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EAST SUSSEX CONSTABULARY.

Newhaven. Station Lewes. Division

Statement taken at :-

Place "Lestelle", South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs. Time 3.30p m. Date 2nd October, 1942.

Name Gordon Wilmur TURPIN. Pte.No.F.39700.
Address H.Q. Coy., West Nova Scotia Regt. Telscombe Cliffs.
Occupation Age years

Statement :- " I have been cautioned that I need not make any statement unless I wish to do so and that I am to be reported for stealing blankets the property of the Canadian Army.

About a fortnight ago I went with Pte.MARTIN to a house in Peacchaven. I do not know the name of the house. I asked the lady if she could do with some blankets, this was at the suggestion of Pte.MARTIN who had stayed at the house. The lady said she could do with some.

On Thursday night last, the 24th September, 1942 I went to the house to see if Pte.MARTIN was there but he was not there.

One day I noticed some Army blankets in a loft at "Lestelle", South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs where I am billeted. These blankets were there some few days after. I thought no one seemed to be worrying about them so I decided to try and sell them. One night, I cannot say if it was Friday night or Monday night I took the blankets to the house I had visited with Pte.MARTIN. I saw the stout lady. I cannot remember if anything was said. I gave her the blankets and received some money. I cannot say for certain if I took two blankets and received 10/Od. or if I took 3 blankets and received 15/Od. I have not sold anything else at the house. I did not steal the blankets I found them in the loft. "

(Sgd.) G.W.TURPIN.

The above statement was made to me ~~by Gordon Wilmur~~ By Pte. Gordon Wilmur TURPIN.

and recorded by me at the same time.

John Buller

Police Det. Con. No.