



Southern Ont
Dec. 3. 1916

Sir
My statement regarding my
attempt of desertion is absolutely
true.

A few weeks ago I received a
letter from an old friend of
mine who has deserted the
army, asking me to join
him in the United States. Of
course I had to answer and
give an excuse. which was
I had not enough money
So he promptly sent me
£10.00 and stumped me to
do it. And I like the fool
I was made an attempt and
got nipped. Which I am not
a bit sorry for.



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This mans name is Alexander
Lorentz. his folks reside on
34 Charon St. Pitches Bnt.
I have kept company with
his sister since January 1915
and I got him to enlist
but I had nothing to do
with his deserting. One
reason for me trying to
desert is I have been in
the Army for fifteen months
and guess the same drill
every day kind of had an
affect on me. I can't place
all the blame on him I
was guilty of taking his
advice to a certain extent
I admit I deserve punishment



There is another deserter by
the name of Loyd Burkholder
who was to meet me at the
station in Windsor. He also
wrote me a few letters ask-
ing and coaxing me to come
I am ashamed of myself
for listening to him I feel
as if I can't be trusted by
anyone If I ever get out
of this mess I will show
them that I can soldier.

This concludes my statement
I am yours to command

Pte G. Franz
118th Batta

London, Ont. Dec. 4th 6.

O. C. 118th O. S. Battalion, C.E.F.,

London, Ont.

O.A., M. D. No. 1,

London, Ont.

No. 126085, Pte. A. Franz.

Sir:

I have the honour to advise, with reference to the man marginally named, that I received an anonymous letter from Detroit, stating that it had been planned by a deserter from this Battalion, living there, to induce Pte. Franz to desert and go over to Detroit.

Our Provost Sergeant watched the train on Saturday and got Pte. Franz at the G.T.R. Depot, prepared with a ticket to travel to Windsor. He was arrested and is now awaiting trial for attempting to desert. The man admits that this was his intention and signs a confession accordingly, which is enclosed herewith.

He gives as his reason that he was tired of drilling and that there was no immediate hope of getting overseas.

The seriousness of his offence has now come home to this man and he promises never to do such a thing again.

In view of the recent Order in Council, regarding deserters, I would recommend that trial by District Court-Martial be dispensed with.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lieut.-Col.
O. C. 118th O. S. Battalion, C.E.F.

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Adjutant 118th O. S. Battalion, C.E.F.

London, Ont.

Grand Trunk Ticket Officer,

London, Ont.

The owner of enclosed ticket was a man of this Battalion who tried to desert on Saturday but was arrested before he got away.

I would consider it a favour if you would be good enough to take back the ticket and refund the amount to the bearer.

Captain.
Adjutant 118th O. S. Battalion, C.E.F.

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