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Quote No. 10/Brown, E./1

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

The Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA, Canada.

LONDON

C.55-13-1466

19 Oct 44

E.12129 Gnr Brown, E.

1. The marginally named soldier is now serving a sentence of 18 months' detention awarded 21 Feb 44 for the offences of escaping from confinement and absence without leave. He has so far earned full remissions in respect of good conduct and accordingly the date on which he should be released if he continues to earn all remissions possible for good conduct is 20 Feb 45.

2. This soldier enlisted 11 Sep 39 at Hamilton, Ontario and he is now 33 years of age. Since enlistment he has been found guilty of 27 offences under AA Sec 15(1); of 3 offences under AA Sec 40; and of 1 offence under each of AA Secs 11, 19 and 22. He has been convicted on 3 occasions by FGCM for absence without leave and awarded sentences of 150 days' detention on 27 Mar 41, 6 months' detention on 29 Apr 43 and 18 months' detention on 21 Feb 44 as set out in paragraph 1 hereof.

3. This soldier was reboarded on 12 Jul 44 and placed in Pulhems Grade 85 on a diagnosis of psychopathic personality inadequate and chronic alcoholism. The Medical Board states that he is fit to undergo detention.

4. The Neuropsychiatrist and Selection of Personnel Officer who have examined this soldier state that he was expelled from school but claims a stable work history; that he admits being an excessive drinker since the age of 16 and now prefers "surgical spirits"; that he has been hospitalized 10 times for chronic VDG and has had VDS once; that drink and disease have left him with an almost continually "thick head"; that his record shows too much incorrigible behaviour and that his bad habits have such a grip on him now that he will be of no further use to the army.

5. Taking into consideration this soldier's record and the above-mentioned reports it is my opinion that he should not be discharged on medical grounds but that he should be classified as an incorrigible and should complete his sentence and that thereafter he should be discharged for misconduct in accordance with paragraph 8 of Appendix to C.A.R.C. 1029, authorised by G.O.169/39, and I so recommend. In my opinion this soldier has not misconducted himself for the purpose of obtaining his discharge.

6. I have accordingly directed pursuant to P.C.1304/44 and R.Q.S. 8536-6 Adm.3(c)3 dated 13 Mar 44 that this soldier be returned to Canada in custody under sentence. Herewith original proceedings of the above-mentioned FGCM held 21 Feb 44 and original A.F. A3104 in respect thereof on which I have endorsed my direction.

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(F.J.Montague) Major-General  
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