

STATEMENT OF THE ACCUSED

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Pres. S.C.M.

I, A-604833 Rfn Louis Anthony IANNETTA, of No 1 District Depot, C.A., London, Ontario, wish to state why I went absent without leave.

I was born in Italy in 1921 and came to Canada in 1930 with my Mother and two brothers to join my Father. My Father, M.I. Iannetta, became a naturalized Canadian citizen in 1924. Late in 1941, my Father was interned for 28 months and I had to report to the RCMP once a month.

Before being called up for service I tried to enlist voluntarily in July 1942 with the RCAF, RCNVR and Canadian Army in Windsor, Ontario. I was refused in each case because I was not a naturalized Canadian citizen. I was called up for service on 3 Sep 43. During my advanced training, at A-29 CIC (TC), Camp Ipperwash, I again tried to go active and was told I could not because I was not naturalized.

I was granted leave from 11 Dec to 26 Dec 44 by the Oxford Rifles, CA, from Nanaimo, B.C., to Windsor, Ontario. I spent my leave at my home in Windsor Ontario. While in Windsor I visited the RCMP requesting arrangements to be made for me to become a naturalized Canadian citizen. I was told to see Capt Hall in MD #1 immediately after my leave. I reported to Queens Park Barracks, London, Ont at the end of my leave and asked to be allowed to see Capt Hall. My request was refused and I went A.W.L. intending to return.

Louis Iannetta

Signed at London Ontario

This 14th day of March 1945.