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PRES. D.C.M.

FINAL ADDRESS BY THE DEFENDING OFFICER

Mr. President, Members of the Court: I asked Pte. Gosleigh to give evidence on his own behalf in mitigation of punishment in order that he might explain in some way why he was so absent without leave. He complains of head trouble caused by an accident which happened in civilian life before he joined the Army. I submit that even if there is no physical signs of it which would justify the medical authorities of lowering his category or giving him such treatment it remains that the man feels that he is sick. He knows that he has had an accident and therefore there might be some mental weakness that you may call ~~psycho~~-neurosis which explains why he could not stay in his jobs in civilian life and why he couldn't perform his duties as a soldier as he should. I beg the Court to take this point into consideration when awarding sentence.

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