



Wiltshire at War

Upton Lovell

CAMP STORES MYSTERY

ACCUSED ARMY OFFICER'S VERSION

Government stores valued at £178 were concerned in the case, continued at Warminster, Wilts., on Thursday, in which a lieutenant and quartermaster-sergeant of the Royal Field Artillery are charged.

Arthur Charles Glenfield, of Upton Lovell, Wilts., was charged with being in unlawful possession of stores, and Lieut. Edward Stirling Buckley and Quartermaster-sergeant Frank Henry Kendall, both of Corton Camp, were charged on remand with converting the stores to their own use and receiving payment. John Graham and Joseph Whitelegg were charged with having some of the articles.

The case of Glenfield was first investigated, and it was alleged that a large quantity of stores was found at his cottage, the defendant stating that he purchased them from Buckley, excepting two tons of horseshoes, which he obtained from Kendall.

Lieut. Buckley admitted taking £1 for giving Glenfield permission to collect rags and bones at the camp, but said he intended handing the money over to the Government. He sent an escort with Glenfield to see that no stores were taken.

The Bench decided to convict Glenfield, but deferred judgment. The other cases were adjourned till Jan. 15.

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GOVERNMENT STORES

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS AT WARMINSTER

Before the Marquis of Bath (Chairman) and other Magistrates, at Warminster, on Saturday, over seven hours were occupied in the further hearing of charges arising out of the alleged wrongful disposal of Government property after the breaking up of a training camp at Corton in September last. A dealer named Arthur Charles Glenfield is under conviction for the offence of being in unlawful possession of Government stores seized from a cottage occupied by him at Corton on December 31 last, the Magistrates being of opinion that Glenfield had not given a satisfactory account as to how the goods got into his possession, but sentence was deferred pending other charges. The Magistrates decided on Saturday to dismiss similar charges against John Graham and Joseph Whitelegg, travelling showmen, of Kingsbridge, Devon, it being successfully contended that the goods in this case were bona fide purchases from Glenfield, who produced written authority to buy goods. Lieut. Edward Sterling Buckley, who was left in charge of details of his camp at Corton after departure of the 34th Division in September last, admitted that Glenfield came to him and asked to be allowed to collect rags and odds and ends, and for this privilege he accepted payment of £1, which he intended to hand over to the Government, or the representative of the Government, for the collection of these rags. He sent an escort with Glenfield to see that nothing but rags was collected. Lieut. Buckley said he had not transferred the money he received from Glenfield, but made a memorandum of it on a slip of paper in his office. Since these proceedings were taken he had paid the identical pound not given him by Glenfield to the police authorities. Lieut. Buckley had previously been charged with selling Government property and receiving the proceeds, and the charge now made against him was of being in possession of Government stores unlawfully obtained, and that he did aid and abet one Arthur Glenfield. Mr Pearce, Assistant District Public Prosecutor, appeared to prosecute, and Lieut. Buckley, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr Percy Cruttwell, of Frome. After a lengthy hearing the Bench again adjourned the case for a week.

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