

# AN ORKNEY PRODIGAL.

## ELECTRICIAN'S UNIFORM AND DECORATIONS.

At Bow-street Police Court on Saturday, before Sir John Dickinson, IAN IRVINE BARCLAY, 23, electrician, of South Ronaldshay, Orkney, was charged on remand with wearing military uniform and decorations without authority.

When arrested at the Horse Guards the defendant was wearing the uniform of a major in the R.A.F., with three rows of ribbons of the V.O., D.S.O., M.C., Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force medal, 1914 Star, the General Service and Allies' medals. He also had on his tunic pilot's wings, five service chevrons, and two wound stripes. Detective-Inspector Collins said that the prisoner was employed until six weeks ago as an electrician at Brechin at £3 10s. a week. He was discharged, as his work was unsatisfactory. On June 18 he ordered his uniform by post from Messrs. Gamage's, and he called for it on August 12. He changed civilian clothes for the uniform in the shop, explaining that he was in a hurry, as he had to appear before the King to receive the V.O. He paid £10 15s. for the uniform. On the same day he engaged a room at Prince's Hotel, Piccadilly, and the next morning he left owing a bill for £1 14s. 6d. Since then he had been staying at the Savoy Hotel. When arrested he had in his possession a cheque made out for £210 upon a form which he had obtained from a chemist at Brechin. He attempted on August 14 to cash this cheque at his father's bankers, the Union Bank of Scotland, in Lombard-street. His father had informed the police that the defendant had received £100 from him just lately. The defendant also had in his possession a letter from his father in which there was a reference to a forged cheque for £10.

The MAGISTRATE, after reading a letter from Barclay's father, said that he would not take the contents into consideration, but he should think that for the rest of his life the defendant would be thoroughly ashamed of himself. He passed a sentence of six weeks' imprisonment in the second division.