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Do you wish to give evidence yourself or to call any witnesses as to character?

Yes I wish to give evidence myself under oath.

Question to the accused.

Answer.

Evidence as to character.

F40280 Pa Smith of having been duly sworn State.

Enlisted at Aldershot N.S. on the 20 March 1940 and in the time that elapsed ~~between~~ ^{before} being posted to H.M.S. Hughes I had two cases of absence without leave against me. And in Feb 1941 my own wife put me into the hospital for three months which put me in debt to \$109 odd and investigation resulted in her allowance being taken away from her and being put in care of his birth ~~parent~~. I had no claim at this time. Before sailing for America I made arrangements to take care of my children to Hospital for an eye operation my wife disregarded these arrangements, ~~and~~ ^{Recently I have had} ~~and~~ ^{from my mother in Canada stating} that my children had been taken away from my wife and put them in the orphanage for neglect and I also