

PLEA FOR MITIGATION

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F-40175 Pte Wilfred Joseph HARTE

1. The accused is ~~single~~<sup>MARRIED</sup>. Has a wife in Canada and two children aged 7 and 5. W.C.S.
2. He joined the Army on 31 Jan 40 and came o/s on 3 Aug 40. He has a school grade VIII Education.
3. The accused is a coal miner from Glace Bay, Cape Breton.
4. He has had 4 courts-martial, all for absences which tend to show that he is restless and finds it hard to adjust himself to Army life.
5. He has a good education, is clean cut, pleasant and good character.

The court will undoubtedly realize that the accused could be of much better use to the war effort if employed in his own grade of mining which is of prime importance, especially coal mining - and as it is not only the duty of the Court to punish but also to find out the true facts of the case and to try and remedy the situation by recommending that the accused be sent or transferred to such arm of the service where he would be of better service to the war effort. As this man is a coal miner, would it not be possible to have him transferred to such work?

Respectfully submitted.

(Sgd) F.R. Plourde Capt  
Defending Officer

11 Jan 44

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