

NEW PLYMOUTH.—On the 31st ultimo or 1st instant, the countinghouse of A. W. HOLDER AND SONS, LTD., Devon Street, was broken into and £12 10s. in money stolen from a cash-box. The offence may have been committed by **John Alexander Sheerin**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1942, page 880. He was wearing an ox-blood-coloured sports coat and grey sports trousers (no hat). He was employed by complainant firm until the 26th ultimo, and he knew where the key of the cash box was kept. He left the boardinghouse where he had been staying on the 1st instant taking his effects with him.

ELTHAM.—15th January last, the property of IRENE MARION FISHER, 7 Collingwood Street, a black rucked leather handbag, about 10 in. by 8 in., clip-fastener on top, small purse attached inside, containing £10 in money; a money-order for £3 5s. 3d., issued at Eltham in favour of the Farmers' Trading Co., Auckland; a ladies' gold Titan wristlet watch with mother-of-pearl dial, Arabic numerals, "To Irene from Mum and Dad, 1939" on back; two Eltham Post Office Savings-bank books, Nos. 1683 and 1684, in names Jacqueline Fisher and Irene Marion Fisher; four ration-books in same names; and sundry papers; total value, £20 16s. 3d. Identifiable except money. Complainant lost the handbag and contents while in the town.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—7th or 8th February last, from the Foxton Racecourse Camp, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Army Department), a .38 calibre Smith and Wesson revolver, No. 2085, with skeleton web equipment; value, £9. Identifiable.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Between the 1st and 27th ultimo, from the Commercial Hotel, The Square, the property of HUBERT JOHN DAVIS, licensee, seven quart bottles of Vok Creme de Menthe; twenty-four quart bottles of Vidals' wine cocktail; six quart bottles of Solera brandy-wine, with "Bottled in New Zealand by H. J. Davis, Commercial Hotel, Palmerston North" on labels; a bottle of Creme de Menthe (recovered); and a bottle of brandy-wine (recovered); total value, £19 6s. 6d. The offence may have been committed by **William Gordon Weir**, referred to in Police Gazette, 1943, page 157, who was wearing a mid-grey flannel suit and probably a double-breasted black tweed overcoat; fond of drink; may be found sleeping in yards or parks. He was employed by complainant from the 2nd to the 9th ultimo, and on the 27th ultimo a soldier was found in possession of a bottle of Creme de Menthe and a bottle of brandy-wine, which he stated Weir gave him earlier that day. Complainant then checked his stock and discovered that the liquor described had been stolen. **Weir** is also to be interviewed regarding the unlawful conversion of a Morris-Cowley motor car on the 17th or 18th ultimo, and the theft of a black tweed overcoat, the property of ALBERT EDWARD MADGWICK, 27 Campbell Street, between the 12th and 26th ultimo.

WELLINGTON.—16th January last, from a drawer in a room at Fort Dorset, the property of JOY GWENDOLINE SOMERVILLE, corporal W.A.A.C., an 18 ct. white gold engagement ring, set with a diamond about size of a pea in claw setting with three small diamonds on each side of it, "A. Kohn, Ltd." and "1605" on inside; value, £98. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—14th or 15th ultimo, from the reading-room of the Y.M.C.A., Winter Show Buildings, the property of CHRISTOPHER ERNEST DAWSON, secretary, a five-valve Columbus broadcast radio, model 12, No. 20696, polished brown veneer cabinet, 11 in. by 7½ in.; value, £12 10s. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—27th February last, from a room in Warner's Hotel, Cathedral Square, the property of HORACE LESLIE HAWK, 14 Morvern Road, Epsom, a gentlemen's gold Omega wristlet watch, probably Arabic numerals, repair No. A. 3410L^{xx} scratched on inside back case, brown leather wrist-strap; value, £25. Identifiable. The offence may have been committed by a **Man** (name unknown), age about forty, height about 5 ft. 9 in., medium build, fair complexion; wearing a light-coloured suit. He was at the door of complainant's room when the latter returned from the bathroom, and it was subsequently discovered that the watch had been stolen.

