

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE in the case of F39700 Pte Gordon Willimur TURPIN, West N.S.R., a soldier of the Canadian Army Overseas, stationed in the Field.

By Order of Major J.A. Hebb, A/Comd. West N.S.R.

This Evidence is taken on Oath.

First Witness for the Prosecution

F39776 Sgt Lupton, W.B., West N.S.R., having been duly sworn states:-

I am and was at all times material hereto F39776 Sgt Lupton W.B., West N.S.R., Provost Sgt. On Tuesday Morning 29 Sep 42 in answer to a complaint from the C.Q.M.S. of HQ Coy I proceeded to that Coy and was informed that two blankets had been stolen the previous night. Pte Rees was one of the parties who had had his blankets stolen. Enquiries led me to believe the accused Pte Turpin knew something about the matter. Subsequently with the aid of Pte Rees a plan was formed whereby the disposal point of the blankets could be found. With the assistance of Det. Con. Miller a watch was kept on a house known as "Jevington" Phyllis Ave. Peacehaven occupied by a Mrs Whales, with the result that at approx 2030 hrs we went to the house and enquired for the missing blankets. As a result two blankets were handed over to us, which had been sold there the previous night. The blankets which had been marked as a means of identification were found outside the house by the Det Con and myself having been thrown out the window. Mrs Whales was not present at that time but the following morning in company with Det Con Miller we interviewed her at her house at which time she made a statement which was taken down in writing and will be submitted as evidence.

Cross-examined by the accused as follows:

Q. What gave you the idea I had anything to do with those two blankets that night?

A. I refuse to answer that question on grounds of investigation.

The accused declines to further cross-examine the witness.

Second Witness for the Prosecution

F34748 Pte Rees, V.A., West N.S.R., having been duly sworn states:-

Over a month ago I came in the billets about 2030 hrs. I looked on my bed. My blankets were there. About 2130 hrs I came back in, one of my blankets were gone. Shortly after Pte Roy came in and said one of his blankets was missing. I reported it to C.Q.M.S. Hopper the next morning. To find out where the blankets had gone C.Q.M.S. Hopper said he would give me 4 marked blankets. The same morning I asked Pte Turpin if he knew where he could sell a couple of blankets. He said, "No, I don't". Later on I asked Pte Martin the same question. He said he would sell them at a certain house. So I told him I had four and that they would be outside the house about 1600 hrs. I received the four marked blankets from the C.Q.M.S. I placed them outside the billets. When I came in about 2030 hrs the four marked blankets were gone.

The accused declines to cross-examine this witness. *NA All*

Third Witness for the Prosecution

John Miller, Detective Constable, stationed at Newhaven, having been duly sworn states:-

At about 2030 hrs on 29 Sep 42 in company with Sgt Lupton