

PLEA IN MITIGATION

This is a case in which the excellent record of the accused should be given the greatest of consideration. He enlisted ~~in the~~ <sup>before</sup> ~~Canadian~~ ~~Army~~ ~~in~~ ~~1939~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~enlisted~~ ~~on~~ ~~5~~ ~~Sept~~ ~~39~~. He came overseas in December 1940, and fought at Dieppe with the Camerons in August 1942. He went to France with his regiment on 7 July 44, and served there until he was wounded on 13 Sept 44. He is now willing and anxious to return ~~as soon~~ <sup>as possible</sup> to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in France, the regiment he has been with continuously since September 1939.

This court has heard the evidence of St. Dickson, his platoon commander until he himself was wounded last July, and the evidence of St. Anderson who was in the same platoon as the accused for some four years. They could hardly give better testimony about anyone, than the excellent recommendations they gave the accused to-day. He is an honest, trustworthy man with a first class record and a first class character.

The accused is a qualified to operate flame throwers, he is a qualified driver mechanic and a qualified carrier man with over three years experience in a carrier platoon and two years