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LONDON 1 Nov 43

M-7273 Spr. McCLOY, Daniel Horton, No. 1 C. S. R. U.  
"Absent Without Leave".

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1. The above noted soldier went A.W.L., from his unit on 15 Aug 43, and was arrested by Sgt. CARRIERE of this Section at 1420 hrs of the 31 Oct 43 at the Kingsway Hotel, Guilford Street, Russell Square, London. McCLOY was dressed in civilian clothes at the time of his arrest, and was escorted to the Guardroom of No 6 (Area) Pro Coy., at 30 Henrietta St., where a voluntary statement was obtained from him at 0900 hrs this date, which is as follows:

"Begin I have been cautioned by Cpl. P.W. CLARWATER, of the Special Investigation Section, C.M.H.A., that I need not say anything unless I wish, and that anything that I do say may be taken down in writing and used as evidence. To show that I understand this caution I sign my name.

(Sgd) D.H. McCLOY.

29 Mar 43.

I left my unit on or about the 14 Aug 43 in civilian clothes and came direct to the Kingsway Hotel, Guilford St., London, where I remained for about one week. I had about £4.15.0. when I left the camp. I have money of my own (about £75.0.0. in a lawyer's office in London). I do not wish to disclose the lawyer's name as it is purely a personal matter. I left London about the 29 Aug 43 and went to Manchester, staying at 61 Ashford Rd., Widdington, with a cousin of mine where I remained for eight days and then returned to the Kingsway Hotel, London. I advised Mrs KNIGHT, Proprietress of the Kingsway Hotel that I was on 14 days leave and I showed her a falsified pass that I had completed myself. I picked this pass up at the holding unit and it bore the orderly Room stamp. I later destroyed this pass. My cousin in Manchester also thought I was on legitimate pass.

I went back to my cousins in Manchester about 14 Oct 43 and again returned to the Kingsway Hotel, Sat. 30 Oct 43. I was arrested by Sgt. CARRIERE of the S.I.S. at approximately 1420 hrs 31 Oct 43. I have had no trouble whatsoever with the civilian authorities all during my absence.

I was married to Torea FITZGERALD on Oct 2nd 1943, in London. It is listed in my paybook that I have a wife in Canada, but she is a Common Law wife. She was notified in June that her allowance would be cut off, as I had not declared such upon enlistment in 1939. This matter was checked at Ottawa, when I was Court Martialed in April 1943. I also know that she had been keeping company with a man in Canada so felt I was under no further obligation to her as I had left her with a home and considered I had been fair enough in the matter. I was medical re-boarded from Gibraltar in July 1942, and have not been well for over 2 1/2 years. Being over age and knowing I am in the Holding Unit permanently, I have and feel no desire to be in the Army, and feel that I should be discharged.

Mrs. P.B. Brown and Sgt. MCCELROY of No. 2 Tunneling Co. were witnesses to my wedding in London.

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