

Little Berry Curtis Is Arrested Second Time for Desertion

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Private Little Berry Curtis, a deserter from the Army for the past four months, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff A. H. Parker, Deputy Sheriff Dyke Dillman and the latter's son, Staff Sergeant Robert Dillman, who was here on furlough. He was picked up in the woods north of his home where he was cutting wood. He was in civilian clothes at the time. He was taken to George field, Lawrenceville, Wednesday, by Sheriff Parker and Sergeant Dillman.

It was the third time Curtis had been absent without leave and the second time that Sheriff Parker and Deputy Sheriff Dillman had arrested him at Newton. He was picked up at his home last July and was returned to Camp Hood, Texas, where he deserted September 12. Since that time he is believed to have been in Idaho, working in the potato fields, returning to Newton last Friday.

Saw Tracks

Going to the home of his father, Berry Curtis, they asked him if Little Berry was there. Receiving a non-committal reply, the officers looked around and saw tracks in the snow leading north. Following these, they found Curtis cutting wood. He surrendered without resistance.

He had lost considerable weight since last summer and was not readily recognizable. Since he deserted at Camp Hood, September 12, he said he had been working in Idaho and had slipped back here to visit his wife and son.