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Richardson Building,
Kingston, Ontario,
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Mr. W. G. Gunn,
Director, Legal Division,
Department of Veterans Affairs,
Daly Bldg., OTTAWA, Ont.

Re: HALE, G.H.A. - #A-21613

I attended at the Collin's Bay Penitentiary today at 2.30 P.M. and interviewed the above-named veteran.

I found that he was born in London, England, on Feb. 21st, 1920 and that his present home is in Pontiac, Michigan. He joined the Canadian Army on Sept. 10th/39 and spent the period from Aug. 19th/42 to approximately Jan. 15th/45 in a prison camp as a Prisoner of War.

He was convicted on Aug. 24th/45 of the offence referred to in your letter at Aldershot, England and has been an inmate of the Collin's Bay Penitentiary since Oct. 15th/46.

The questions he raises are as follows:-

1. He has been advised that under civil regulations the time he must serve is three years, ten months and ten days, on good conduct. His original sentence, incidentally, was ten years which was remitted to five years. Under military regulations, one-third of the sentence is remissible for good conduct and he therefore feels that the time to be served should be governed by military regulations and, consequently, amount to three years and four months. His first problem then is why he should not have the benefit of the shorter term since his offence was a military one.
2. Is he entitled to his pay for the period during which he was a Prisoner of War as above set out, namely Aug. 19th/42 to approximately Jan. 15th/45?

I made sure that he had no further requests before leaving him.

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