

Prerogative for Mitigation of Sentence

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D 15734. Pte. Dube, M., is but 20 years of age, being born 25 April, 1924. He enlisted in the Canadian Army on 12 July 1941 and arrived in the United Kingdom on 15 May 1942. On 8 June 1944, he landed in France, and served with his unit in the line, the Rég't de Claudine, from 12 June, to 18 July. At that time, he was conscripted as a battle exhaustion case. As a result of his service in the line, his category was lowered at the end of August, to S 3.

Sometime after that, he received disturbing news from a young French girl at St. Omer, near Arras, with whom he had been friendly in July, while stationed in that area. As a result of this news, he felt that he had to see her, and so, went A.W.O. However, he presented himself, in uniform, at the guard room of 20 Canadian Special Employment Coy., and this should be a point in his favour.

It is true that Dube has had two previous Courts Martial, but these were the result of his getting into trouble while drinking, and not through being A.W.O.

In view of Dube's age, and with consideration given to his present category, S. as his defending officer, ask the court to be as lenient as possible.

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