

Dossier, Genl. No. 91 of 1900.H. B. M. CONSULAR COURT-CAIROInquisition No. 91 of 1900.Death of Thomas Estall

No.	DATE.	NATURE OF DOCUMENT.
1	Sept 9	Letter from Lt. Col. R. A. M. C.
2	"	Summons to Jury-
3	"	Depositions
4	" 13	Verdict.
5	"	Letter to Off. Comdg. Army of occp.
6	"	25 mile Coy B. I.

CASE No. ^{No. 1} 91 of 1910

From,

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To,

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Cairo 9th September 1910

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To

H. B. M. Consul.

Cairo.

9th. Sept. 1910.

Sir

With reference to the attached
Death Report, could you please counter
sign it, as I very much wish the
burial to take place today.

R. Alexander

Major.
Commdg. 4th. Bn. Rifle Bde

SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. Walter Ablitt

Issued on the ^{9th} ~~10th~~ day of September 1910.

Served on the 9th day of 4 1910.

Returnable on the 4 day of 4 1910.

at 11 o'clock 45 m

Inquisition as to cause of death of

Joe T. Estall

SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. *Joseph Samuel Perkins*
Vacuum Oil Co

Issued on the *9th* day of *September* 19*10*.

Served on the *4* day of *4* 190 .

Returnable on the *4* day of *4* 190 .

at *11* o'clock *45* m —

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SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. Harold S. Collins .
C/o Davies Bryan & Co
Issued on the 9th day of September 1910.

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Inquisition as to cause of death of

T. Estall .

H. B. M. Connelley
Cairo
Sept. 11. 1910.

Sir,

I have the honor
to state that on Friday
last, accompanied by
a jury, I ~~visited~~
viewed the body of the
late Private Estelle
of the Battalion under

your command.

The Inquest was
adjourned until Tuesday
next, the 13th instant,
at 10 a.m., and I shall
be obliged if the witnesses
can attend at this
Coroner's Court ^{at the}
date and at the
hour fixed.

I should be glad
if you could cause the
rifle with which the
deceased was shot &
any papers in his possession
which might throw
any

Sgt

The Officer Commanding
4th Batta Rifle Brigade
Citadel
Cairo

any light on the matter,
I'll produce.

I have etc.

W.D.

In H. B. Vs. Consular Court at Cairo

Friday the 9th Sept. 1910

In the matter of N. 2451 Pte
Thomas Estall of the 4th Bn Rifle Brigade
who according to the letter dated 9th inst.
received from the O/C. Military Hospital
Cairo died in the Military Hospital
on Thursday the 8th instant within the
jurisdiction of this Court and whose
body was removed & is now lying in
the Mortuary of the Military Hospital
at the Citadel.

Jury summoned to hold an
Inquest under provisions of Art.
59 (a) to (d) of the Ottoman Code in
Council 1899. -

Walter Ablitt, Joseph Samuel
Perkins & Harold S. Collins
answered to summons

Jury sworn

Coroner and Jury proceeded
to the Mortuary of the Military
Hospital to view the body

Body viewed by the Jury and
order given by Coroner for its
burial.

Inquest adjourned to Tuesday
the 13th instant at 10 a.m.

Inquest resumed on Tuesday
the 13th inst. at 10 a.m.

Matthew Kent ^{was} ~~was~~ being duly sworn
on his oath ^{and} said: I am a doctor
in the Army - I was present
when the jury viewed a body
last Tuesday at the Citadel.
It was that of Private Estall.
I saw him the night before
at about 8.40. I was orderly
medical officer on duty. He
was lying on a stretcher quite
unconscious, breathing with
labour & I could not feel his
pulse. He was bleeding from
the mouth & the top of his
head. He lived about
8 or 10 minutes after I saw
him. He was quite unconscious.
I examined the wounds ^{next} ^{morning} ^{part of the}
morning. The whole of the ^{roof}
of the mouth was blown ^{away}
& there was a large hole in the
base of the skull. There was a
fissure about 3 inches long
on the left of the skull which
extended to the place where the
bullet came out at the
vertex of the skull about an
inch to the left of the middle.
His lips showed the signs
of the explosion. They were
split in 4 places at the corners
of the mouth.
The cause of the injuries were

due to a gunshot. I do not think
anyone else would let anyone else
put a gun in his mouth.
This is his medical record (put
in).

