

29 August, 1945

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 15th August, 1945 addressed to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, with reference to A.116172 Tpr C. J. Harvey, has been referred to this Department for reply.

I am informed by the Military Authorities that this soldier was tried by Standing Court-Martial on the 8th February, 1945 on a charge of absenting himself without leave from the 11th July, 1944 until apprehended on the 14th July, 1944 and on a further charge of desertion, having absented himself without leave from the 28th July, 1944 until apprehended the 23rd January, 1945, dressed in civilian clothes. He was found guilty of the offences and was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for eighteen months and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's Service.

Sentences awarded by Military Courts are reviewed at regular intervals with a view to remission or suspension when the conduct and industry of the soldier and the interests of military discipline warrant.

In this instance, due to this soldier's long absence and his many previous convictions, it is not contemplated that there will be any remission at this time. However, the sentence will be reviewed when one-half of the sentence has been served with a view to remission. Whether the remission is granted at that time will depend upon reports received as to his conduct while under sentence.

Yours truly,

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