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The accused Pte THOMPSON has had an un happy youth leaving home at the age of 13 and spending most of his time until he joined the army as a wanderer. The reason being that he could not get along with his step mother. His older brother left home for the same reason and his father finally separated from his step-mother in 1900. As a result the accused has never had much education and very little parental discipline. He joined the army when he was 16 and he is now only 19 although his paybook shows him to be 22.

The accused served in Canada for two years with the Victoria Rifles and was in Category B because of flat feet. Just before coming overseas he was given a medical board and his category was raised to A. All this can be verified in Part I of his paybook. When he arrived overseas at the R. H. A. 1. field unit he started having trouble with his feet occasioned by little Brit. He went to the M.O. who recommended that he be transferred to the Friendly Corps. The necessary papers were signed by the accused and when nothing came of it he applied to his command for a job as DR or Dr I.C. As nothing came of this continually as he was still having trouble with his feet that his brother being put in charge. At this time he heard that his brother who had been missing from Dieppe was definitely killed. Feeling upset at this news and believing that he was not getting any where with the unit he conceived the idea of getting together to go to the holding unit by impersonating a staff sergeant. To be S.O. S. 1. he had to walk out ~~to~~ he took a chance and was ~~to~~ by the M.O. ~~and~~ he had plenty of opportunity to walk out ~~to~~ he took a convenient moment.

The accused is anxious to get a crack at the Germans on account of his brother and if he can get a job where his physical