

THE ACCUSED ADDRESSES THE COURT THROUGH HIS DEFENDING OFFICER

Sir, the accused has been found guilty of desertion. He didn't do it because he wanted to but only to help his family. He didn't want to see them starve and he has been telling me that if the farm has not been worked they might have starved this winter, but I don't think they would have starved. By helping them he helped them a great deal and he also helped the country by producing on the farm. I hope you will take that into consideration sir. It is up to you now but I hope you will be as lenient as possible sir.