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PLEA FOR MITIGATION

in the case of

K 49631 PTE CARRIGAN, P.J.

May it please the court, to consider the character of this man. He is not a careless youngster, rather he is a man who has had and is having his full share of trouble. His son, of whom he is very fond, is overseas and has been in the field for quite some time. Very naturally he is anxious to join his son. Of course, it has not been possible to send him where he wished and he has been sent elsewhere. At these places he has been "pushed around" with the result that he has developed an acute sense of discouragement. Being thus, he has been forced to seek relaxation away from his immediate environment and thus has gone A.W.L.

It is important to note that when he did go A.W.L. he did not run away and hide, and take up residence in disgrace with some woman. He did not go A.W.L. for a good time, instead, he went to a place where he could work, be helpful and feel that, small though it was, he was contributing to the War effort. He went to 8 Gen. Hospital and then to 13 General. This work was such that he was actually assisting in handling cases from France.

This Man's domestic life is not happy and the thought occurs that, his sincere affection for his son drew him to the closest possible point to him, namely, the General Hospital treating casualties from the 2nd front.

Gentlemen, the defendant assures you that he has seen the error of his prior attitude and now is anxious to begin all over again as a soldier and remain a good soldier, if for nothing else, for the sake of his Son, now in battle.

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