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H. B. M. CONSULAR COURT-CAIRO

Inquisition 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 Occup.
6	" "	" " " " 2nd Field Coy R. E.

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To,

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N. B. M. Consul.

Cairo

9th. Sept.r 1910.

Sir

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

R. Alexander

Major.

Commdg. 4th. Bn Rifle Bde

No. 2

SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. Walter Ablitt

Issued on the 9th day of September 1910.

Served on the 9th day of " 1910.

Returnable on the " day of " 1910,

at 11 o'clock 45 m

Inquisition as to cause of death of

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SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. Joseph Samuel Perkins
Vacuum Oil Co

Issued on the 9th day of September 1910.

Served on the 4 day of 4 190 .

Returnable on the 4 day of 4 190 ,

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SUMMONS TO JURYMAN.

To Mr. Harold S. Collins.
c/o Davies Bryan & Co.

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Inquisition as to cause of death of P.C.

T. Estall.

No 3

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

Sir,

I have the honour to state that on Friday last, accompanied by a jury, I ~~visited the~~ viewed the body of the late Private Estall of the Battalion under your command.

The Officer Commanding
4th Battn Rifle Brigade
Citadel
Cairo

The Inquest was adjourned until Tuesday next, the 13th instant, at 10 a.m. and I should be obliged if the witnesses can attend at this Consular 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~~ light on the matter,
who produced.

Thanks.

CDC

In H. B. Ms. Consular Court at Cairo

Friday the 9th Sept. 1910

In the matter of No. 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 held an
Inquest under provisions of Art.
59 (a) to (d) of the Ottoman Order in
Council 1899. -

Walter Ablett, Joseph Samuel
Perkins & Harold S. Collins
answered to Summons

Jury sworn -

Coroner and Jury proceed
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 Henry Ferguson Fell being duly sworn
on his oath saith: I am a doctor
in the Army - I was present
when the prisoner viewed a body
last Friday at the Citadel.
It was that of Private Estall.
I saw him the night before
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 left side of his
head. He lived about
& 10 minutes after I saw
him. He was still unconscious.
I examined the wound next
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 effects
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).

M H Zeh
Capt RAN c.

William Apsey being sworn on his oath saith: I am Acting Corporal in the 4th Batt Rifle Brigade - I was present when the jury viewed the body at the Citadel on Friday last. It was laid out in Stall 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 fired & passed a remark about it. Shortly afterwards I heard a Scream coming from that room. I went out of the room & saw 2 men running down stairs. The last man fell about 3 stairs. Then I went into Stalls 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 one to the hospital & another to the Sergeants' mess. Then Sergt Major Barber & several other Sergeants who came in. In the meantime the ambulance had come & Sergt Major Barber ordered his removal to the hospital. I was talking to Rifleman Dalby when I heard the shot.

Rifleman Dupraw was the first man running down stairs & Rifleman Scheres the second one.

I had never noticed anything particular about deceased. He was never 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 cocks fire it with his hand. He was lying on his back & with his head west right back.

The usually ball cartridge is issued on parade & collected afterwards. No man should have ball cartridge.

Wheapsey. ASC

13.10.10.

Alfred James Squires being sworn
on his oath saith: ~~Rifleman~~
~~Squires~~. I am a Rifleman.
I knew deceased Private Estall.
On the 8th September I was in
my room at 8.35 p.m & Rifleman
Estall walked in. He sat down on
his bed. I was laying on my
bed when I heard a shot. I looked
round & saw Rifleman Estall fall
he fell back on the bed. I rushed
out of the room & called Colour
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 that he was
doing. I was laying with my
back towards him. When I looked
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 Colour Sergeant in the 4th Rifle Brigade. On the night in question I returned from Abbassiah 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 B Company's blocks. On entering I was informed that Private Stall had just shot himself. I went to the room & while he he kneeled & 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 -

I have been Colour Sergeant of this 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 heartily done up - and as regards the service. He studied well of that. He complained about his foot when he had to march but when he played football. He used to play football.

He was very popular among the
men. He kept aloof himself.
He had no quarrels with anybody.
He had a host made for his inferred
God to his entire satisfaction

Wonderful!

CASE No. 91 of 1910 No. 4

In His Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at Cairo.

Fri 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 Ablitt, 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 Pte 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 D'Albon
Coroner.

BRITISH CONSULATE CAIRO, EGYPT

Jurors.

N. Allen

J. S. Perkins

H. S. Collins.

No. 5

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. D. Alban

H. B. M. CONSUL.

The Officer Commanding

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I have the honour,

to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Arthur Dalton

F. B. M's Consul,

The Officer Commanding,

4th. Battalion Rifle Brigade,

Citadel,

Cairo.

To

N. B. Mc Consul.

Cairo

Witnesses will attend as requested and bring articles referred to.

A. M. King Major

Cairo
12/9/15.

Commdg. 4th. Bn Rifle. Brigade

Burial Report.

Cairo.
14. 9. 10.

Corps.	Rank	Regtl. 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/Rifle. Bde.	Rfmn.	2451.	Thomas E. Stall. 24 years. Died. 8. 9. 10.	C. of E.	English Cemetery Cairo. 9. 9. 10	Sec. B. 64.	Rev. H. Little. C/F.

To
H. B. M. Consul
Cairo

R. Alexander Major
Commdg 4th. Bn Rifle. Bgde

ORDERLY R.C.
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C A I R O.

To

H. B. M. Consul

Cairo

Received.

R. Alexander Major
Commdg 4th. Bn Rifle Bde

Cairo.
16. 9. 10.

CASE No. 91 of 1910

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

CENTRAL REGISTRY
EGYPT.
G.R. 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.