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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

OTTAWA, 1 May.

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Air Officer Commanding, Maintenance Command Headquarters, OTTAWA, Ontario.

District Court-Martial Handling of Proceedings

1. I have for reply your letter of 23 April concerning the forwarding by S/L K.A. Gordon to this Headquarters of the court martial proceedings of one LAC prior to confirmation,

2. It is perfectly true that the presiding Judge Advocate should not himself forward proceedings to this office before passing the same to the convening authority. In this case however I feel that S/L Gordon passed the proceedings to this office not in his capacity as presiding Judge Advocate but rather in his capacity as the Assistant Judge Advocate General who was charged with advising the Air Officer Commanding on the question of confirmation. It is quite proper for the Assistant Judge Advocate General who is so charged to forward proceedings to this office for advice when he is in doubt as to the advice which he should give to the confirming authority. It is true that at the time the proceedings in question were forwarded to this Headquarters S/L Gordon was not the Assistant Judge Advocate General charged with advising the confirming authority. It should be remembered however that up until very shortly before, this time S/L Gordon had been in that position that he may have conceived that he was still in that position due to the confusion which existed in re-organizing No. 2 Air Command as No. 11 Group and handing over administrative responsibility to North West Air Command.

3. In view of the foregoing and having regard to the fact that S/L Gordon is not a fully qualified legal officer and strictly speaking should not have been employed as an Assistant Judge Advocate General I do not feel that he should be taken to task for a minor error of this type. In spite of his lack of qualifications this office had no reason to complain of his handling of legal matters at No. 2 Air Command and feels that it would be unfortunate if his record in the office of Assistant Judge Advocate General/were spoilt by this complaint.

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> (R.J. Orde) Brigadier, Judge Advocate General.

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Chief of the Air Staff - AFHQ OTTAWA Ont

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Attention: S/L Sutherland

District Court-Martial Handling of Proceedings

Attached hereto is copy of letter received at this HQ from AOC No 11 Group.

I am advised by S/L Gordon that proceedings 2 in respect of the subject matter were forwarded for review Judge Advocate General Branch prior to confirmation.

It would be appreciated if you would advise 3 whether handling of proceedings in the manner outlined is within the powers of the presiding Judge Advocate. May information in this regard be forwarded at the earliest possible date in order that we may reply to the query raised by No 11 Group.

(I C Cornblat) G/C for AOC MCHQ

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AOC, MCHQ, Ottawa, Ont.

District Court-Martial R91614 LAC RCAF Stn Wpg

1. The above mentioned Court-Martial was convened by the AOC, NWAC, and was tried at No 11 Group HQs on Wed 19 Mar 47, but the proceedings thereof were forwarded by the presiding Judge Advocate to the Judge Advocate General, Ottawa, instead of first passing to the Convening Authority for confirmation, in contravention of KR(Air) para. 607.

2 S/L KA Gordon, who has since been posted to your HQs, was the presiding Judge Advocate and I have been directed to obtain an explanation as to why this procedure was followed.

(Sgd) M Costello

(M Costello) A/C AOC No ll Grp HQs.

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1. Reference is made to KR (Air) para 606 and AFRDO $D_2/6$.

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(Sgd.) E.W. CLARK S/L P.2



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MEMORANDUM

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26th October, 1945

Camp Commandant

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1. The above named HCO is posted from He. 2 S.L.U. to AFNQ AMAS/D of S effective 6 Nov/45 reporting 9 Nov/45 to replace R211276 Sgt

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OTTAWA, 14th March, 1945.

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, HALIFAX, N.S.

Court Martial - Civilian Witnesses

1. Careful consideration has been given by this Headquarters regarding the claim of Mr. Cartierville, Que. for reimbursement for the loss of his earnings while attending a Court Martial held at Bagotville, Que. and the following is submitted:

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(b) A Court Martial has much the same power as a civil court to compel any person to attend as a witness. This compulsory attendance is one of the recognized duties of citizenship.

