

PROCEEDINGS of a* Court of Enquiry

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assembled at Barlin

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the 22nd day of July 1917.

by order of Brigadier General William
Cmdy. 10th Can Infantry Brigade

for the purpose of enquiring into the
circumstances of the death of
Capt. Howard, Cmdy. 10th
Brigade Light Trench Mortar Battery.

PRESIDENT.

A. M. Thomson Lt.
att. 10th Can. Inf. Brigade

MEMBERS.

J. G. Forrest Lt.
10 Can. L. T. M. Battery
R. W. Courne Lt
10 Can. L. T. M. Battery

IN ATTENDANCE.



The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
take evidence.

1st Witness. In Ome. Paul Charles. states
I had just gone out side
my house about 10 A.M. today the
22nd instant, when I heard a
shot rumbled in and saw Capt.
Howard lying on the floor, I
rushed out and called the men who
were standing about,
M^{me} Paul Charles

2nd Witness. Pte. 137148. ~~Charles~~ Johnston W.P.
states - I was on the street near
Capt. Howard killed about 10. A.M.,
when the woman at whose house
Capt. Howard was killed ran
down the street looking for one Sergeant
she said to me "Captain finish."
I called Sergeant Nesbitt and
went on to the killed about them.
I found the Captain lying on the floor
he was unconscious but his pulse was
beating - the revolver was lying on
the table I did not examine it.
W. P. Johnston,

acms

Witness. Capt. J. C. H. Harris. R.A.M.C.
 states - Capt Howard sent for me
 last night 21st instant about 9 p.m.
 I came and he told me that patient
 was moving and that he did not
 feel fit to go - I examined him but
 found nothing much wrong - but as
 he stated he had pain in the legs and
 back I told him he had better come to
 the hospital in the morning for a rest
 and could rejoin in a week or so.
 I gave him some medicine and told
 him I would call in a car for him
 at 11 o'clock the morning he said
 he would have his kit read and some
 stores in bed till I came.

I was sent for again the morning at
 about 10 A.M. and came at once in
 an ambulance and found him dead.
 The ~~shot~~ was shot in the mouth
 and the bullet had not come out of his
 head.

J.C.H. Harris
 I took his body and sent it back ^{Capt Rance}
 to the hospital and saw his body searched
 no papers bearing on the accident
 were found. When I came the morning
 I found him dead he was fully dressed

Accused

J.C.H. Harris / Capt Rance

4th Wednesday. ^{S. D. Hancock} Lieut. S. D. Hancock. 10th L. T. M. Battery

States - for a couple of days Capt Howard has not been feeling well and has kept to his room and when order came last night to move he sent for the doctor. I understood he was not going with the battery but was going to hospital for a rest the morning. I am coming back from leave about June 23rd last he has been very quiet and kept very much to himself - He was always inclined to do the best during this period even more so than usual. The morning about 10 a.m. I was told by the Sergeant that Capt Howard had shot himself. I ran over to the billet, ^{there were several} ~~there were several~~ ^{shots} in the room when I got there, Capt Howard was lying on the floor close to the table on his back. unconscious but his pulse was beating slightly. I loosened his clothes and moved him on to the sleeping bag. The revolver was lying on the table I took it up and took the cartridge out all chambers were loaded and one had been fired.

Linney Hancock
Lieut.

acms

5th Witness . Gnom. Giraud. Jean, states
 I live opposite room. Paul Charles.
 I heard her cry that the Captain
 was hurt, I rushed over and
 saw the Captain on the floor
 parts under the table, covered
 with blood. He had a revolver
 in his left hand. Before lifting her
 up to see if he was alive I took the
 revolver and placed it on the table
 and then the soldiers arrived.

Giraud Jean

6th Witness 629157 Pte. Carson. W. states

I am Capt. Howard Katmar. I was
 in his room the morning about 6:30
~~was the morning~~ and packed his kit
 about 9 A.M. as told me last night to
 do so as he was going for a weeks rest
 I noticed his revolver which had been
 packed up all the time we were in
 rest, lying on the floor parts under the
 bed at its foot. it was not in its holster
 which was still in his kit. He told me to
 pack it up which I did, and rolled
 up and strapped the kit ready to go.
 I then cleaned up the room and went

off C

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out and a short time afterwards
heard he had shot himself.

He told me this morning that he was
feeling quite a bit better. He has not
been feeling well and has hardly eaten
anything for the last two days.

By William Carson

S. D. Hancock. Sent. 10th L. T. M. Batters
recalled state, when I entered Capt
Howard's room I noticed his kit was
unrolled by it on the floor parallel
to the bed.
S. Hancock.

Findings.

The Court is of the opinion that
Captain Howard shot himself
and that no blame can be attached
to any one.

Alm. Thomsen Sent.

Rivbourse. Lieut.

J. Lounsbury Lieut.

acms

Deed. Self Inflicted

Wound 22-7-17
Field