

PLEA IN MITIGATION

B134823 PRIVATE JAMES KEETING
4 CDN RPT BN 1 CBRGP.

DEFENDING OFFICER:

The defence wishes to bring to the attention of the Court the age of the accused., he is only 20 years old. This man, it seems previous to his going AWL had some pay trouble.

He was receiving only \$1.30 a day, out of that amount he had signed to his mother \$20.00 a month. This assignment he had been making since his enlistment. The accused claims that so far his mother has received but 3 months payment.

The Defence even if it admits that was not sufficient reason for going AWL, thinks the man is entitled to some sympathy.

The accused out of his pay was also paying for a Victory Bond.

The accused was in action with the H & P E R, and was evacuated. The accused is willing and fit to go back to the Field, he would go back happier if his pay difficulties were straightened out.

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