

In October 1945, this uncle wrote to Pte Martin telling him that he was sick and wanted the accused to go home and look after him. Pte Martin did not think this possible as he was doing Field Punishment at the time, so did not apply for Compassionate Leave. During the time he was in confinement this caused him a lot of worry and "got on his nerves"

3. ACTS ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

On 31 Oct 45 Pte Martin found himself without a guard and in the dark. He with another soldier under sentence yielded to temptation, and without any forethought ran away. Not realizing the seriousness of this charge until later. Pte Martin was afraid to give himself up or to come back to his unit.

4. FINANCIAL LOSS

Pte Martin has been undergoing stoppages of pay since 26 Oct 1945. He was admitted to 7 CGH "Sick" thereby holding up the taking of the Summary of Evidence, and Trial By Court Martial, until the present time.

5. I trust the Court sees fit to consider these points.

*R. H. [Signature]*  
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