

POLICEMAN AS COMMANDER R.N.V.R.

EVIDENCE AGAINST FORMER SUBORDINATE.

At Marlborough-street Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. Mead, DONALD BOURNE COWDY, 28, assistant manager, was charged with obtaining £23 10s. by means of a forged order from his employers, Messrs. Selfridge and Co. (Limited), Oxford-street.

Mr. Barrington Matthews, prosecuting, said that the defendant had taken advantage of his position to obtain the money from the firm by means of false vouchers for petty expenses. There were other charges, but it was not proposed to go into them.

Detective-sergeant Phelps said that the defendant had held a commission in the R.N.V.R., but had been cashiered for dishonesty.

Police-constable Price said that he was a commander in the R.N.V.R. during the war, and the prisoner had served under him. The trouble mentioned by Detective-sergeant Phelps involved about £100.

Replying to Mr. MEAD, the witness said that he left the police to join the R.N.V.R., and had now returned to police duty.

Mr. MEAD.—Your career reflects great credit on you, and I congratulate you.

The prisoner was sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the second division.