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FINAL ADDRESS BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER :-

Mr. President and Members of the Court:

On the basis of the evidence, I would like to enter a plea of clemency for the accused, Brochu. This plea is based upon three grounds: First, his record. On the basis of Army Examiner's reports, he is counted as an intelligent willing and able soldier. His "M" score is 127, and he is in the opinion of the Army Examiner excellent soldier material. He has completed basic training, a G.M.T. course at No.1 Training Regiment, and four weeks of Gunnery prior to going A.W.L. on the 10th of May, 1943. During this training, he exhibited great ability and his record was very clean, with the one exception noted.

Then, there is the fact that he has been in continuous custody since being apprehended by the civil authorities at York, Pennsylvania, on the 22nd of November, 1943, at 2000 hours. Since he has already served 80 days, he has had, in my opinion, ample time to appreciate the seriousness of his crime, and will, he has assured me, if granted clemency at this time, he is prepared to do his duty as a Canadian soldier and do it to the best of his ability which, I am convinced, will be very good. He wants very much to go overseas. He has a brother serving there already. I do think he is good soldier material and if given a chance will prove that to all concerned.
