

Proceedings on Plea of Guilty.

* To be struck out in case no plea of "Not Guilty" has been proceeded with.

~~*The Court having been re-opened, the accused is again brought before it, and the charge to which he has pleaded "Guilty" read to him again.]~~ read

The accused *B75546 Private Joseph Henry Lester Toronto Scott's Regt (M.C.) 1st BRU.* is found guilty of *the charge, absent without leave (see charge sheet annexed)*

†The summary (or abstract) of evidence is read, marked *M* signed by the President, and attached to the proceedings.

Question to the accused.

Do you wish to make any statement in mitigation of punishment?

Answer.

The accused in mitigation of punishment says:—

~~[or hands in a written statement, which is read, marked _____, signed by the President, and attached to the proceedings.]~~

Sir, In December 1941 I was recommended for a stripe which I received in February while on course. In April it was taken away the reason given being inefficiency. I joined the army for a career, sir, and feel that I have not been given a square deal.

Instruction.

† If there is no summary or abstract of evidence, sufficient evidence to enable the Court to determine the sentence, and to enable the confirming officer to know all the circumstances connected with the case, will be taken on a separate sheet in the same manner as on a plea of "Not Guilty."

If from the statement of the accused, or from the summary or abstract of evidence, or otherwise, it appears to the Court that the accused did not understand the effect of his plea of "Guilty," the Court shall alter the record, and enter a plea of "Not Guilty," and proceed with the trial accordingly.