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Winnipeg, Aug.1st, 1929

Handcuffs,

London.

Am detaining Allan McMaster, who admits being murderer of Police
Sergeant Green at Epsom on June seventeenth nineteen nineteen.

Do you want him. Wire instructions.

Newton.

Winnipeg Police

City Police. Chg Attorney General's Dept.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

Aug. 1st, 1929.

The Commissioner of Police,
Of the Metropolis,
New Scotland Yard,
London, S.W.I,

Date Stamped
REGISTRY
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Dear Sir,

Re Allan McMaster
Murder of Police Sergt. Green at Epsom.

I have the honor to advise for your information that a man named Allan McMaster, 39 years, came to Police Headquarters in this City on the evening of July 31st, 1929, and stated that he desired to confess to being the murderer of Police Sergt. Green of Epsom, England on June 17th, 1919. McMaster stated he was connected with the 26th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary force and that his Regimental number was 716144. The story he tells in short is as follows:- "Two of our men got arrested and locked up. As soon as we heard about it we all went down town to take them out of the lockup. We made a rush at the building. Sergt. Green tried to stop me. So I picked up an iron bar and hit him over the head with it. He died the following day. Two other men and I were arrested for it and tried before Mr Justice Darling and sentenced to one year's imprisonment for rioting. We served 5 months and were pardoned by the Prince of Wales. The Police never found out who was the murderer of Green. This matter has worried me for a long time and I have made up my mind to confess so as to clear my conscience.

I am enclosing herewith a voluntary statement in Triplicate made by the subject of this communication in the presence of two of my officers for your information and guidance. Please advise me as soon as possible what your wishes are in this Connection,

Yours truly

Signed by **Chris H Newton**

Detective Department,
Police Headquarters,
August 1st, 1929.

Date Stamped
OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF OF
POLICE -
WINNIPEG,
CANADA
AUG 1 1929

C. H. Newton, Esq.,
Chief Constable,

Sir,

The following is a voluntary statement made by Allan
J. McMaster, at present in custody at the Central Police Station,
charged with a breach of the Liquor Control Act.

"I, Allan J. McMaster, of no fixed address, at present in custody at the Central Police Station, Winnipeg, Man., on a charge of the Breach of the Liquor Control Act, voluntarily state that I was a Private, Reg.No.716144, originally in the 106 Batt. C.E.F. transferred to the 26th Batt. C.E.F. at Dibrigate. Enlisted in Antigonish, N.S. about the month of January, 1916. In July, 1916 proceeded to England, was encamped at Dibrigate near Shorncliffe in Kent. After serving in France and convalescing at Uxbridge in Essex, I was transferred to Epsom at Farm Camp awaiting return to Canada for demobilization. On the night of the 17th. June, 1919, I remember that it was the night of the first Derby after the War, I was in company with a number of comrades who went to the Police Station at Epsom to effect the release of some comrades who had been arrested by the Civil Authority. Major Burd, 2nd in Command of the Hospital at Farm Camp tried to persuade us not to go, but he did not succeed. I don't know who was the leader of the bunch that went down to the Police Station, but there were about 800 of us and we smashed in the Police Station and effected the release of the men. Police Station Sergt. Green was in charge of the Police at this Station and he and the other Police charged us with their batons. I was struck the Sergt. on the head with an iron bar. It was wrenched from one of the cell windows. I saw him falling backward, he was bareheaded at the time and I think he was bald. I was struck on the head by a Police baton and my head was cut open. I walked to the road and over to the camp and had my head dressed by one of the Doctors. The next day, I, with five other men who were marked in that affray were removed to a Hospital near London for one night and then removed to Brixton Gaol. About the 5th July, 1919, we six men were charged before a Magistrate who released two men and sent the other three and myself to trial at the Fall Assizes, In October we came before Mr. Justice Darling at the Old Bailey on five or six charges, including Murder, Manslaughter, Rioting and Assembling to Riot and Wilful Damage. We were acquitted on the Murder and Manslaughter charges and convicted of rioting and sentenced to one years imprisonment at Wandsworth Prison. Twelve days later this conviction was Appealed and as a result the date of the commencement of the years imprisonment was set back to the date from the time of our arrest. I forget the name of one of the others convicted with me, but the other two were Pte. O'Connor and Pte. Wilkie. In December 1919, we were pardoned and released. I came to Canada on the Scotian and landed at St. John's, N.B. and was discharged from the Army on the 3rd, January, 1920. I went home to my Father's home at Judique, Inverness Co., Cape Breton, was there for about six weeks and went to Cobalt and have been engaged in Mining and prospecting ever since. The reason I make this statement is because I feel a burden on my conscience and know I would have to confess it sometime".

Made and signed in presence of:-
(Sgd) Jack Bishop, Acting Chief of Detectives
(Sgd) Charles McIver, " Insp. of Detectives.