

A. They were supposed to keep track of their sales by checking their stock on hand each night.

Q. Who was responsible for this check?

A. One Officer per Company was supposed to check the account at least once a week.

Q. Upon what date did you proceed upon the leave from which you returned on 2nd. November?

A. On Oct. 26th.

Q. When you went on leave on 26th October was there any large accumulation of cash?

A. From my examination of the books approximately £67.

Q. Before going on leave did you check the cash in the box?

A. No.

Q. Did you know that there was more than £60. in the box?

A. No I did not, I assumed that L/Cpl. Stowell was banking the money daily as were my instructions to him.

Q. Regarding this item of £3/13/0, you did not check the petty cash yourself?

A. No I did not.

Q. Were you aware of the fact that this shortage of £3/13/0 was covered by two slips one for £2 and one for £1/13/0 signed and dated by Pte. Stowell?

A. No I was not aware of that, Capt. Bennett made the check and said that there were slips representing money spent but the £3/13/0 were not accounted for, this is just what Capt. Bennett told me.

Q. What would you say was the amount of money which passed through Pte Stowell's hands per month?

A. That would vary according to the month but it would be a large amount varying from £400 to £1200.

Q. What were Pte Stowell's duties around the canteen?

A. Stowell's duties were considerable, he had to receive goods from the wholesalers and the general keeping of the canteen involved heavy physical work in moving cases of bottles, goods etc.

Q. Have you any explanation as to why on two occasions Pte Stowell made endeavour to make up shortages from his own funds?

A. My supposition is that having made the mistake and then tallying up at night he thought he had less money than his figures showed he should have, that was his explanation to me.

Q. Can you explain entry on Page 26 of Accounts Payable Ledger dated 30th Sept under heading "Unknown" for £45/9/8?