

# A letter from Eloise Duval to her father

Dear Dad,

You may have heard about the Police court proceedings and that I am remanded until next Thursday. I had my basket taken away from me, and therefore have nothing with me, so will you send me, as soon as possible a hairbrush, comb, soap, toothbrush, and slippers. And I have no money with me, so please send me some money also. Soon after my arrival last night, I heard our band outside playing the marching song and it was most encouraging. I shall listen to it tonight. Could you make some arrangements with the dentist, you know I had to visit them on Monday, and I do not know how long the stopping he had put in can remain. I believe it was only a piece of cotton wool and therefore I should say it ought to be taken out and be replaced as soon as possible. Have you heard how mother is? I am feeling rather conscious of her. Do let me know as soon as possible. I was brought before a perfectly hateful magistrate; I believe his name was Francis and I was kept in a filthy cell until nearly 5 o'clock when I was brought to the prison. Men are kept on one side and women on the other. The language used is awful, and the smell of smoke and dirty clothes and it does not get any better.