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 plea in mitigation.

The accused is 22 years of age and enlisted on 15 Jun 40 when he was 18 yrs. of age. Came overseas to U.K. in Jan 42 & came to N. Africa in July 1943 with 2 Bn 1 C B. D. Joined field unit on 15 Nov 43 & been with them ever since with the exception of a about four months when he was evacuated for sickness. On behalf of the accused I ask for leniency. In my opinion he is in this trouble due to drink. None of these offences would have been committed had he not been under the influence of alcohol. I would also ask the Court to take into consideration the youth of the accused.

Jr.