

Defending Officer's Statement

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Re S-52109, Eni Marlin PW

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1. He joined the Army to be with his brother, A Marlin. They joined the R.G.A.S.C. as per the pay-book, but after basic training both were drafted into the R.C.A. without their knowledge or consent. A Marlin, the younger brother, came over here in December 1941, was transferred to the Pioneer Corps.

A Marlin, he arrived, arrived in this country on March 10/42 immediately put in for a transfer to the Pioneer, both to be with his brother because he doesn't like the R.C.A.

Reason: he finished Grade 6 ten years ago, this education is gone. Also, he is a Chinese Indian who only speaks English and joining the Army, was to say, he can only understand common words. He doesn't like the training for he cannot understand it, so unable to pass exams so has an inferiority complex.

3. He has been A.W.L. three times since he has been in this country, each time it was when he was put in draft. His example, ignorant had thought that if he were sent out to the field he would not be able to be transferred from there to the Pioneer. Hence, when he is put in draft, he goes A.W.L. with the hope that his transfer to the Pioneer will come through.

On each of the first two times he went A.W.L. he was A.W.L. for some time. This last time he changed away longer, became scared was afraid to come back, so he decided to wait until they caught him. His story is false but by the facts, for he did not go A.W.L. from March to July (4 months) spent every minute was put in draft, fearing that if he left I.C.A.R.U. that he could never get a transfer to the Pioneer, so went A.W.L.

He made several attempts to find out if his transfer had come through, just before going A.W.L. for the time for which he is on trial. He went to H. Belling, Belling Room, asked Sgt. Belling to transfer him before the O.C. so he could get a transfer. Sgt. Belling refused to do so, that no transfer could be made from the Draft Battery (H.B.).