respirator, Pay Book and Service Book, and he said, 'Yes'. When formally cautioned and charged he said, 'Yes'.

"On Monday, the 14th instant, PEARSON was remanded in custody for 7 days until the 23rd instant.

"I made immediate enquiries in the Y.M.C.A. Church St., and other Service Clubs, with a view to tracing Pte. R. DUQUETTE, but without result. I have learned that he did stay at the above Y.M.C.A. on the 10th and 11th instant, and his Army Overcoats and haversack are in the Left Luggage Office at the Y.M.C.A. and should he call for them we will be notified immediately.

"I have also notified the Board of Trade and the Shipping Pool to keep a look-out in case DUQUETTE tries to get away to sea in PEARSON'S name, with the papers he got from PEARSON, and they have promised to inform me at once if he did so.

"PEARSON, who informed me that he has recently been before the Courts at Leeds and Kingston-upon-Hull for theft

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