

**DISTRICT COURT.—CRIMINAL
SITTINGS.**

Before his Honour Judge Jameson.

STEALING WITH VIOLENCE.

James Caristian Hansen, a returned soldier, was charged with having stolen with actual violence a badge, a military discharge, and £12/10/, from Stephen Loosgie, at South Brisbane, on April 7.

Mr. Murphy (instructed by Mr. Desmond, public defender) appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Dickson stated that the alleged offence took place on a vacant allotment near the Adelaide Hotel, Russell-street, South Brisbane after the complainant, a Russian, who had served in the A.I.F., and defendant, in company with two other men, had been drinking together. Evidence would be adduced to show that the defendant was possessed of a good deal of money on the day after the offence was committed.

Detective Constable Ingram gave evidence concerning the arrest of the defendant.

Stephen Loosgie, a keeper of a fruit shop, carrying on business at Logan-road, Woolloongabba, who stated that he served four years and 21 days with the A.I.F., stated that when on the vacant allotment referred to the defendant assaulted him and robbed him. Witness asked defendant not to take his silver.

Cross-examined, the witness denied that he was so drunk that he did not know who robbed him. He had had only one brandy and three small beers.

Malcolm Goudie, storekeeper at South Brisbane, John Joseph Mulry, son of the licensee of the Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point, and F. Kangan, a Russian, gave evidence for the Crown.

No evidence was called for the defence.

The jury, after a retirement of 15 minutes, returned a verdict of guilty.

The defendant was remanded for sentence.

STEALING IN A DWELLING.

Cornelius Patrick M'Alcer was charged that, on March 17, he entered the dwelling-house of David Nagel with intent to commit a crime, and stole a gold ring,

commit a crime, and stole a gold ring, set with diamonds, and 14/5, of a total value of £9/14/5, the property of Perlie Nagel, and also with receiving. The defendant pleaded guilty to receiving.

Mr. Dickson, in accepting the plea, said the Crown would not proceed with three other charges.

Mr. D. J. R. Watson (instructed by the Public Defender) appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Dickson said that since the defendant left gaol on December 14 last he had done no work, and undoubtedly lived on the proceeds of crime. The police report stated that he was associated with various house robberies in the New Farm district, involving a total value of £300, none of which had yet been recovered. The defendant also had a long list of other convictions, mostly of a minor character.

Mr. Watson, in asking for leniency, asserted that defendant was the tool of a cunning criminal.

The defendant was remanded for sentence.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Edward Molina was charged that, on January 1, at Spring Hill, by having falsely pretended to Peter Perales that he had inspected certain machinery, the property of the A.U.S.N. Co., that he had such machinery under offer of purchase for £130, and that if certain repairs were effected by them the A.U.S.N. Co. would repurchase the machinery at a price that would yield to them a profit of £25 each, he obtained from Perales £65, with intent to defraud.

Mr. Crisp Poole (instructed by the Public Defender) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

The case had not been concluded when the court adjourned until the following morning
