

AUSTRIAN DESERTS 194TH BATTALION; SENTENCED TO JAIL

Registered Alien Feared Punishment If His Nationality Should Be Learned

John Horam, who had been told in vivid terms by Russians at Sarcee camp what would become of him when it was generally known that he was an Austrian, came up for hearing before Inspector Jennings of the R.N.W.M.P. Thursday evening, charged with desertion from the 194th battalion. The fact that fear was to a great extent the cause of his desertion was taken into consideration, when the sentence was passed.

The young man is nineteen years of age. He was a registered alien when he enlisted and gave his name as John Cabkagan, being accepted for the battalion as a Russian. Russians at Sarcee camp among other things told him that the Frenchmen would probably shoot him before he had time to get to the front.

A sentence of eight months was imposed.