

to the hospital in Camp Borden and have treatment on his neck.

Now when he came out from detention he was sent down to 23 Transport Company, RCASC, to undergo training and, reporting on sick parade, they again, in turn, sent him to Chorley Park for an operation on his neck which had culminated apparently in two or three small cysts which had to be removed through another major operation.

The situation at home had not been alleviated all this time and the accused was under a very very severe mental strain all the time. He returned from Chorley Park Hospital after this operation to the unit to find another letter stating conditions at home were worse. The mother, apparently, is in very poor physical condition. So, once again, without stopping to reason why, he goes home.

The accused has stated to me that he places his duty to his mother ahead of anything else, not stopping to realize that he is in the army and he must have permission. I think it is understandable owing to the mental strain the accused has been going under for a period of 12 months. He has had quite a number of severe blows.

So he again goes home without consent and he is away this time for a period of five months and nineteen days.

Now conditions at home have been alleviated a little bit. One of the sisters is going to remain there for the time being anyway and the accused has returned. He like the army and he wants to try to soldier. He is not particularly keen on returning to his home town because of his estrangement from his wife and the <sup>circumstances</sup> ~~surrounding~~ surrounding conditions in a small town. His definite intention is to stay in the services and try to soldier.

Now as a brief summary, I would like to reiterate four or five of the main points of the case. Here is a young