CHRISTCHURCH.—9th January last, from the guard's van of a train between Riccarton and Blenheim, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Army Department), a .303 calibre Short Magazine Lee-Enfield rifle, Mk. I, maker's No. X. 8366, command No. S. 5165, unit No. 5; value, about £8. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—On the 10th instant, the dwelling of GEORGE RONALD BURROWES, 328 Armagh Street, was broken into and the following stolen: **Rings**—An 18 ct. gold and platinum, set with a diamond about 2¼ ct.; an 18 ct. gold and platinum, set with nine large diamonds in claw setting; an 18 ct. gold, set with an emerald surrounded by smaller diamonds. **Watches**—A gentlemen's 9 ct. gold oblong Rolex wristlet, luminous Arabic numerals, unbreakable glass with slight dent in centre, fitted with rolled-gold two-piece bracelet of flat type with buckle; a gentlemen's silver Rolex wristlet with chromium-plated expanding wrist-band; a gentlemen's silver Rolex wristlet (broken), luminous dial. **Miscellaneous**—A platinum bar brooch, set with diamond in centre and square sapphire on each side; and a 9 ct. gold Nellie Stewart bangle; total value, £405 5s. Identifiable. The offence may have been committed by a **Man** (name unknown), age about fifty, height about 5 ft. 9 in., medium build, grey hair and moustache, blue eyes, pointed chin; wearing a navy-blue suit, dark-grey or green hat, and tan shoes without toe-caps; well spoken. He was seen leaving the dwelling about the time the offence was committed, and when questioned by neighbours gave his name as Ernest David Reid, and produced a Social Security coupon-book in that name, but inquiries have revealed that the book was stolen from the owner, Ernest David Reid, while he was staying at the Grand Hotel, Wellington, between the 8th and 13th ultimo.

BURNHAM.—Between the 7th and 9th ultimo, from a store in Burnham Camp, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Army Department), a .455 calibre Webley revolver, Mk. VI, No. 420; value, £8. Identifiable.

ASHBURTON.—Between March, 1942, and December last, from the Regimental Store in Westerfield Camp, the property of the NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (Army Department), five pairs of binoculars, made by L. Petit Fabt, Paris, or Derby and Forestie, Paris, maker's name and "Mk. V medium" on eyepiece, each numbered respectively as follows: 80626, 80654, 80439, 80298, and 80189; and a pair of prismatic binoculars, No. G. 164; total value, £13. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—3rd ultimo, from a room at Dunedin Fortress, Littlebourne House, the property of Major SIDNEY ROBERT CRIMP, a pair of black Voightlander prismatic binoculars, 8 x 32 or 8 x 36 magnifications, separate adjustment for each eyepiece, strap attached, contained in black leather case; value, £20. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—Between the 6th and 8th ultimo, from the dwelling of WILLIAM LANCELOT AYNSELY, 32 Hawthorne Avenue, Mornington, a white china afternoon tea set consisting of six each of cups, saucers, and plates; a cake-plate, and a milk-jug with three wide blue lines around each together with gold-coloured scroll work and four gold-coloured lines, "Royal Stafford, Bone China" and "Made in England" on them; about twenty cups and saucers, seventeen of which have plates to match, some Royal Doulton with old English cottage scene on them, one cup, saucer, and plate in Royal Albert, each marked "As used by Her Majesty The Queen," and the remainder are of various colours with various scenes depicted thereon; six barrel-shaped crystal Webb and Corbett beer-glasses; six curved crystal Harbridge whisky-glasses; two crystal Stuart whisky-glasses with light scroll cut in them; two crystal Stuart wine-glasses with long stem and a large wine-glass of similar description; six sterling silver teaspoons in grey box lined with satin, Christopher Johnston brand; six small E.P.N.S. A.1 cake-forks in cardboard box; six cake-forks of cheap variety; twelve large stainless table-knives with white handles; twelve stainless dessert-knives three of which have "AYN" on them; a square chromium-plated metal mantel clock, about 4 in. wide, set on two uprights from metal base, "English Make" on dial; a two-piece costume of brown English worsted with alternate red and grey-black stripes, inverted pleat in front and back of skirt, W. size, fully lined with beige-coloured art silk; a two-piece suit of medium blue wool sheer light weight material, W. size, three pleats in front of skirt and large box-pleat in back, jacket fastens to neck (no collar), three machine-pattern tiers in each sleeve; a dinner frock of bronze-coloured shot taffeta; an air-force blue tweed skirt with faint chalk stripes, inverted pleat in front and back; and two small pots of raspberry jam; total value, £78 13s. 6d. Mostly identifiable.

Mostly recovered 5/5/43.

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