

SECOND WITNESS M-50327 L/Cpl Atkinson GB, 7 Cdn Artizan Works  
PROSECUTION Coy, RCE, having been sworn, is examined by  
the Prosecution:

- Q. Would you tell the Court first of all where you live?  
A. In Hut 18 at Bordon.
- Q. Would you tell the Court in your own words what you know of the supposed theft of cigarettes on 7 Aug?  
A. I had been out to work at the Punch Bowl to work all day. We came back about quarter to five. We came in the hut and Spr Stanley told me he had lost all his cigarettes. I went upstairs and discovered that 800 of mine were missing out of my cupboard. I then went to supper and on the way I reported to the SM that the cigarettes had been stolen. When I came back from supper I was discussing the matter with Sgt Satterlee and Pierce. We looked around and we found cigarettes underneath the staircase. I found them there. There were, I think, 640 British Consols, two cartons.
- Q. Whereabouts did you find them in the cupboard?  
A. They were right underneath the last stair. I had to get right in to find them. You couldn't see them from the door. I left the cigarettes there and told Sgt Satterlee they were there. Someone made a suggestion that we mark them, leave them there and keep watch. We took them out and marked each package with a pen and ink mark and put them back in in the same place.
- Q. How did you mark them?  
A. We took each package and made a little slit in the cellophane on the bottom and marked the package with a little line in ink.
- Q. Would you recognize that mark?  
A. Yes sir.
- Q. Would you say these markings are similar (shown Exhibit "ONE").  
A. Yes.
- Witness shows the markings to the Court. Also markings one Exhibit "ONE A" and "TWO".
- Q. What happened next?  
A. We put them back and the Sgt said that we would keep watch all night in turns. We took turns watching but no one came that night. That was the night of Wednesday, 7 Aug 46. Next morning, on the 8th, it was raining so no one went out to work but in the afternoon it cleared up and Sgt Satterlee told me to keep watch from his room. There was no one else in the house at that time. I kept watch all afternoon until 3 o'clock when I saw Spr Stanley come in.
- Q. Do you recognize any of the people you have mentioned in this room now?  
A. Spr Stanley on the right.
- Q. You say you saw him come in?  
A. Yes.
- Q. About what time?  
A. Approximately 1500 hours.
- Q. You say you were watching the back door?