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THE PROSECUTOR MAKES A CLOSING ADDRESS.

Mr. President and members I submit that in this case there seems to be very little room for doubt as to the guilt of the accused. Lieutenant Wood who has established himself as a person subject to Military Law discloses in evidence the fact that he was the owner of the money. His actions were that of a perfectly normal individual in asking all and sundry if they had any trace of his property. The evidence does not even suggest that anyone but the accused was even in close proximity to the wallet. When it comes to question of ability on the part of the prosecution to prove that this confession by the accused was obtained voluntarily, I would draw the Courts' attention to the Extracts of the Manual of Military Law on pages 90 and 91, the gist of which is that a confession is admissible if made voluntarily and not under duress or undue influence. I submit there is no evidence of that in this case, with the admission of the confession into the evidence, the deduction of guilt would be a logical sequence.

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