

LONELY DESKS

The hardest days of the Independence War. Enemy forces occupied the homeland. The army was defeated in many fronts. All the people tried to survive under really bad situation. They started to leave their home. Because of the many losts in the long standing wars, It was nearly impossible to find adult to join the army. This hard situations made sorry not only adults but also youths

Mehmet and his friends, high school students, were worried about Anatolia and Independence War too. They followed closely all news about war although they were students. One day They heard the news that Eskişehir, one of the big city in Anatolia, was occupied by enemy forces and the Turkish Army had to retreat so they debated and decided to join the Turkish Army.

Mehmet and his friends thought that they could serve in the front against enemy and they wanted to war in Sakarya Front. They talked to their teacher about leaving the school and joining the army. But Their teacher was against this decision. He thought that they had to attend the classes and they were too young to go the front. But he noticed that he couldn't stop them

63 Kayseri High School students left the school in 1920-1921 Educational year. Just for one purpose; join the Turkish army and fight for the country. These 63 young students couldn't come back their home and became martyrs for the country in Turkish Independence War. That year Kayseri High School couldn't provide graduates because all the desks were empty in the classes.

The story of Kayseri High school students is a real story that signifies the national fighting spirit. It is the story that 63 young boys left their family and their school and went to the Sakarya Battle that was the the hardest front in Turkish Independence War and couldn't come back. It is the story of being martyrs of 63 hero students for the country.

In the formal graduation documents of Kayseri High School in 1920-1921 Educational year, The note was written:

"our school couldn't provide graduates because of going fronts and being martyrs"

Many lives were lost to save our country. Even though 17 -16 year old boys knew that they would lose their lives in the battle, they went to the front to war without feeling any hesitant. We owe alot to them