

THE ACCUSED ADDRESSES THE COURT THROUGH HIS DEFENDING OFFICER

Sir, in our speech for mitigation, we present the fact that this chap was taken out of civilian life into the army and he got off to a wrong start in the army due to the fact that nobody took the trouble to explain to him that soldiering was probably a little different to the type of life he had been used to. We also find a young married man with three young children and a wife who is not in the best of health. We feel that the accused, in thinking of his family, wanting to assist his wife in looking after these three young children, has probably had a great deal to do with this chap's conduct in the army.

The accused has found out that he has been going the wrong way about trying to soldier and is prepared now to settle down and complete his training, and endeavour to become a good soldier.

We respectfully request that the Court will take these factors into consideration in passing sentence.