

# Nelson Scott, Army Deserter, Captured Here

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Captured at Newton, Sunday Afternoon, While Walking Along the Streets Without His Uniform

Private Nelson Scott, an Army deserter, was captured by Sheriff A. H. Parker and Deputy Sheriff Dyke Dillman, Sunday afternoon, while he was walking the streets of Newton without his uniform. He had been here for some time and had been seen by Deputy Sheriff Dillman but disappeared before the latter could stop his car and turn around.

Sheriff Parker received a telephone call from Chicago police, Friday, asking him to be on the lookout for Scott, who was believed to be at Newton. His home had never been in Jasper county but he had been hanging around here.

## Stole Car

After his arrest, Scott told officers that he had deserted from an Army Air Force unit at Omaha, Nebraska, and in company with two other soldiers had stolen an automobile and had driven as far east as Maryland and then back to Elgin where they blew out a tire, Mr. Dillman said. They had visited the parents of the two others and had obtained some money from one of their mothers. Following the blowout, they abandoned the car and split up, Scott said.

Scott had previously been absent without leave and had served time in the "brig" and was under restraint when he "went over the hill." He was taken to George field, Lawrenceville, Monday, by Sheriff Parker and turned over to Military Police there.