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# 4,964 Deserted, 3,756 AWL In 17 Months, Abbott Reveals

Ottawa, June 11 (CP). — There were 4,964 army court martial convictions for desertion in Canada from Jan. 1, 1945, to May 1, 1946, Defense Minister Abbott said today in a return tabled in the Commons. In the same period there were 3,756 convictions for being absent without leave.

In that time, 7,710 were sentenced to detention, 686 to imprisonment with hard labor, three to imprisonment without hard labor, 34 to be reduced to the ranks, 500 to be discharged with ignominy, three were

dismissed the service and three officers were cashiered.

Answering questions by John Diefenbaker (PC, Lake Centre), the Minister gave this breakdown of the convictions for desertion:

Military District No. 1, 106; No. 2, 972; No. 3, 548; No. 4, 143; No. 5, 1,004; No. 6, 160; No. 7, 125; No. 10, 808; No. 11, 236; No. 12, 452; No. 13, 410.

For being absent without leave:

Military District No. 1, 333; No. 2, 660; No. 3, 125; No. 4, 1,845; No. 5, 32; No. 6, 327; No. 7, 93; No. 10, 71; No. 11, 175; No. 12, 82; No. 13, 13.

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