Camp Lee, Virginia November 13, 1917,

From : Commanding Officer, Co. G, 318 Inf. N.A.

To : Commanding General, 80th Division, N. A.

Subject: Indictment of Private R. L. Stutz, by Civil Authorities.

1. Information is requested, as to whether or not this man should be given leave to appear before this civil court.

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Captain 318th Infantry, N.A. Commanding Co. G.

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Headquarters, 318th Infantry, N.A., Camp Lee, Va., November 14, 1917 - To the Commanding General, 80th Division, Camp Lee, Va.

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JOHN W. MORRISON LAWYER HARRISONBURG, VA.

November 7,1917.

Captain or other Commanding Officer, Company C, 318th Infantry, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Sir:

I herewith enclose a certified copy of an order entered in the Circuit Court of Rockingham County. Va. in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Russell Lee Stults, who is now a member of the above mentioned Company.

It is imperative that Mr. Stults be here at Harrisonburg in person on the 19th inst; otherwise, he and his surety will forfeit his bail bond in the sum of \$500.00.

I would thank you to grant Mr. Stultz a leave of absence covering this particular date, giving him time to reach this point and a day or so additional, before and after if possible.

Kindly advise me at once of your action in the matter. I enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Yours very truly.

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Camp Lee, Va., November 16, 1917.

Mr. J. T. Blackburn, Clerk, Circuit Court, Rockingham County, Harrisonburg, Va.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the bail bond in the case of R. L. Stutz, who was required to be in court on the first day of the November term of your Circuit court, I inclose, herewith, for your information, a copy of an approved recommendation of the Division Judge Advocate, which is followed in dealing with all such cases.

This policy does not arise from any desire to interfere, in the slightest degree, with the administration of justice in civil courts but rather from the necessity, on the part of the Government, to demand the services of these citizens in time of war, a right which is paramount to all others. We assume that courts will appreciate this fact and not impose hardships on the bondsmen, who are unable, due to the act of the Federal Government, to deliver the accused in court as required.

Respectfully,

Major, Infantry, Adjutant. HEADQUARTERS
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Major, Infantry, Adjutant.

In the Circuit Court of Tockingham County. In term. March 20th, 19F

vs. Indictment for a misdemeanor.

R. L. Stults

This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth and the defendant R.L. Stultz in obediance to his recognizance and it appearing to the Court that the defendant R.L. Stultz has obtained a writ of error from the Supreme Court of appeals of Virginia from the judgment of this Court, the Court doth admit him to bail for his appearance at the November term 1917, and thereupon the said R.L. Stultz together with C.M. Stultz his surety, who justified to his sufficiency, acknowledged themselves indebted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, each in the sum of \$500.00 conditioned and payable as the law provides for the appearance of the said R.L. Stultz before this court on the first day of the November term 1917 thereof and not depart therefrom without leave of court.

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