

My impression was that it was not a very good way to carry out an investigation which I had wanted done in secret. I don't know if it was intended to be done in such a way so as to cover up the people involved. My category is U-3 on account of breaking my shoulder on a parachute jump.

- Q. Who said you could not go on draft?
A. The Reception Officer, whose name I don't know, at No. 1 C.G.R.U. said I could go on draft. I was told I was going on draft and a report came from the SPO saying I could not go on account of my category and I went to the MO, whose name I don't know, at No. 1 CGRU, a week later; he told me that I could not have a reboard and that the hospitals and MOs were busy with men coming back from D-Day. So I never tried anything. I was doing nothing but fatigues that were unnecessary and shining brass and blanching and doing things like that. On my return from ABE, I was coming back to No. 1 CGRU. I came through London and I was on my way back to camp and I got a train from Victoria Stn to East Croydon; and I hitch-hiked to Woking; from there I got to Guildford in a civil car. I saw two provosts. I about turned and they finally caught up with me.
- Q. Did you ever applied for a reboard?
A. Yes, Sir.
- Q. More than on the occasion you mentioned?
A. No, Sir...

PLEA IN MITIGATION OF SENTENCE

In my plea, I wish to bring a few points to the attention of the Court. The first one is the service of the accused; he joined active service in early 40 and came overseas in Oct 41. In 42, the Canadian Army was asking for volunteers for the paratroops which you must admit is one of the most dangerous jobs in the Army. He volunteered for the paratroops in Aug 42. He was considered good enough in this branch of the service to be taken as an instructor and to be sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, USA, to instruct there. He joined the 1st Paratroop Bn and came overseas in order to see action. While on a training scheme, he became injured and received category U-3 as a result. I want to emphasize another point which was also brought out in the accused's statement, with regard to the investigation which was carried out for him. Up to the present date he has still not received any satisfaction from this investigation. The investigation was not carried in secrecy and to my mind it was shamle; the accused feels the same way about it and quite rightly so as it involved senior army people in Canada. I further wish to say that when the accused was picked up by the Provost he was on his way back to No. 1 CGRU to give himself up. At the moment he is still category U-3 but feels certain that he is A-1. My plea to the Court is this, that I wish you to judge this with all leniency and also enable the accused to get a reboard in order that he may get into a theatre of operations as soon as possible as he has a strong desire to go into action.

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