2. Please instruct the unit concerned that, in accordance with the foregoing, Mr. claim cannot be entertained.

(J. MacL. Hurray) A/C, for C.A



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MEMORANDUM

To:

D.A.F.

Department of National Defence

H.Q. 200-5-13 (JAG/C)

OTTAWA, March 13th, 1945.

Court Martial - Civilian Witnesses

1. The only change which might be suggested in the letter which you intend to send to E.A.C. would be in the last sentence of paragraph 1(b) thereof. I suggest that it would be as well not to express any opinion as to the arrangements between an employer and his employee who is subpoenaed to attend a trial. The letter would convey the intended meaning without this sentence and you might therefore consider it advisable to have it omitted.

 ω/c

C.M.A. Strathy, Group Captain, Deputy Judge Advocate-General.

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200-5-13 (DAF/A.1B)

12th March, 1945.

J.A.G.

Court Martial - Civilian Witnesses

1. The attached letter has been prepared and signed, ready for dispatch, in accordance with a conversation between W/C Alexander and S/L Malcolm on 8th March.

2. If you concur will you please initial the two copies, mail the original, and return the papers for our information.

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> (J. MacL. Murray) A/C, for C.A.S.

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(3) <u>A.M.P.</u>

<u>Courts-Martial - Civilian Witnesses</u>

1. The allowances for civilian witnesses attending at Courts-Martial are detailed in F.R. & I. Article 188. Provision is made for payment of a fee of \$1.00 per diem together with the actual amount of travelling expenses and in certain circumstances expenses incurred for accommodation. No provision has been made under R.C.A.F. regulations for the reimbursement of a civilian witness for the loss of earnings incurred in attending at a Court-Martial.

2. As a matter of interest I would refer you to K.R. and A.C.I. para. 3179 wherein provision has been made for the refunding of the amount of wages lost by a civilian witness in attending at a Court-Martial held "at home".

J.A.G.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE M 2:

200-0-13 20th February, 1945.

The Secretary, Dept. of National Defence for Air, Lisgar Building, Ottawa, Ontario.

Courts Martial - Civilian Witnesses

1. There are attached copies of a letter received from R.C.A.F. Station, Bagotville and a memo regarding the employment of Mr. The unit has requested information as to whether Mr. is entitled to claim for the loss of earnings covering the period he was absent from his place of employment to attend an R.C.A.F. Courts-Martial held at Bagotville, as a civilian witness.

2. It is requested that this matter be reviewed and if it is found that Mr. is entitled to reimbursement for the amounts as claimed, please advise this Headquarters of the proper procedure to be followed, and we will forward the information on to the unit.

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February 14th, 1945.

A.O.C.-in-Chief, Eastern Air ^Command, Halifax, N.S.

Courts Martial Civilian Witnesses

1. Mr. was called as a witness for a court martial held at this Unit re CAN2615 Sgt. This civilian had to travel from Montreal to this Unitand return, his travelling expenses etc., being paid by the public under P & A Reg. Art. 161(b) (3). This civilian, however, claims that he has suffered a loss in darnings of \$31.00 in being absent from his place of employment Canadair Company (Vickers Ltd.) Cartierville, Que., for the period'1820 hours-13th February to 0820 17th February, 1945. This amount of \$31.00 is calculated as follows:-

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The amount for the 17th Feb./45 a Saturday is included as Mr. states that he could not report to Cartierville a distance of 20 mile from Moreau Street Station, in time to resume his duties for the half day, Saturday. To substantiate the salary Mr. is earning attached hereto is certified true copy of memorandum dated 12th February, 1945.

2. May this detachment he advised whether this civilian may make a claim for the alleged loss of earnings.

(F.P. Blackmore) S/L for ^Commanding Officer R.C.A.F. BAGOTVILLE P.Q.



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Cartierville Feb. 12/45.

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This is to certify that the bearer Mr. is employed by Canadair Company as a Template maker, and that his rate of pay is \$1.00 per hour for $8\frac{1}{7}$ hours daily work.

