

FIRST WITNESS FOR THE DEFENCE:

The accused, L.603054 Pte. Paul GRIVACHESKI, No. 12 District Depot, C.I.A., being duly sworn, is examined by the Defending Officer.

- Q.50 Your home is..... Whereabouts is your home?
A.50 It is Swan Plain, Saskatchewan, sir.
- Q.51 And did you go there on leave recently?
A.51 I went on a Christmas leave there, sir.
- Q.52 What date was that?
A.52 The 22nd of December till the 27th of December.
- Q.53 What did you find when you got home?
A.53 Mother was very sick and they had to leave for the hospital.
- Q.54 And you said "they had to leave." Who is "they"?
A.54 Well, father had to go with mother to find a place and then come back home.
- Q.55 Who were there at home? Who was left at home?
A.55 There was a sister fourteen years old and a brother twelve years old and a sister eight years old.
- Q.56 Were they going to school?
A.56 When school started, sir, my fourteen year old sister she got sick and went to hospital and she stayed there, and the two young ones were going to school.
- Q.57 Did you overstay your leave?
A.57 I did, sir.
- Q.58 Did you communicate with the Depot here in any respect?
A.58 Yes, sir; I wrote two letters here.
- Q.59 Did you outline the circumstances at home?
A.59 Yes, sir.
- Q.60 I show you Exhibit "N". Did you ever see that letter before?
A.60 Yes, sir; that is the second letter I wrote.
- Q.61 You wrote two letters?
A.61 Yes, sir.
- Q.62 What did you write in the first letter?
A.62 I wrote then that my mother was very sick. She has got rheumatism and she was in Canora Hospital almost all summer. And she was still sick and when winter came she got very sick and had to leave for the Canora Hospital again. So father has to go with mother to hospital to arrange a place to stay, and come back home, and like until she came back. And I told them that there was nobody home except the children and all the work to do.
- Q.63 You asked for.....

THE DEFENDING OFFICER: This is rather a leading question, sir.

THE COURT: Ask him if he has ever done anything about getting an extension.

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