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Q. Well, Coulombe, is it fair to say as long as you thought you were being used as hut orderly you wouldn't return to the Army?

Well I wouldn't say that because I had full intention when I left there to go back.

Q. But you didn't go back. What were your intentions when you didn't go back?

I was needed on the farm when I got home and I stayed until the work was over. When the work was over I go back.

Q. You are referring to the farm work?

Of course. That is all I have to do. I couldn't do nothing else. I couldn't go back to my own job.

Q. Why not?

I would have to have an Army discharge and a civilian registration to work with.

Q. You couldn't go back to your job because you knew you would be picked up by the Provost?

Certainly.

Q. Is that the reason you worked on the farm, because of the Provost?

Not exactly that, but they were needing me there.

Q. You weren't able to finish basic training?

No.

Q. You knew the Army had to find some spot for you where you did not have to work so hard?

They found me a spot.

Q. They found you a spot as hut orderly because you couldn't do the other work, you know that?

Yes, but that doesn't mean I couldn't be a mechanic.

Q. The reason you were absent is that you didn't like your job?

Not that time. Now if I was to go back to Shilo I would try to work another way to get out of the hut orderly anyway.

Q. You would try to work another way. You mean another way by going absent without leave?

No, sir.

Q. What do you mean?

I would try to work another way to get into my trade.