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

B.157711 Pte Brasseur D.J.

1. The m/n soldier is now serving a sentence of 3 years penal servitude awarded by FCM 29 Sep 44 for deserting His Majesty's Service after having been warned that his platoon was going to make an attack (AA Sec 15(1)(a)). He has so far earned full remissions for good conduct while serving his sentence and accordingly the earliest date on which he should be released if he continues to do so, is 29 Sep 46.
2. This soldier enlisted 10 Jan 44 at Toronto, Ont and he is now 19 years of age. In addition to the offence mentioned in para 1 above he has since enlistment been found guilty of 1 offence under AA Sec 15(1). He has had no previous FCM.
3. This soldier has been medically examined and certified as fit to undergo his sentence.
4. The Neuropsychiatrist who has examined this soldier states that his adjustment to battle stress appeared to be satisfactory at first; that he over compensated for his fear for a time and was pointed out as an example to others as one who was without fear, but that as time went on he became progressively anxious and eventually he was unable to participate in an impending attack; that he now appears remorseful for his behaviour and seems to have profited by his experience; and that he is considered worth a risk for full CIC duties. This soldier has stated in a petition that he is prepared to serve in the Pacific theatre.
5. In view of the serious nature of the offence of which this soldier has been convicted and the necessity for exemplary punishment in such cases and since it is now not practicable to return this soldier to service in this theatre under the same conditions as existed at the time of the commission of his offence, it is considered that despite the favourable nature of the report outlined in para 4 above, he should be required to serve his sentence in full and be discharged for misconduct under the provisions of para 8 of Appx to CARO 1029. It is therefore so recommended. It is considered that this soldier has deliberately misconducted himself in order to avoid further service in action and possibly with a view to obtaining his discharge.
6. It has accordingly been directed, pursuant to PC 1504/44, that this soldier be returned to Canada in custody under sentence. Herewith original proceedings of the FCM held 29 Sep 44, together with original A.F. 3104 in respect thereof on which this direction has been endorsed.

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