

PLEA IN MITIGATION FOR B-94264 Pte ELDRIDGE, W.W.

I would like to place the following facts before the Court for their perusal before passing sentence:-

Pte Eldridge enlisted in Sept 1940 and arrived Overseas on 25 Dec 1940 with the 2nd Cdn Division. Although his documents show his age as 42 - he is, in actuality, 46 and therefore overage.

Eldridge served with 2 Cdn Div Amn Coy RCASC until shortly before his unit moved into action in France last summer - He was left behind, too old, an old man in a young man's war.

The arrival of his friends and old comrades in England on their way home from the wars coupled with the news that his Mother is very seriously ill (I submit for your knowledge this letter from his sister) were too much for him and we have as the result the old story and a pathetic one to us all now, for here to-day stands a man, overage, having 198 Repatriation Points - in the shadow of disgrace and in danger of being confined in Military Detention perhaps until it is too late to ever see his Mother again.

Therefore in the light of this disheartening condition I would plead with this Court to extend to Pte Eldridge all the leniency and mercy possible.

30 October 1945

*B. L. McJannet*  
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