

4th Witness

Mr Albert William Percy PITT, part owner PITT AND HOLT PLUMBING AND HEATING, Victoria, B.C. having been BEING duly sworn, states:

I am Mr Albert William Percy PITT, part owner PITT AND HOLT PLUMBING AND HEATING, Victoria, B.C. We bought lead from various persons bringing in lead to sell to the firm of PITT AND HOLT. Anyone bringing in lead we have made a habit of getting a signature whether for cash payment or by cheque.

The witness declined to cross-examine.

(Sgd).....*APITT* Part Owner,  
PITT AND HOLT PLUMBING &  
HEATING, Victoria, B.C.

5th Witness

NO. ZP-1552 Captain Edwin George COOMBE, Officer Commanding, Victoria Detachment, BC Area Signal Sqn, Western Command Signal Regt, R.C.C.S., having been duly sworn, states:

BEING

I am ZP-1552 Captain Edwin George COOMBE, Officer Commanding, Victoria Detachment, BC Area Signal Sqn, Western Command Signal Regt, R.C.C.S. On Friday 26 Aug 49 I was visited by Constables Byce and Constable HARRISON RCMP who stated they had located a quantity of lead sheathing which had been sold to a down-town Victoria firm. Believing it to have been taken from telephone cables and to have been stolen, they asked if I knew anything of the sale of this lead. I told them I had no knowledge of the sale but that on returning to the unit on 15 Aug 49 I had noticed that several turns of lead covered cable had been taken from one of the reels in the cable shed at Signal Centre. I asked them to make further checks with the firm to see if they could discover the identity of the person who disposed of the lead. The constables returned on Saturday morning 27 Aug 49 with receipts showing amounts of money received for sales of lead to PAULIN PLUMBING AND HEATING. One was signed by Corporal DOBISH and one by Corporal BRUNDIT and one by the name JONES. The constables asked to question Corporal DOBISH and Corporal BRUNDIT who admitted sales of lead to PAULINS. Corporal DOBISH admitted selling some lead to PITT AND HOLT and I asked the RCMP to question that firm regarding amounts and dates of sale. They later produced a cancelled cheque which had been issued in favour of Corporal DOBISH in receipt for lead. In view of these findings a charge was placed against Corporal DOBISH.

The witness was cross-examined by Cpl DOBISH as follows.

Q-1 Captain COOMBE whose signature was on the receipt for the lead sheathing?

A-1 Corporal BRUNDIT'S signature was on the receipt.