

ELDRIDGE CASE

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neither can successfully be invaded by a public servant wearing a policeman's uniform.

There is widespread sentiment among the colored people that the suspended five day sentences imposed upon Mrs. Eldridge should be appealed to the District Court and that the charges, civil and criminal, shall be pressed against Sergeant Graham with unrelenting vigor.

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LAUNCH INVESTIGATION

INTO FATAL SHOOTING OF NEGRO SERGEANT

Little Rock, Ark., April 2 (ANP)—The fatal shooting of a Negro soldier by a city policeman here last Sunday evening during a melee in the Negro district in connection with the arrest of another colored soldier has brought on two separate investigations to determine who was at fault, and whether the actions of the principals involved in the altercation are true. The separate investigations were begun early Monday, but neither militant authorities or civil authorities would release any information other than that a full report will be made public after the investigations had been closed.

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The victim of the shooting was Sgt. Thomas B. Foster, 30 year old native of Zebulon, N. C., who enlisted in the army last May 31, at Baltimore. He was a member of the 92nd engineer battalion, which was sent to Camp Robinson here several months ago to do construction work.

According to city police, the shooting began with the unsuccessful attempt of a crowd of Negroes, led by Foster, to liberate Pvt. Albert Glover, also of the 92nd engineers, who had been arrested by MP's for drunkenness. Patrolman A. J. Hay, who shot Foster four times said that he and Patrolman George Henson went to the assistance of two military police who had arrested Glover and were barred by a crowd of Negro civilians from taking him to their army truck.

"I asked the MP's to let me help them as I had been trying to hold the crowd back. I got hold of Foster and he threw me down on the ground and took my night stick. I jumped up before he did. I pulled my gun and shot him." Foster was shot four times, two bullets entering his abdomen, one breaking his left arm, and the fourth entering his left side.

Eyewitnesses, however, tell a different version. They say the episode began when Pvt. Glover was ordered out of town by MP's who charged that he was intoxicated. Glover agreed to leave as soon as he found a buddy, whose identity is unknown as yet, who would accompany him back to the post. Later he was accosted again by MP's to whom he explained why he still remained in town. He was thereupon arrested.

A sworn statement made by Glover, who admits being drunk, states that the MP's grabbed him and beat him, but that he "doesn't remember civilian police having anything to do with his arrest and beating." Reliable eyewitnesses, however, saw civilian police club Glover with night sticks, injuring him painfully. Glover had to be taken to the Medical aid station where first aid was administered. Still in custody of military police, Glover was taken from the state to the MP patrol car parked about a block away Foster's hearing of Glover's treatment at

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the hands of civilian police, stopped the arresting MP's to question them about the incident. His refusing to move away without any explanation caused the MP's to attack and arrest him.

Foster, determining not to be arrested, fought them off. Here conflicting stories are told as to the rioting mob. White dailies reported that "a mob of Negroes was aiding Foster," while eyewitnesses say that Foster was fighting alone, with bystanders looking on.

Six other MP's joined the fight to subdue Foster, using night sticks. Civilian policemen, who followed the MP's throughout the altercation, entered the fight and Sgt. Foster was clubbed until he quieted. By this time the scene had shifted across the street and about one fourth of a block from the medical aid station in front of the Presbyterian Church. With his back against the wall, Foster was beaten until he subsided.

Policeman Hay is then said to have reached over the shoulder of the MP who had Foster by the shoulder and hit the defenseless soldier. Foster immediately resumed his fight, this time attacking Hay. Although he knocked Hay down, he was himself beaten to the ground by MP's. Then Hay is said to have gotten to his feet, while Foster was lying on the ground in a semi-conscious state, and drew his gun and emptied five chambers, four of which struck Foster, the fifth going wild.

Foster was removed to the University hospital where he was given an emergency operation. He died at the hospital at 12:30 am. Monday mornin. According to eyewitnesses, at no time was Foster in possession of a club or pistol.

After the shooting, soldiers, indignant over the treatment of their buddy, milled around, but military officers quickly ordered trucks to remove the soldiers from the city. The civilian investigation is being carried on by Chief of Police J. A. Pitcock, aid Dr. C. C. Reed, Jr., deputy coroner, who have already stated that it appears the officer was forced to shoot the Negro soldier as he had seized Hay's nightstick and was advancing upon him.

Heading the army board is Brig. General Francis B. Mallont, Camp Robinson commander, who has working with him Col. Guy C. Rexroad; Capt. Ferris D. Evans, 1st Lt. Harry Lovings, and 1st Lt. Ius W. Davis. A second board was named to ascertain if Foster died in line of duty, in order that his relatives might receive a pension. This board is composed of Joseph J. Reuter, Paul C. Richmond, and Lt. George M. Brown.

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St. Paul, Minn., April 2 (ANP)—While visiting the St. Paul Urban League here last Sunday afternoon Lester Granger, executive secretary of National Urban League and Major Samuel Ransome, representative to the government staff, were entertained by a representative group of men at Johnson Tea room. Committee chairman for the event was James Hughes, while C. W. Wington, architect, served as master of ceremonies. Special guest for the meeting were S. Vincent Owens, executive secretary of St. Paul Urban League, and C. W. Wash-

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