

Q. Were they locked up?

No they were tied with a string.

Q. You didn't turn them into the C.M. Stores before you left did you?

No, sir.

Q. Did anybody else in the hut go on furlough at that time?

There must have been three or four I guess.

Q. Did they wear civilian clothes?

Sure.

Q. Did they leave their stuff in the hut?

Yes, sir.

Q. It wasn't under lock and key?

No, sir.

Q. If you had reported on the 13th of June, 1945, as you should have, the stuff might have been there when you reported back. Is that so?

I wouldn't doubt it.

Q. And it may be due to the fact you remained absent without leave for a long time that the stuff disappeared. Is it fair to say that?

I guess that is pretty fair.

Q. But there wasn't any hut provided where you could lock yours up?

No place in the hut or nothing.

Q. Didn't you intend to stay away from the Army without returning, say in July 1945, you didn't have any intention of coming back?

Oh yes. I had full intention when I left Shile of coming back.

Q. Why didn't you return sooner?

I had to work.

Q. There is still work to be done around the farm?

Yes, sir.

Q. And still work on the 6th of September, 1945, wasn't there?

Yes, sure.

Q. Well, why did you surrender yourself?

Well I figured most of the work was over and if I