



In The News

Durrington

THE ALLEGED SALISBURY MUTINY

FURTHER CHARGES DISMISSED

At the conclusion of the hearing by a general Court-martial, at Devizes, of charges against men of B Company, 3rd West Yorkshire Regiment, in camp at Durrington, of mutiny by refusing to go on parade on July 2, two new charges were investigated.

One of the original defendants, named Mundell, was said by Captain Chance to have urged his comrades to liberate those who had been arrested. It is alleged that he said, "Come along, lads, let us all be of one mind and go up to the guardroom and release the men," and he headed a rush of some 200 men to the guardroom, but nothing resulted.

Another man, named Roe, who had not been charged with the refusal to parade, was put before the Court on the allegation that he suggested setting fire to the guardroom.

In neither of these cases was there corroborative evidence as to identity, and in the case of Roe, who was stated to have shouted his advice, it transpired that he had been so badly gassed that he could not shout.

The two men were acquitted on these charges. The decisions in the cases of refusal to parade will be promulgated later.

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