MAG Zelle
Capt RAD c.

William Apsey being sworn on his
 oath saith: I am Acting Corporal
 in the 4th Battalion Rifle Brigade -
 I was present when the jury
 viewed the body at the Citadel on
 Friday last. It was that of Private
 Estall. That known him about
 18 months. On Thursday evening
 about 8.35 p.m. I was sitting
 in the room next to where he
 was. I heard a rifle go off &
 passed a remark about it &
 shortly afterwards I heard a
 scream coming from that room.
 I went out of my room & saw
 2 men running down stairs.
 The last man fell about 3
 stairs. Then I went into Estall's
 room & saw him lying on
 the bed with the rifle between
 his knees & face upwards.
 He was alive. I put a towel round
 his head & then 4 or 5 men
 rushed into the room. I sent
 2 men for an ambulance & another
 to the hospital & another to the
 Sergeants' mess. Then Sergt
 Major Barber & several other
 Sergeants who came in. In the
 mean time the ambulance had
 come & Sergt Major Barber ordered
 his removal to the hospital.
 I was talking to rifleman Tate
 when I heard the shot.

Rifleman Dupram was the first
man running down stairs &
Rifleman Schires the second
one.

I had never noticed anything
particular about Deceased. He was
very quiet & was careful about
money matters. He did not drink
at all. I had not noticed anything
unusual about him lately.

He used to complain about his
foot especially after marching.
He said he was expecting to purchase
his discharge & go to Canada.
He was on good terms with the
others but was quiet & did not
mix much with others.

On that morning he had been
field firing. I did not see him
after that.

This was the rifle (produced)
386. It was his rifle - a man
could fire it with his hand.
He was lying on his back &
with his head bent right
back.

So usually ball cartridge
is issued on parade & collected
afterward. No man should
have ball cartridge -

W. H. A. P.

13.10.10.

Alfred James Squires being born
 on his oath said: Riflemans
~~Squires~~ Dam a Rifliman.
 I knew deceased Private Estall
 on the 8th September I was in
 my room at 8.35 p.m. & Rifliman
 Estall walked in. He sat down on
 his bed. I was lying on my
 bed when I heard a shot. I stood
 round & saw Rifliman Estall
 he fell back on the bed. I rushed
 out of the room & called Corporal
 Sergeant Miller. I went back
 then. We & 2 or 3 other Sergeants
 were there & deceased was taken
 to hospital - Deceased had his
 rifle on a stand near his bed.
 I did not notice what he was
 doing. I was lying with my
 back towards him. When I stood
 round his rifle lay between
 his legs - He never said anything
 after he came into the room.
 I did not notice anything particular
 about him when he came in -
 I spoke to him about 7.20 p.m.
 that day. I had not noticed
 anything about him recently.
 He never complained about his
 health or the heat. He was a
 very quiet man. He was civil
 to everybody -

I saw blood running from his
 head when I heard the shot.
 Rifle. A. J. Squires

William Miller being duly sworn on his oath saith: I am Colored Sergeant in 4th Rifle Brigade. On the night in question I returned from Abhamah to Citadel about 8.30 p.m. & on the way to my quarters I saw a crowd of men rushing from the direction of one of D Company's blocks. On entering I was informed that Private Estall had just shot himself. I went to the room to which he belonged & they were just putting him on the stretcher. He was alive then - I immediately ordered the room to be locked up. I also examined the rifle - that is the rifle produced. There was an empty case in it -

He has been Colored Sergeant of his company for 7 months. I noticed that he was not so cheerful as the average man. I had conversations with him about his foot & so on. He spoke like a man who was hardly done by - not as regards the service. He spoke a lot of that. He complained about his foot when he had to march but when he played football. He used to play football.

