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- Q.70 In case there were any change, had you any authority to alter the slip?
A.70 No, sir.
Q.71 Had the slips ever been altered?
A.71 No, sir.
Q.72 Had the driver or helper authority to collect greater or lesser amounts than was on the slip?
A.72 No, sir, no more or no less.
Q.73 Had you the same group of men working on the trucks?
A.73 No sir. One truck was steady, but the second truck only worked when there was more than the usual number of orders.
Q.74 Were either of the two accused, Howes and Atherton regular men?
A.74 No, sir.
Q.75 When you wanted extra men how would you get them?
A.75 Transport would furnish the driver, and the Orderly Corporal would send a man as helper.
Q.76 On these wood deliveries was one man in charge?
A.76 No, sir. Both worked together with no one in charge.
Q.77 With regard to this particular delivery of wood to Mr. Allen, Laton Cottage, Aboyne, when did you first get the slip?
A.77 On 22nd November, 1944.
Q.78 From where did you get the cash sales slip?
A.78 From the Orderly Room.
Q.79 Who were in the Orderly Room when you got it?
A.79 Cpl. A.L. Lewis and Lieut. A.E. Morton.
Q.80 Were you there when it was made out?
A.80 Yes, sir. I went to get some slips and I got Mr. Allen's signed at that time.
Q.81 I will show you Cash Sales Slip, Exhibit "B", do you recognise that document?
A.81 I recognise it all except there is a "3" superimposed over the "2" and "f1-5-0" and a line and a total of "f3-19-6". They were not on it the morning it left my hands.
Q.82 What did that slip Exhibit "B" call for as you got it?
A.82 It called for 2 tons Round Blocks and money f2-14-6 paid by Mr. J. Allen 22 Nov 44. It was No. 86546.
Q.83 Turn the document over and look at the writing on the back?
A.83 I don't know a thing about this sir. It wasn't on when I got it.
Q.84 What did you do with that slip after you got it?
A.84 I brought it down to my office and ~~xxxx~~ put it under lock and key with four or five others.
Q.85 About what time of day was that?
A.85 In the afternoon.
Q.86 When did you next see it again?
A.86 On the 24th in the morning I brought it out. Wrote down the amount of money, price and number in the book I keep for checking, laid it on my desk, and Pte. Atherton came in and got it.
Q.87 Did he or you say anything?
A.87 He said "Is this the slip?" I said "Yes, two tons of round blocks. Get them down at Ballogie."
Q.88 What did that mean?
A.88 That meant get the wood from there.
Q.89 What did Pte. Atherton do?
A.89 He picked up the slip and went out.
Q.90 Are you positive that Exhibit "B" is the slip Pte. Atherton picked up?
A.90 Yes, sir.
Q.91 At the time that he picked it up what did it call for?
A.91 Two tons and f2-14-6.
Q.92 Was it his duty from then on to get two tons of wood, deliver it to Mr. J. Allen?
A.92 It was.
Q.93 Was anything else to be done?
A.93 No, sir.
Q.94 Then the wood was to be given free to Mr. Allen?
A.94 No, sir. They were to collect f2-14-6.
Q.95 Was there any authority to collect more or less than that sum?
A.95 No, sir.
Q.96 What was the next thing that happened in connection with this?