

Exhibit "A"

APM 84

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

PROVOST AND SECURITY UNIT - 84 GROUP TIAFI

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF:-

No. B 32227 Pte. Lachapelle E.J., No. 1 Company R.C.G.S.,
1st Canadian Army.

On Friday, 29th September, 1944, at 22.00 hours, in company with Sgt. Johnston J., of this Unit, I proceeded to St. Peters Klein, Ghent, where I saw R.A.F. Jeep No. R.A.F. 154930. It was stationary. A Canadian soldier walked away from the vehicle. I went to the soldier whom I now know to be the accused, and told him who I was and asked if he had been driving the Jeep. He said, "yes." I cautioned him and he said, "I drove an officer into Ghent and parked my Jeep near the Cathedral. I thought this was my Jeep." His breath smelt of drink and he was excited. I placed him in close arrest. He began fighting furiously with Sgt. Johnston, and myself. We restrained him with difficulty and conducted him to the Jeep to bring him to his H.Q. He struggled fiercely in the Jeep and attempted to throw Sgt. Johnston out of the vehicle. He shouted, "I am not coming with any cocksucking English bastards." On arrival at this Headquarters I cautioned and charged him. At 2315 hours on the same day I gave him into the custody of a Canadian Provost Unit in Ghent.

29th Sept. 1944
Ghent

[Signature] *Sgt. Johnston*
R.A.F. 84 Group