

Q. Will you explain why?

A. For the simple reason that at that time, my mother had been sick, with what they called a stroke, and she couldn't get out of bed. She was unable to get around and my mother - my wife was not in the best of health and was in the same condition. My dad at that time was working for a coal dealer and not in any too good health but was still able to work. I was asked to move out of the present place of residence and we located another place and moved into it. At that time my furlough was almost up, I believe. I might have had a day left. I then sent in a telegram asking for an extension of leave. I got no answer. I sent in a Night Letter making a longer telegram explaining more fully why I wanted an extension of leave, and it also remained unanswered. Then the telegraph office sent in two telegrams wanting to know why these telegrams remained unanswered. They also remained unanswered.

Q. What did you do after you decided to remain absent?

A. I figured at that time for the best and most money to be made for all the time I expected to be gone would be at Taber because it was in the Fall of the year and wages were considerably higher in Taber than they were at Swift Current. I went to Taber and I have been there since, in the town of Taber.

Q. You were able to support your family from then on, were you?

A. I supported them to the best of my ability. At times there was not very much work, but in any case I supported them, and if I do say so myself I have done pretty fair considering the condition things were in.

Q. Could you have supported your family in the army?

A. No, sir, I could not have.

Q. You couldn't.

A. No, sir.

Defending Officer: I would like, sir, to submit some letters Dyck got from the Selective Service at a certain time.

Court: After his absence or before?

Defending Officer: After his absence sir.

Court: Just show them to him and ask him what they are?

Q. Do you recognize these letters?

A. I do, yes sir.