

Case of C57342 Pte Turpin E-9.

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### Mitigation Plea

The accused enlisted in March 1941 and came to France 9 Jun 44 with 47 Cdn Gen transport Regt. He served with this unit until November when he went to hospital for 8 days on account of a nervous condition which had previously bothered him in civilian life, and which makes it difficult for him to breathe and swallow when he over-exerts himself or becomes excited. He did not re-ideal this condition at the time of his enlistment.

He was discharged from hospital 2020 Special Employment Company with S-4 category, and subsequently went to 21 and then 25 S.I. Coy. He went A.W.K. on account of this condition, which made him unable to eat, or to stand up under the work that he was required to do. At this time the unit was at Louvain and during his entire absence the accused stayed in Louvain and frequently met NCO's and men of his unit, who knew he was there.

I would point out that although there are a number of entries on his conduct sheet, they include no serious offences, and he has already been in custody awaiting trial for 52 days.

A. Thompson Lt.  
Defending Officer.