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settled beforehand how can he possibly be a deserter unless he has gotten sick of his first job with the army? Is there any intent there? If there is I am afraid my time in the army has been wasted and I am sure with good R. W. is automatically a deserter by this theory. Supposing a draft is made does not prove intent to desert in any way. Shape or form and I defy the Government to prove it or anyone else for that matter.

Again, here is a man charged with death who had very little money, absolutely no prospects of work to live on, no future, on his own at all and here he is, 300 miles from home. There was no thought of leaving the country or trying to get ~~back~~ back here. This fellow, well, he is the army.

Pte. Biddings is 35 years of age, over four and a half years in the army and a return of R. W. is for him here, banished, took a terrible punishment. He has also fought in Italy. After all that I can see only an R. W. holiday in the mind of Pte. Biddings. The army has been R. W. before why should this one be a deserter?

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