

see if any of mine were gone. On getting up I noticed that my cupboard was locked and I said, "Well, I guess I haven't lost any". On opening the cupboard I found that my cigarettes were gone. L/Cpl Atkinson opened his cupboard and his were gone too. We talked about it. My cigarettes were Buckingham and I lost approximately 300. Sgt Satterlee came in and we told him about them and started a search of the house. I was looking around upstairs and didn't find anything. I took my coveralls off and had started to wash when L/Cpl Atkinson called me downstairs. When I went down he had found some cigarettes. They were BC's and were under the stairs in the bottom part of the house. There was two full cartons and one half carton of decks and two loose decks, 640 cigarettes in all with 20 in each deck. Then we took the decks upstairs, marked them by splitting the cellophane at the bottom and putting a blue ink mark on the bottom of each deck. Sgt Satterlee, L/Cpl Atkinson and myself did this. It was just a short line at the bottom. Then we placed the cigarettes back as they were found and posted a guard. I took the first watch while Sgt Satterlee went to the show in the camp. I watched until 9 o'clock from 6 o'clock. Nothing happened while I was on watch. Then Sgt Satterlee took over.

- Q. Did anyone come through the back door while you were on watch?
A. Sgt Satterlee and Cpl Atkinson came back while I was there.
- Q. While you were on watch could anyone have come into the house?
A. I would have seen them if they had.
- Q. Could they have come through the front door?
A. No, it was bolted.
- Q. Is this the first time you have lost cigarettes?
A. No. I lost some about a month previous from this.

Witness cross-examined by the Defence

- Q. When you went up to your room did you unlock your cupboard?
A. It was unlocked and I unlocked it.
- Q. You found your cigarettes gone?
A. Yes.
- Q. Was there any evidence that the lock or hasp had been tampered with?
A. No sir.
- Q. How were the cigarettes removed from the cupboard?
A. They could have been removed from the top of the cupboard or by taking the key from my bed.
- Q. Was it generally known that you kept your key on your bed?
A. I don't think so.
- Q. You say they could have been taken from the top of the cupboard. How?
A. Just by springing the top part of the cupboard back. It is a long wooden cupboard and can be pryed open.
- Q. How far?