

- A.15 I wanted to get in the Army. I wanted to have a uniform on and do something for my country.
- Q.16 You didn't join the Army to get a meal ticket?
- A.16 No, sir.
- Q.17 Nobody talked you into it?
- A.17 No, sir.
- Q.18 You were at the time 17 years old, but your attestation paper shows 19?
- A.18 I knew if I told them 17 they wouldn't let me in.
- Q.19 And you wanted very badly to get into the Army?
- A.19 Yes, sir.
- Q.20 In your period of training, first at Camrose and then at Red Deer, you formed a lot of friends?
- A.20 Yes, sir.
- Q.21 Did you finish your period of training at Red Deer?
- A.21 Not quite. There was about a week to go.
- Q.22 What did you anticipate was going to happen?
- A.22 I was hoping to go Overseas with my friends. I was in good company then, got along with the boys all right and wanted to go with them.
- Q.23 You kept your true age a secret?
- A.23 Yes, sir. Then about a week before I completed training I was told by an officer whose name I do not remember that my true age had been found out and that I would not be going.
- Q.24 What was your reaction?
- A.24 I wanted to go with my bunch Overseas, sir. I was with a good bunch and I got kind of upset.
- Q.25 That night what happened?
- A.25 I was in C.3 hut and Pte. Line came over --
- Q.26 You had known him previously?
- A.26 Yes, sir. And he came over to C.3 and he said he wanted to go to Edmonton and asked if I wanted to go along, and I was kind of angry and told him my story and we left the next day.
- Q.27 He suggested going absent with him and so next day you left?