

42619 CANADIAN PROVOST CORPS

FILE REFERENCE

COMPANY. No. 1. "RCBP"

FORMATION. 1st. Div. CORPS. 1st.

LOCATION. Field.

DATE. 13th. Feb. 1943.

SUBJECT:

Reg. No. M-20830 Pte. R.M. BELANGER. RCASC.
Theft of watch from Cpl. Robinson RCASC.

Numbers

1. With reference to the above, on 6th. Feb. 1943, Lt.- Col. Hunter, Commanding Officer 2nd. Fd. Dress. Station, informed this office stating that a watch had been stolen.

2. When interviewed on this subject, Col. Hunter, stated this watch had been stolen from one Cpl. C.W. Robinson, R.C.A.B.C., just previous to the forming of the present Field Dressing Station Unit. When this watch was stolen, it was reported, and at the time, the men concerned were members of the 3th. Fd. Ambulance Unit. It was learned that the person who had this watch last, was on leave at this time.

3. Pte. WALKER J.D. Reg. F.B-31695, R.C.A.B.C. was interviewed and the following statement obtained.
BEGIN:

Some time ago, Pte. Willigan of the 2nd. Fd. Dress. Unit, came to see me and while at my billet, showed me a watch. He stated it had been sold to him for 7s.6d. Willigan offered this watch to me for 10 s. I bought it. I did not know this watch had been stolen. I had never seen it before.

At the present time, this watch is in Child-ley's Jewellery Store, Lewes, and is available when wanted. I freely give this watch to L.-Cpl. E.F. Burkmar. R.C.P.
Wit: E.F. Burkmar. L.-Cpl. (Sgd) John D. Walker. Pte.

4. P-34315 Pte. Willigan G.R. R.C.A.B.C. was interviewed and the following statement was obtained:
BEGIN:

I bought this watch about Wed. 26th. Feb., it was the 3rd. day after forming the new Unit.

This watch was a square watch, approx. 1" square. It had a brown strap. I do not remember the face of this watch very well. I know that on the back of it, it was engraved with, "To C from M", also a Reg. No. some what like mine. The first numbers were "B 93..", I do not know the remainder. I knew it was a R.C.A.B.C. number.

This watch was a silver looking watch although it appeared to have been worn quite a lot. The value would be about \$20.00

I bought this watch from Pte. BELANGER, he is of the same Unit as myself. I asked him how much he wanted for it, as it was not going at the time. He said, "this watch belonged to a fellow in the Service Corps., who had returned to Canada, and had left this watch in payment for a \$5. debt. All he wanted was his money back." So I bought this watch for \$5.

I had no cause to doubt this man, and the transaction was done quite openly. Everyone knew I had bought this watch. No one mentioned the fact that this watch might have been stolen.

When they held the muster parade, to inform these present of the loss of this watch, they dismissed

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