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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH
PROVOST AND SECURITY UNIT - 24 GROUP

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF:

NO. B22227 aka MACHARVILLE, R.J., C. 1 Company, Royal
Canadian Corps Signals

I am a Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal in charge of the Special Investigation Branch, Provost and Security Unit, 24 Group, 2nd Tactical Air Force.

I have on my charge for the use of my Branch a Jeep 4 x 4, No. R.A.F. 154930, which is one of the Motor Transport establishment of my Unit.

At 20.30 hours, on Friday, the 27th September, 1944, I placed this jeep under the archway at the side of the entrance to No. 3, Van der Velde Mine, Ghent, which is being used as an information post by a detachment of my Unit.

I remained in the information post, which is approximately 4 yards from where the jeep was left until 22.00 hours the same evening, when I received certain information which resulted in my despatching my Sgt. Robinson and Johnston to make certain enquiries.

About 15 minutes later they returned with the accused and informed me, in his presence that they had discovered him with the jeep which I have already mentioned and that he had admitted driving it. I cautioned him and asked him if this was correct and he stated, "Yes."

The accused was staggering when I saw him and his breath smelt very strongly of alcoholic drink.

I ordered the accused to be handed over to the Canadian Provost Section stationed in Ghent and this was done forthwith.

During the time that I was in the information post after parking the jeep, I did not hear a car being started in that vicinity.

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