

Q. In other words your account is wrong if your mother receives more than your account says?

(Accused does not answer.)

Q. One other point on this dependent's allowance business. Do you realize why it is that your dependent's allowance is split up, because it is?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I'll explain it to you. A soldier is compelled to assign at least 20 dollars of his pay to his dependent in the case of a wife. In the case of a soldier being obligated to support two homes this must be split in half to support the two homes. In your case you have two or more children and you wanted them to draw dependents allowance and 10 dollars went to your mother and 10 dollars to your wife. In other words, by supporting two homes you are taking 10 dollars from your wife's allowance by voluntary action on your part and by your mother having your first child she gets more than your wife for the simple reason that by having the first child she gets the rate of dependent's allowance allowed by the Dependents Allowance Board for the first child which is \$13.92. Your mother also has your second child and she subsequently gets an additional \$12.00 for the rate allowed the second child. Now your wife has I believe the third child and for that child she gets \$10.00. In other words she loses \$3.92, in other words there is a difference between her dependent's allowance of \$8.92, than that of any other soldier's dependent wife with one child. Is that clear to you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Your wife is not being discriminated against.

A. I don't support two homes, I only have one. I am just paying board and room for my first two kids. If my children were in a home I would pay so much a month. That is the same thing I do with my mother I pay board and room, I don't support the house.

Q. This split in assigned pay of yours is voluntary. It is not necessary for you to assign pay unless you are the father of a legitimate child.

A. I never assigned two pays. I assigned only one to my wife, I never assigned to my mother.

Q. I am very sorry but you have. Now, if you care to take your children all into one home - your own home then your wife would get the total amount of money. She would get money your mother is drawing in trust for these children, these other two children and she would get what she is now getting and she could maintain a home with that money.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. I want you to understand. If you think there is something wrong you just have to see your pay officer, Commanding Officer, or Platoon Officer and tell them your pay is going against your will. People can't send your money any place they want to. You have this quite clearly?

A. Yes, sir.