



Sale of a Revolver

Sequel to Hindon Transaction

A sequel to a summons heard in the Blandford Court when Claude Henry Elliott of The Stores, Hindon was sent to prison for assaulting his wife by shooting at her with a firearm was heard at the Tisbury Court on Thursday when Private Philip D. Parrott of 57 Gosney Cottage, Chicklade, pleaded guilty to being in unauthorised possession of a firearm at Chicklade, and also to having sold the weapon to an unauthorised person at Hindon.

Inspector Townsend said accused was seen by P.C. Beard before the case came on at Blandford, and he then made a statement. He (the Inspector) asked that the weapon be confiscated.

P.C. Beard said accused told him he saw Claude Elliott at the Grosvenor Arms, Hindon, and they had a chat. Elliott asked him if he had a revolver, and said he wanted to shoot some rabbits, Parrott told Elliott that he had a revolver at home, which he had brought from Germany, but he had no ammunition. Elliott replied that he could get some ammunition from Chilmark. Later Parrott examined the revolver and found that the magazine was fully charged. Later he saw Elliott and let him have the revolver. Elliott said that he would give him something for it, but he had not done so yet.

Revolvers From Germany

An officer from the accused's unit said that practically every man in the battalion had a revolver at one time. When they came back from Germany they were searched by the Customs. Every man was not searched, but two or three out of every eight were stopped and searched.

The Chairman (Colonel F. S. Kennedy Shaw): And I suppose any revolvers found were confiscated?

The Officer: As a matter of fact no revolvers were found when we passed the Customs. If they had been they would have been confiscated.

The Chairman said the Bench considered it possible that accused did not know the regulations. If every man was allowed to bring in revolvers and sell them in this country it would be money for jam. The accused would be fined 10s. for each offence, with 12s. 6d. costs, a total of £1 12s. 6d. and the revolver would be confiscated.

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