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GENERAL FOREMAN TOOL ROOM DEPARTMENT

G. Ferguson

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> 200-5-13(D of P)(P1) x Even File February 9th, 1945.

Ref: your C.10-1(AJAG) Dated: 2nd February, 1945.

Ottawa, March 12th, 1945.

Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Air Command, Trenton, Ontario.

Courts-Martial - Promulgation of Setences

1. This subject has been carefully reviewed and in future it is intended to have the proceedings of all courts-martial, which are confirmed by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, R.C.A.F. Overseas, at the unit upon the arrival of the personnel concerned which will facilitate immediate promulgation and hence obviate some of the situations which have arisen in the past.

2. Having regard to personnel tried by courts-martial which are not confirmed by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, steps have been taken to expedite the action necessary prior to promulgation, but by the nature of the procedure which must be followed there will from time to time be personnel at the unit awaiting promulgation. The only alternative would necessitate these personnel being retained Overseas during the period awaiting promulgation which would appear even less desirable than having them await promulgation in Canada.

V/C H.H. L. Dills

(J. A. Sully) A.V.H. for C.A.S.



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OTTAWA, 2nd March 1945

A.J.A.G. W.A.G. Vancouver, B. C.

Canadian Army Handbook on District Courts-Martial

> 1. I concur with the comments contained in your referenced letter, the contents of which have been noted, and the paragraph in question will be corrected when the next amendment list to the Canadian Army Handbook on Courts-Martial is issued.

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(R. J. Orde) Brigadier /~ Judge Advocate-General.

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Judge Advocate General, Central Chambers, 46 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Canadian Army Handbook on District Courts-Martial

1. It is suggested that Para. IX of Chapter 3 of the above noted handbook is misleading and should be amended. This paragraph states that "the sentence, if confirmed, will take effect as of the date of the signing of same by the President and Judge Advocate (if any)".

2. It is clear from Note 4 to Section 44 of the Air Force Act that sentences of cashiering and dismissal do not take effect until promulgation and, indeed, it would appear that the only sentences that take effect as from the date they are signed are sentences of penal servitude, imprisonment or detention (see Section 68(1) A.F.A.).

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21st February, 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO:



Air Member for Personnel, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Jackson Building, O T T A W A.

Court Martial Duties

I am enclosing herewith copies of two circular letters from Air Ministry dated 9th December, 1943, and 27th October, 1944, on the marginally noted subject which may be of interest to you.

for Civil Liaison Officer.

c.c. D/AMP

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Extn: Any communications on the . subject of this letter should be addressed to:-THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, and the following number quoted:-

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Sir,

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Confidential

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter reference as above dated 9th December, 1943, and to inform you that another conference was recently held at the Air Ministry of the Wing Commanders who are permanently employed on court martial duties. At this conference it was decided to issue a further circular letter to all Commands and Groups at home embodying a number of matters in connection with the work of Courts Martial and disciplinary action generally. These are detailed in the following paragraphs:-

2. <u>Description of accused on Charge Sheet and Convening Order</u>. Confusion sometimes arises when an accused has a surname that might equally well be a christian name owing to him being described surname first in the Convening Order and christian name first in the Charge Sheet, or vice versa. It is requested therefore that in future the accused may always be described christian name first in these documents.

3. <u>Attendance of R.A.F. Police at Courts Martial.</u> The meeting was of opinion that on the whole members of the R.A.F. Police gave evidence badly, and that A.M.O. A. 599/43, which directs that whenever possible R.A.F. Police are to be detailed to attend Courts Martial as members of the public, was being overlooked.

4. Notification of reasons for quashing the Proceedings of a Court Martial. The Wing Commanders attending the conference, who normally act as Presidents of District Courts Martial, felt strongly that it would be of assistance to them in their duties if they were notified as to the reasons a conviction was set aside, whether or not the quashing was due to some error on the part of the Court. The matter is one for the discretion of Convening Officers, but it is hoped that an endeavour will be made to assist the Presidents in this way.