He was not very popular among the
men. He kept alone & kept to himself.
He had not quarrelled with anybody.
He had a host made for his injured
foot to his entire satisfaction.

Wm. W. W.



CASE No 91 of 1910 No 4

In His Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at Cairo.

Five day the 9th day of Sept 1910.

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lord the King at His Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at Cairo, on the 9th day of Sept 1910, and by adjournment on the 13th day of Sept 1910, before Arthur S. Alban Esquire

His Majesty's Consul and Coroner of our Lord the King for the Consular District of Cairo, upon the oath of

Walter Abtitt, Joseph Samuel Perkins + Harold S. Collins

good and lawful men on the Jury List of the said Consular Court at Cairo, duly sworn to inquire for our Lord the King, on view of the body of Pte Thomas Estall as to his death; and the said jurors, whose names are hereunto subscribed, upon their oaths do say:—

That the said Pte Thomas Estall was a male person, 24 years old and that his death occurred on Thursday the 8th instant at the Military Hospital, Citadel, Cairo

And that the cause of his death was

suicide by shooting himself with a rifle while temporarily insane thereby fracturing the base of his skull

And

And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said Mr. Thomas Estall came to his death in the manner and by the means aforesaid and at the time and place last aforesaid and not otherwise.

In witness whereof as well the said Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid have to this Inquisition set their hands the day and year first above written.

Arthur Alban
Coroner.



Jurors.

W. Allen

J. S. Perkins
H. S. Collins

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H. B. M. CONSULATE
CAIRO,
September 13th 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith certified copy of the Verdict given in the inquest held on the body of the late Pte Thomas Estall of the 4th Bn. Rifle Brigade.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(SD) A. S. Alban

H. B. M. CONSUL .

The Officer Commanding
Army of Occupation.
HEADQUARTERS.
C A I R O .

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The Officer Commanding

4th Bn. Rifle Brigade,

~~HEADQUARTERS,~~

CAIRO.

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F. E. M's Consulate,

Cairo, 11th. September 1910.

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The Inquest was adjourned untill Tuesday next, the 13th. instant, at 10 a.m., and I shall be obliged if the witnesses can attend at this Consular Court on the date and at the hour fixed.

I should be glad if you could cause the rifle with which the deceased was shot and any papers in his possession which might throw light on the matter, to be produced.

I have the honour,

to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Arthur J. Allen
F. E. M's Consul,

The Officer Commanding,
4th. Battalion Rifle Brigade,
Citadel,
Cairo.

To

N. B. M. Consul.

Cairo

Witnesses will attend as requested
and bring articles referred to.

Cairo
12/9/10.

A. M. King Major
Commdg. 11th. Pm Rifle. Brigade

Burial Report.

Cairo.

11th 9 10.

Corps	Rank	Regt. No.	Name & Surname in full stating age & date of death.	Religion	Cemetery in which buried with date	No of Grave.	Name of Chaplain who performed the service
4 th Rifle Bde.	Rpm	21451.	Thomas Estall. 24 years Died. 8. 9. 10.	S. of E.	English Cemetery Cairo. 9. 9. 10	Sec. D. 64	Rev ^d H. Little. C.F.

To
H. B. M. Consul
Cairo

R. Alexander Major
Commanding 4th Bn. Rifle Bde

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Citadel ~~HEADQUARTERS,~~

CAIRO .



To
H. B. W. Consul
Cairo

Received.

Cairo.
16. 9. 10.

R. Alexander Major
Commdg 11th. Bn. Rifle Bde

CASE NO 91 of 1910

Subject:- Inquest on Rifleman Estall, 4th Rifle Brigade.

CENTRAL REGISTRY	
EGYPT.	
27. 14/9.	
No 14/9	From,

Colonel R.J. Pinney,
Commanding the Force in Egypt.

To,

H.B.M's Consul,
Cairo.

Cairo, 19th September, 1910.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 15th instant, forwarding a certified copy of the Verdict given in the case of Rifleman Estall, 4th Rifle Brigade.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. Pinney

Colonel,
Commanding the Force in Egypt.

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