

going. I didn't think it would be out so soon.

Q- Were you warned by word of mouth that an absence even of one minute after signing the warning meant desertion?

A- I don't remember, sir; I don't remember hearing it. I don't remember hearing no word.

Q- Were you against going overseas?

A- No, sir.

Q- Did you read Exhibit "J" before signing it?

A- Is that the small one? No, sir, I never read it.

Q- You just signed it?

A- Just signed it, sir.

Q- Did anything lead you to believe that the movement you were to go with would be delayed and that even if you stayed away you'd still be able to make the draft?

A- Yes, sir. We were in the hut; we had everything packed ready to go, and then we had to come along and take our stuff out and went out on the parade ground -- well, I figured we'd be there a while yet after signing it.

Q- Did you think that if the movement was still on hand when you returned that you wouldn't be guilty of desertion?

A- That is what I thought, sir.

Q- Now what were the circumstances at home? Would you tell the Court what the circumstances were at home which made you want to stay away from the Army?

A- When I went home on that weekend, my brother was there on furlough from Basic Training Centre. It was the first time I saw him in almost four years. We were up to Stratford. He went back that next weekend. The folks at home -- my mother has been paralyzed the last six years; my ~~xxxxx~~ father hasn't had