

Plia in Mitigation  
The accused, H100182, PFC (L/Cpl) HALCROW J., having  
been duly sworn states -

I am 31 yrs of age, enlisted 25 Mar 42  
and arrived overseas in October of the same  
year. I have been in action from 6 Feb 44  
to sometime in Oct 44.

I did not go absent from the line  
but from the hospital where I had been  
for <sup>12</sup>~~10~~ days with sickness and battle  
exhaustion. I have gone a year without  
a crime but just could not resist  
going on a short spree before going  
back to the line after my sickness and  
so long in action.

I know that I did not do the  
right thing, but I guess I was not in  
the best state of mind at the time of  
going absent. I have had no letters from  
my wife since Jul 43. I was paraded  
and told my story to a Legal officer but  
I have heard nothing further.

I would like to go back to the  
front line as soon as possible. I was  
made a section leader while in action. As  
I have been in close arrest for 95 days  
for being absent 4 days, I ask that the  
Court see fit to recommend my immediate  
release so that I may proceed again to  
the front line.

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1 Sgt J Halcrow