

First Witness } No. L.64403 Private Reginald Lloyd KEEWATIN, A-15  
for the } Canadian Infantry Training Centre, C.A., having been  
Defence: } first duly sworn, is examined by the Defending Officer:

- Q The first thing I want to know, Private Keewatin, is when did you last have a leave?
- A The last leave was when I got compassionate leave, Sir; a ninety-six hour pass.
- Q When did you have that?
- A March 9th, 1945.
- Q And what was this compassionate leave granted on? On what grounds?
- A It was granted because that my wife wrote in to the C.O. A-15, for me to come to see my kid before I went Overseas.
- Q How did she know you were going Overseas?
- A Well, I had a furlough and embarkation leave at Christmas time, Sir.
- Q Were you expecting any other leave?
- A I was figuring that was my last leave, Sir.
- Q When you got this ninety-six you went where?
- A To Balcarres, Saskatchewan, on a Reservation.
- Q Where did you say it was?
- A On Fife Hills Reservation.
- Q Who lives on this Reserve you went to?
- A My wife and my kid.
- Q Where did they live?
- A They lived with my father and mother-in-law.
- Q With her mother? With her parents, in other words?
- A Yes, Sir.
- Q Who else lived in this place besides them?
- A Her sister and the kids, and her brother.
- Q How many does that make altogether?
- A It makes eight in the one house.
- Q How big is the house?
- A Not very big, it is just a two-room house.
- Q It is a house or just a shack?
- A Just a shack, Sir.
- Q How did you like having your wife and child living with six other people in the shack?
- A Well, I didn't like the idea of them living there, and the kids around there and the people -- it was cold too, so I decided to build another house, Sir, for my wife.