

Statement of A-608799, Private W.L. Auger.

I was stationed at #20 B.T.C., Brantford, Ont., 11 Nov. 44, and I applied on 14 Dec. 44 for permission to marry. I was told that they would see what they could do. I wanted to get married on my New Year's leave, but they informed me that I would probably have to wait until 15 Jan. 45. When I went on my New Year's leave, 29 Dec. 44, I had no paper giving me permission to marry but I determined to get married and to return to get my permission after my leave. I took my fiancée home to my peoples' place in Windsor at 751 Wellington Ave., but lost my wallet containing \$52.00. Not wishing to embarrass my fiancée, I went to work as a mechanic to make some money quickly and get married. As I was working in grease and oil, I had to wear coveralls over my uniform for 12 or 13 days in January, 1945. We moved 20 Jan. 45, to my brother's home on Aymer Ave., because of my parents' attitude against our marriage. They thought she was too young and would change her mind in a few years time. I took odd jobs at this time.

We were married 22 Feb 45

Things were difficult for us at this time as I still had no home for my wife and my parents were dead set against us. We moved to Liskeard, Ont., about 12 Feb. 45. I wanted to return at this time but I had no money or home for my wife and had to stay A.W.L. to provide for her.

I worked at different farms 9 miles from Liskeard. The middle of March, my wife told me she expected a child. I continued at farm work all summer, going home at night to my wife who stayed at her father's farm, A.J. Marriott. I knew that my wife's former address was in my documents and that sooner or later the C.P.C. would call for me.

We moved to Kirkland Lake, 27 Taylor St., on 17 Nov. 45, and our child was born 1 Dec. 45. My wife had been under the doctor's care for six or seven months, being ~~xxx~~ frail by nature. I was still desperately short of money and could not leave my wife. I still owe some hospital expenses and still owe the doctor. We moved about 20 Nov. to Good Fish.

My wife is now at Queen St., c/o Mr. & Mrs. L. Britt, Kirkland Lake since the baby was born. She is very unhappy there and has no money. I would have consented to my wife's return to her folks when I ran out of money in January 45 but her mother was so sickly since our marriage that she could not even keep house. She was in and out of hospitals repeatedly and died 7 Nov. 45 of heart trouble. Her husband has been under the doctor's care for quite a while and is suspected of having internal cancer. He had to sell everything when his wife died and has no accommodation now to offer my wife.

We were living with her uncle at Good Fish when I was picked up by the C.P.C. on 27 Dec. 45 at 2000 hours. They told me that they had known I was about.

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Pvt. Auger W.L.

Toronto, Ontario, I have attached Marriage Certificate 14th January, 1946, and a letter referring to my

W.L.M.E. from my sister Pte. Auger W.L.
Letter return to his Army