

STATEMENT

OF

Captain Reginald William Lockerby SPOONER,
Intelligence Corps, who says:-

In accordance with instructions received, I proceeded to the Civil Prison at Luneburg, Germany, for the purpose of interviewing a number of persons detained there. Amongst those detained there was Private Edwin Barnard MARTIN, whom I saw in the prison on May 12th, 1945. After satisfying myself as to his identity, I said, "I am attached to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, and later on propose interrogating you concerning your connection with the British Free Corps". I cautioned him. He said "Alright, Sir, I will tell you everything I can", and agreed to make a statement later.

On 13th May I again saw MARTIN and commenced to take from him a written statement under caution. This was completed on the 15th May, and, after I had read it over to him, he signed it in my presence, and I witnessed his signature. I produce the original of this statement.

At a point when paragraph 80 of the statement had been written MARTIN said to me, "I didn't intend to tell you about this money, but I guessed you knew already as you seem to know all about me".

At some point toward the end of the statement he said, "I wish the Germans had shot me, rather than be in my present position".

On May 16th 1945 I again saw MARTIN at his request, and he said that there were one or two other matters with which he wished to deal. After cautioning him again, I took a further statement from him, which he also signed in my presence after he had read it over, though on this occasion I did not add my signature as witness. I produce this second statement made by MARTIN.

This statement has been read over by me and is true.

11st July 1945.

Sgd. "R.W. Spooner"
(Signed) R.W.L. SPOONER
Captain

This is exhibit
"A" referred to in
the case of
Pte Edwin Barnard
Martin on Summary
of Evidence

Sgd "J. Dayton WATT"
Lt-Col

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