

good and faithful service to His Majesty's Forces. Because of this accusation he lost the opportunity of being home with his family for Xmas - the sixth one away, think of it Gentlemen, because of this accusation.

Mr. President, you cannot find this man guilty. How can you honestly say to yourself this man is guilty? He gives five good years and then all of a sudden turns out to be a dishonest, untrustworthy and most despicable sneak salvage thief. This act of petty thievery would be one of a kleptomaniac, a pickpocket or habitual sneak thief. The accused is not one of these. Think of what it would mean to him to be found guilty, to his rehabilitation, his entry to civil life as a thief.

Spr. Turpin is not a thief, Gentlemen, he did not steal. Nothing has been shown which can prove this beyond a shadow of a doubt and if there is this doubt of only the slightest <sup>big one</sup> you must clear his name and call him innocent. You cannot balance his long record of good service against this <sup>about 17 years</sup> crime. Let his be clean and allow him his just reward of a trip back home to Canada for which he has served so long, faithfully and honestly.

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