

1st Witness for the prosecution.

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Sworn, states.

"I am F15286 Sgt. Harding G. S. F. Sec. 13 Cdn. Prov. Corps.
At approximately 0115 hrs 22 Dec 44 Cpl Atkins I. W.
reported to me that he had seen a provost jeep,
stopped on the road at about 100⁺ from the roundabout.
I immediately checked where I had parked my jeep at
about 2200 hrs 22 Dec 44. The jeep was demobilized
by removing the rotor arm from the distributor. I then,
accompanied by Cpl Atkins went to where he reported
to me to have seen the vehicle. When I got near enough
the vehicle, I recognized it to be the vehicle on my charge.
I walked to the front end of the jeep where I saw two
soldiers leaning over the motor. They seemed to be working
about the distributor. I shouted to them to stop what
they were doing, they both began to run. I gave chase to
one and captured him about five to ten yards from
the vehicle. He later proved to be Rfn Kaasou of the
R. A. C. Cpl Atkins gave chase to the other soldier but
later reported to me that he lost sight of him. I
escorted the soldier that I captured to the information post
where I searched him, I found a water bottle half full
of rum. I questioned him as to where he got the rum,
and he said that it was his issue. I asked him why
he had taken my vehicle, he would not talk. The following
day when questioned by my R. S. M. Rfn Kaasou said that
"he had taken the vehicle to get a ride home." I
was present when this soldier was questioned by the
R. S. M. The W.D. No of the vehicle was 05 ~~44~~ 312. After
searching the soldier at the information post, I placed him
under "close arrest" and escorted him to the civilian jail.
There he was detained until the following day, when
he was turned over to his unit. A body receipt was
obtained from the adjutant."

I here-with produce the following articles as evidence