

Plan for papers S. N. M. Day.

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He accused joined the army in Edmonton on 22 Sept. 1939. He was cook by trade and had been on CNR dining cars for a number of years. As a matter of interest, they have within each year offering him his old job back after the war. During this time he rarely took a drink and supported a friend of his and his two children, whom he claimed as his when he joined, so that they would be provided for. At that time he was 39.

During the winter of 1939-40 he was in hospital with pleurisy and ever since has had lung trouble on an average but has managed to carry on at his trade in the army. He came over in the spring and volunteered to go to Gibraltar the following winter. With the 2nd Gunmaking Sq. for 18 months he worked very long hours in the kitchen and learnt to drink. Spirit was cheap and plentiful and no other pastime offered itself. In July 1942, with practically a clean conscience that he was invalided back to England.

He met his wife during the winter and was posted to 2nd Div. Eng. H.Q. officers mess where he had to cook for 10 or more officers by himself. Due to the conditions in which he was forced to work and since he had not been given his increase in pay, he went away without leave and was sentenced to 120 days detention. He was returned to the holding unit in June and placed on the permanent establishment in Belize. He was then over 120 in debt due to stoppages of pay and fell hopelessly never