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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sirs

I am a Private in the Army, and am now waiting Court Martial, in the Guard Room, I am not very good at talking, and would like to state, in this letter, why I went A. W. O. L. I was called into the Army, if I could have seen my way clear, I would have joined, myself, instead of waiting for my call. My Father was care-taker, of the Halifax Ladies Business College on Offord St, Our home was a cottage, behind the College, My Father was Bed-ridden, and I was taking over his job, to keep the home together, When I got my call, I reported, and asked if I could get a 6 month extension, I was told to get letters stating why I needed this extension, I got letters from, the College, the Doctor, and the Provincial Secretary, I turned the letters in, and was told they'd be sent to Col, Mingo, and that I'd get my leave, My Mother, and Sisters, carried on the work as best they could, Then I was called on Draft for Yarmouth, and was told, I had to take my Basic training before I could get the extension, I came home from Yar. on 5 days leave, and things were so bad I had to stay A. W. O. L. a few Days to help straighten things out. When I went Back I got 7 days C. B. We knew then that my father had cancer on the stummock, and the Doctor said it would be just a matter of time