5. <u>Capabilities of Defending Officers</u>. In a discussion on the capabilities of Defending Officers it was reported that they were often inexperienced, even when employed on quite serious cases. Presidents were informed that if in their opinion a Defending Officer is clearly unsuitable and incapable of presenting the accused's defence adequately the correct course is for the Court to adjourn and report to the Convening Officer. It is requested therefore that Convening Officers will ensure that the Defending Officers they appoint are in all cases fully competent to conduct the defence, having regard to the nature and gravity of the offence. (see R.P.87(B) and Note (2)).

6. <u>Experience of junior members appointed locally</u>. In the course of a discussion on the working of the present system of two member standing courts, the meeting expressed the view that there was a tendency to appoint as junior member any officer regardless of his knowledge or experience who had the necessary qualifying service to sit, and was available. It was reported moreover that sometimes it was the first occasion on which the officer had attended a Court Martial and he therefore became a cipher. It is considered that no officer is competent to serve on a Court Martial unless he has attended at least three Courts Martial as an officer under instruction, and I am to request that this may be brought to the notice of all officers who may be required to detail members of Courts Martial.

To all Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief and Air Officers Commanding, Commands and Groups at home. .

AIR MINISTRY,

LONDON.

,76 October, 1944.

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7. Summoning of witnesses when a plea of guilty is expected. Cases still occur where witnesses have been summoned to attend a Court Martial unnecessarily because the Defending Officer, through ignorance of A.M.O. A.474/43, has failed to mention beforehand that the accused intended to plead guilty. It must again be emphasized that on legal grounds no pressure may be put upon the Defending Officer, but there is no reason why unnecessary expense and trouble should be caused through ignorance on his part of the provisions of the Order.

8. <u>Group Captains inexperienced in Court Martial procedure</u>. Group Captains appointed as Presidents of General Courts Martial often prove to be relatively inexperienced in Court Martial procedure, and thus become dependent upon the Judge Advocate or Senior Member. It is realised that, owing to operational commitments and rapid promotion, this is to some extent inevitable, but the position may be improved materially if more advantage is taken of the facilities to attend Courts Martial as officers under instruction.

9. <u>Airmen electing trial by Court Martial</u>. Many airmen having elected trial by Court Martial appear to be unaware that they have the right to change their mind on any day previous to that ordered for the trial. In all cases where an accused airman elects trial the C.O. should, therefore, at the time of his election explain to him his rights in this connection.

10. Delays in taking disciplinary action. It was reported that airmen are often kept in arrest awaiting trial for what appear to be unnecessarily long periods. Delays are sometimes unavoidable, but are more often due to inadequate summaries of evidence taken by inexperienced officers, which need to be referred back to the Group by the Judge Advocate General's Office for additional evidence. Moreover, except in the simple cases, a quantity of correspondence is usually entailed, and the cumulative effect of a slight delay in dealing with such correspondence is considerable. It is a cardinal principle of British justice that an accused shall be brought to trial as soon as practicable, and it is requested therefore that the attention of all concerned may again be directed to A.M.O. A.687/42 which emphasizes the need for expedition in all the preparatory stages of disciplinary action. (see also Section 45(1), A.F.A. and R.P.1.).

11. <u>Prevalence of the offence of stealing from comrades</u>. The meeting was generally of opinion that the offence of stealing from comrades was still prevalent and that severe punishment was necessary. The view was expressed moreover that where exemplary sentences for this type of offence had been promulgated on parade there was thereafter a noticeable improvement at that station. The decision whether or not a sentence is promulgated on parade is one for the confirming authority, but it is felt that A.Os.C. will wish to be aware of the opinion formed in the light of their experience by the Presidents of the Standing Courts.

