

AT VICTORIA BARRACKS,

The District Courts-martial on persons who committed offences between February 13 and 21 were continued at Victoria Barracks yesterday, the composition of the Court being Lieutenant-Colonel J. J. Paine, V.D., President; Major P. F. Horley, 29th Infantry, and Captain H. H. MacArthur, 25th Infantry, members; with Captain S. Spain, Reserve of Officers, prosecutor.

Private Alexander John Anderson, 18th C Coy., 3rd Battalion, pleaded guilty to breaking out of camp at Liverpool on February 14.

The President read a statement by the accused, in which he stated that he left camp about 10 o'clock on the morning of February 14. He came to Sydney, and did not see any rioting until late in the afternoon. He was arrested outside the Central Police Station at 6 o'clock on a charge of assaulting a policeman. The following morning he was brought before the Court, and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. He asked the Court to deal leniently with him, as he had a brother already in the firing line, and eight brothers and sisters at home, whom he was assisting to support.

The accused was given a good character by the military.

The Court reserved its decision.

Lance-corporal Phillip Gorbach, D Coy., 4th Rfts., 4th Battalion, pleaded guilty to a similar offence. He stated that he was a Russian, and had put in eight months in Egypt, being returned sick. He came into the city on February 14, but took no part in the riots. A trooper's horse trod on his foot, he pushed the horse, and was arrested. When brought before the civil Court the following day he was bound over to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The Court reserved its decision.

Private James Wilson, 43, C Coy., 20th Battalion, pleaded guilty to (1) breaking out of Casula Camp on February 14, when he should have been in the camp on duty; and (2) drunkenness.

The President read a statement by the accused to the effect that he did not march to Liverpool with the rioters, as he was ill. He left Casula, and journeyed to Sydney by train. On the train he was given drink by the soldiers, and took rum on his arrival in Sydney to cure his cold. It only made him so drunk he did not know what happened.

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Private John Kelly, C Company, 18th Battalion, pleaded not guilty to breaking out of Casula camp on February 14.

The accused made a statement to the effect that he did not break camp.

The Court found him not guilty, and he was discharged from custody.

Private James Wilson, 15th Reinforcements, 3rd Battalion, pleaded not guilty to breaking out of camp at Liverpool on February 14.

The accused produced a written statement to the effect that he had been discharged on this charge, as he had been mistaken for another man of the same name.

He was found not guilty, and released.