

Address by defending Officer in plea for mitigation of sentence

G 45074 Pte Craig A.R.

Craig came to England in Sept '41 with the R.C.O.C. His employ ment since that time has been very varied and with many units. He worked in the G.M. then at C.O.R.V. then went to Glasgow on sheet-metal work and from there to S.O.D. In July '43 he was posted to 2 Corp. whop and later from there to 2 Adv. Base whop. He came from there back to C.O.R.V. and was posted to C.B.R.C. in April.

While he was at 2 Adv. Base whop. in Jan he made application to marry. The same received any word of and apparently his application had either been mislaid or lost. During the latter part of Feb while he was in hospital, he again applied for permission to marry and after he had returned to C.O.R.V. having no answer he put in a third application. After he was posted to C.B.R.C. he obtained the application and through the Senior Padre got permission to marry.

His fiancée had been seriously ill previous to this and he applied for 7 day leave on May 26. It was turned down and he was given a 24 hour pass to go to Slough when it was known that he had permission and intended to marry. He was married at 2115 hrs on the 27 May and was due back here at 1100 hrs on the same day.

He had to move into a house about 5 miles away and having moved to his new home his wife took seriously ill again.

He remained with her, but as soon as he heard that the invasion had started immediately returned and reported here at 1545 hrs on the 6 June.