

SECOND WITNESS. Lieut. J.H. Chicoin "A" coy., Royal 22e. Regiment, having been duly called states:-

" At 1930 hours 20 Feb 41, I was called up to go and see Major Bernatchez, "B" coy. Commander. He informed me that a theft had been committed in the company canteen. He gave me briefly the facts and required my help in investigating the case, as he was under the impression that I might be able to find clues leading to the apprehension of the guilty person or persons. I then was handed an envelope full of broken glass, said to have been picked up on the scene of the theft. These were checked up carefully for finger prints but without avail. However, unmistakable traces of gloves were to be seen on one or two of the pieces.

I examined the canteen, paid particular attention to the broken window. I am of the opinion that this window was broken from the inside out. Further more, I was shown a boot print on a blanket which was on a bed directly under the window. This imprint was that of the left foot. In view of the formation, it appears to me extremely improbable that the job was done from the outside. I wish to draw the attention to the imprint of the left foot as it would be almost impossible for man to go through the window from the outside in such a fashion as to set his left foot printing towards the center of the room.

I reported the results of said investigation to Major Bernatchez by whom I had been detailed.

J. H. Chicoin

(J. H. CHICOINE), Lieutenant,
Royal 22e. Regiment, (C.A.O.).

The Court finds that the disappearance of canteen funds in the amount of £4/17/4 was due to the negligence of E 4608 Pte Vachon, of the R.22e R. Signed in the Field this 25 Jan 41.

P. Garneau

(P. GARNEAU), Captain, R.22e.R.
PRESIDENT.

V. Morin

(V. MORIN), Lieutenant, R.22e.R.
MEMBER.

R. Caron

(R. CARON), Lieutenant, R.22e.R.
MEMBER.

OPINION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER.

Having read the evidence I am of the opinion that the disappearance of Canteen Funds to the amount of £ 4. 17. 4 was due to carelessness on the part of the canteen clerk and that he be caused to reimburse this amount.

P. E. Poirier

(P.E. POIRIER), Major,
Commanding Royal 22e. Regiment.

CONCURRED IN AND FORWARDED

P. E. Poirier
Commanding, 3rd Cdn Inf Bde