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PRIVATE A. LEWIS

EAST AFRICAN PAY CORPS

Fwds corres. as to trial by Court Martial. In view of mental condition encloses proceedings of Court Martial with view to question of revision of sentence being considered by the Army Council.

to Parkinson

1. F.G.C.M. d. 13.10.17. - (pp 31-41)

Private Lewis was brought up on 2 charges (a) absence without leave and (b) desertion. He pleaded not guilty to both charges. For (a) as a defence he said on p 36 and on p 37 he admitted desertion "I was not my friend". The next cut (p 39) is that he was fit to undergo the sentence. This was a straightforward case and in order, with the evidence available.

2. F.G.C.M. d. 18.11.17. (pp 4-20)

The charges were the same as in the previous statement (pp 20-23). He pleaded guilty to both charges to have been of the kind that one might expect from a soldier. There seems to be no base of mental depression. In fact, he was to pretty lucidly under difficulties (p 20) it was concluded. The next cut (p 11) states his present state of health and is fit to etc.

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NAIROBI, 20th. July, 1920.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith correspondence in connection with the trial of No. 7098 Pte. A. DEWIS, East African Pay Corps, by Court-Martial.

2. As it is possible that his mental condition may have influenced him in his actions for which he was tried I forward herewith the proceedings of the Courts-Martial assembled on 13/10/17 and 18/11/17, with a view to the question of revision of sentence being considered by the Army Council.

3. As these Headquarters will shortly close I would be glad if you would cause any further correspondence on this subject to be addressed direct to Defence Headquarters, Pretoria.

4. When finished with, the proceedings of Courts-Martial should please be returned to the Officer in charge of Records, Nairobi, for record.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

A. Kemp
Major,
The Commandant N.A.C.
(in absence of Commandant)

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
COLONIAL OFFICE, DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.1.

See to:- The Secretary for Defence, Pretoria.
The Military Pensions Commissioner, Pretoria, ref. his M.P.C./38058, dated 3/5/20.
The Officer i/c Records, Nairobi, ref. his 4724/21, dated 15/6/20.

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Sir,

The Clerk

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I am etc. to transmit to you, ~~the~~ ~~copy~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Army~~ ~~Council~~, the accompanying copy of a despatch, with enclosures in original, from ~~the~~ ~~War~~ ~~Office~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~British~~ ~~African~~ ~~Office~~ regarding the case of No. 7088 Pte. A. Lewis, East African P Coy, Corps.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Cronie / 16/30
- Mr. Parkman
- Mr. *MS*
- Mr. Grindle
- Sir H. Lambert
- Sir H. Read
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

2. Lord Milner will be glad to hear *repm* in view of the medical opinions expressed in this correspondence and sentences passed on Private Lewis by the Courts Martial *held in here* which have been reviewed *with reference to the*

3. I am to request that the ~~copy~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~despatch~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Commander~~ ~~despatch~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ returned with your reply.

1930. 24th Sept. 1930
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