

DESERTED BY WIFE.

Husband's Petition.

DIVORCE GRANTED.

In the Supreme Court last night, before His Honour Mr. Justice Brennan, Victor Schepensky, lengthsman, of Mt. Christian, near Mackay, petitioned for a divorce from Mary Schepensky on the grounds of desertion.

The petitioner, who was represented by Mr. H. Dever (instructed by Messrs. Rees R. and Sydney Jones), was not too conversant with English, but with the assistance of an interpreter he managed to place all the necessary evidence before the Court and was granted a *decree nisi*.

Giving evidence, the petitioner stated that he was married at New Town, near Harbin, Manchuria, in 1907. He came to Queensland in 1911, and his wife joined him in 1912. In January of that

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The petition further stated he was unable to secure a copy of the certificate of marriage. He had served with the A.I.F. and had resided in Queensland since the war.

Kirvalidze, the interpreter, stated he knew New Town and that there was a Catholic Church there in 1907. There was no chance of securing a copy of the marriage owing to New Town having been the centre of numerous wars during the past seven years.

His Honour granted a decree nisi, returnable within three months.
