

UNSWORN STATEMENT

M447691 Gunner Otto BLUMENTHAL, No.13 District Depot, C.A., an N.R.M.A. soldier of the Canadian Army, placed on active service, states:

I was called up 30th October 1941 and reported to Camrose for basic training. I was sent to A4 Brandon for advanced training in 25 pounders. Then I was sent to 21 Fld. Regt. at Nanaimo. I received treatment here for rheumatism. We went to Port Alberni and I was transferred back to Nanaimo to 24 Fld. Regt. in April 1943.

I had a lot of trouble from rheumatism in Nanaimo and could only do very short marches. My wife wrote me several times that my baby son was sick with cramps and stomach trouble. I went home to Rollyview, Alberta, 1st July 1943 to see if I could help. I was worried about my son and was afraid he was sick or would die or something. My son was very sick for about 3 months. I stayed at Rollyview and helped with the summer and harvest work. I wanted to go back, but my wife wanted me to stay around and we thought I would be of more use doing farm work than sitting around as Home Defence.

I quit working on a dairy farm 4th January 1946 because I decided to report. I reported to the army at Calgary 8th January 1946. While I was absent I did not try to hide my name or identity.

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