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THE ACCUSED ADDRESSES THE COURT

Well, I can't see how I got proven a deserter because if it had not been for this woman and child I would be in the army yet. I only asked or tried to make application to have part of my pay signed over. It wasn't only that it was neglect of consideration, it was absolutely refused. If I am right, I was paraded to the Padre three times and this is actually what he told me: "To you it might mean a lot; to me it doesn't mean a damned thing.". Now that was a pretty nice thing for a Padre to say wasn't it. I liked the army while I was in it. I have no complaints whatever. I stayed there as long as I possibly could and I had to go and that is all there is to it. That is all I have to say sir.