

In civilian life I could never hold a job. I was the same in school; I would get strappings for being absent but as much as I was afraid of the punishment I would get the feeling that I must go. When I joined up in the Army I joined with the intentions of being a good soldier, but I had to leave in spite of myself. I was always sorry afterwards and came back myself as the records will show. I had to serve detention and each time tried to soldier afterwards but the same as I was at school, and later as I was in jobs in civilian life in factories even if I feared strappings or the thought of losing my job, when I got this urge I had to leave. The only place I have found contentment to stay has been work on the farms and gardening work. These last times I have been away, what kept me away so long was the fear of going into detention as I know as sure as I am saying this when one of those moods came on me and I know I can't get out I will be doing something I would never do when I was myself. I honestly have done my best but I know I cannot be trusted to soldier as I cannot even understand myself. I know what will happen to me and it won't be doing my country any service and surely not myself, and I would like you to take this into consideration when passing judgment on me.

---In the opinion of the Court it is not necessary to comply with R.F. 83 (b).

---The accused resumes his seat.

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