12. Correspondence with Presidents of Standing Courts. The Wing Commanders exclusively employed on Court Martial duties are established at various stations and units throughout the country. This is for convenience only and the commanding officers of the stations concerned have no connection with them in the performance of their official duties. In this respect they are subject to the control of the Convening Officer who should correspond with them direct on such matters, and not through the medium of the C.O. of the station at which they are established.

13. In conclusion I am to request that the substance of the above paragraphs may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

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Director of Personal Services.

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SATE, AIR MINISTRY, and the following number quoted:-

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Your Ref

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter A.94151/40/D.F.S. dated 30th September, 1943 and to inform you that a conference was recently held at the Air Ministry of the Wing Commanders who have been established at various centres for court martial duties.

2. The purpose of this conference was to provide a means of exchange of ideas and to give the Wing Commanders, who normally act as presidents of district courtsmartial, an opportunity to bring to notice defects, and in the light of their experience, to make suggestions for the better working of courts-martial throughout the United Kingdom. A number of matters were discussed which it was decided to embody in a circular letter to all commands and groups in the U.K. These matters are detailed in the following paragraphs.

3. <u>Preparation of cases before trial.</u> It is very important that a case is adequately prepared before trial as the speed and efficiency of a court martial depend to a large extent on the care with which this work is performed. The court should always be supplied with copies of Air Ministry Ordersand policy letters relevant to the issue and, in the case of a general court martial where there is a long or complicated charge sheet, additional copies of the charge sheet should be supplied to enable each member of the court to connect up the evidence with the various charges.

Very junior and inexperienced officers are often Summaries of evidence. 4. detailed to take summaries of evidence with the result that they contain much hearsay When a case is referred and therefore inadmissible evidence and are generally bad, to the Judge-Advocate-General's office for advice, a lot of time is lost and the trial consequently delayed because of the need to return summaries to units for additional evidence. Huch of this delay could be obviated if summaries of evidence were more carefully prepared in the first instance by experienced officers. Difficulties have been caused by the practice obtaining in some groups of detaching exhibits and documentary statements from the original summary of evidence before the trial and giving them to the Prosecutor. This procedure is incorrect and . All documentary statements or exhibits should remain with the should cease. original summary until the day of the trial when they will be detached by the president for use by the Prosecutor as necessary.

6. <u>Absence without leave</u>. A.M.O.A.913/42 lays down a procedure whereby a descriptive report (form 124) is sent after 7 days absence to, inter alia, the Commanding Officer, R.A.F. Police Headquarters, who, in turn, advises the D.A.P.H. of the area in which the absentee's home is situated. That officer, assisted by the civil police as required, takes the necessary steps to trace the absentee and have him returned to his unit under escort. Judging by the number of cases tried by court martial where the evidence indicated that the absentee remained at his home for a long period it appears that the A.H.O. is not always observed. The need for strict and prompt compliance with the terms of A.H.O. A913/42 as amended should be impressed on all units.

All Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief and Air Officers Commanding, Commands and Groups at Home.

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LONDON, W.C.2.

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9th December, 1943.

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7. <u>Convening Orders.</u> The president of a court martial is the only officer who must be named in the Convening Order. The members and the waiting members may be named, or the numbers and ranks and the units from which they are to be drawn may alone be named (K.R. and A.C.I. para. 1241). It was pointed out at the conference that the latter system has the advantage that it obviates the risk of a court having to adjourn because the member appointed by name on the Convening Order is unable to be present.

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8. <u>Cases sent to Court-Martial which could have been adequately dealt with</u> <u>summarily.</u> It was the general opinion of the conference that there had been during the last 6 months an increase in the number of cases for trial by Court Martial which ought to have been dealt with summarily. This was considered to be due partly to the desire to make an example. The need for an example is appreciated but care should be exercised in the selection of the case for court martial. It had been noted that aimen of previous exemplary character accused of a relatively minor though prevalent offence had been sent for trial by court martial while the evidence showed that no Order had been promulgated warning aimen of the prevalence of the offence and the serious consequences to future offenders.

