

Declaration by B-25524 Spr. Robert Mitchell McPhee.
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Sir,
I B-25524 Spr. McPhee R.M. would like to give the following statement:

When I went A.W.L. on the 16th day of August 1941, I was faced by a problem at home that needed my immediate attention. In fact my wife was sick with tubercular viens of the legs and she was not able to get around to do her own housework or look after my two children.

On arriving home I tried to have a housemaid to look after things so that it would enable me to get back after a few days. But even with all my efforts, I could not find anyone for less than \$40.00 a month and at that rate if I had paid \$40.00 a month for a girl and \$20.00 a month for rent, it would not have left my wife enough money to live on. So the days went by and in order to take care of my family, I always had to postpone my return to Camp. I assure you that if I had found at any time someone to stay with them, I would have immediately returned to Camp.

If my family was secure and another chance given to me, I would gladly continue to serve in His Majesty's Service, and would be ready to obey any orders His representative would see fit to give me and promise to do my duty for my King and country to the best of my knowledge and ability.

R. M. McPhee
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President D.C.M.