In my plea for mitigation of Sentence, I would like to draw the attention of the Court to a ben point, which I think, have a bearing on this C.M. Hancock has had anything but an ideal home life. His parents were separated and then divorced. He spent his time wondering between him mother and father, having very little attention from either. At the age of 19 he joined the army, the escapint attitude. In the army he found that the lack of home attention and discipline hindered his effort to soldier. In the short while I've known Hancock he has been a good soldier expect for his like for liquor he was quite OK. Just before he went AWI, he had appl'd for compassionate return to Canada, I've see a few of the letters that Hancock's mother had sent him. She was despondent earning very little money and not having any place to go, finally she located a room where her and her daughter lived. All theme things piled up, think gave Hancock no end of worries. When his plea for compasionate return to Canada was turned down he possibly forgot himself and drown his sorrows by going loose and getting away form every thing. I ask the court to consider these pts. and in Your mercy be lenient and if possiblr have him sent to a Canadian detention Barracks