9. <u>Attendance of R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. officers at Courts-Martial</u>. It was reported that relatively few senior R.A.F. officers are detailed to attend courts martial as officers under instruction and that there was also a poor attendance of W.A.A.F. officers as members of the public. The need for instruction of R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. officers in court martial procedure is emphasised in A.M.O. A.1218/42 to which order attention is again invited.

10. In conclusion, I am to request that the substance of the foregoing paragraphs may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd). G. O. Venn.

Director of Personal Services.

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Ottawa, February 9th, 1945.

Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Air Command, Trenton, Ontario.

Courts-Martial - Promulgation of Sentences

1. The contents of your above referenced letter and enclosure have been reviewed.

2. With regard to paragraph 2, it night be stated that the facts in the cases of two of the three officers negtioned therein were of a most extraordinary and exceptional nature, and it is most improbable that similar circumstances causing delays will recur.

3. However, it is intended that this whole latter be reconsidered after discussion with Group Captain Esson who will shortly return from his duties as D/J.A.C. Overseas.

4. Z A copy of this letter is enclosed for your convenience if you formord it to the unit as an interim reply to its letter.

(J. A. Sully) A.V.U. For C.A.D.

t/o E.C.C. Corrison L. Pillo


H.Q.200-5-13 (JAG) C.7-1 (A/JAG) January 8th, 1944.

OTTAWA, February 5th, 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL

Air Officer Commanding, No. 2 Training Command, WINNIPEG, Manitoba.

Courts-Martial

1. It is expected that the matter raised in your referenced letter will be discussed at the forthcoming conference of A.J.As.G. to be held at this Branch on February 15th.

(R.J. Orde) Brigadier, Judge Advocate-General.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

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200-5-13 Dopl. Trenton, Ontario, 2nd February

The Secretary. Department of National Defence for Air, OTTAWA, Canada.

Courts-Martial - Promulgation of Sentences

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer of R.C.A.F. Station at Lachine to which are attached copies of the enclosures referred to in the letter.

2. please. May your remarks be forwarded,

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(A. C. McGlaskey) for A.O.C., No. 1 A.C.

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Lachine, Quebec, 25th January, 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL

ATTENTION: A.J.A.G.

Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Air Command, Trenton, Ont.,

Courts Martial - Promulgation of Sentences

1. Several officers and airmen are arriving at this Unit from overseas under close arrest, to await promulgation of Court Martial, or the Court Martial having been promulgated in England, to await instructions from A.F.H.Q. as to their final disposition.

2. At the present time this Unit has three officers under close arrest, awaiting promulgation of Court^S Martial which took place in England. The names are as follows:

F/L	(CAN	01663)	
F/O		017727)	
F/L	(CAN	08312)	

F/L and F/O arrived here on December 28th, 1944, and up to the present no authority has been received image from A.F.H.Q. to promulgate the sentences. In the meantime, this Unit is required to provide escorts for these officers, which makes it necessary for staff officers to be taken from their regular duties for this detail. With the increasing movement of Repatriates to Canada, it may be expected that this Unit will be called upon to, handle a corresponding increase of such cases, and it is therefore suggested that a policy be initiated whereby the promulgation authority arrives at this Unit as early as possible after the. arrival in Canada of the officers concerned. This, of course, would necessitate the documents leaving England immediately after the confirmation of sentence by the Convening authority. If your Command Headquarters concurs in this suggestion, may it be placed before A.F.H.Q. and R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters for their. co-operation.

4. Four airmen are in detention at this Unit at the present time, on repatriation from overseas after being court martialled in England. The names are as follows:

	CAN	R216474	LAC -
	CAN	R127218	LAC
,	CAN	R223372	LAC-
	CAN	R217805	LAC
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5. LAC was tried by District Court Martial in England on 20th November, 1944, and was sentenced to undergo detention for 10 months, as per attached copy of letter A.R. 216474 (APAI) from the A.O.C. in - C., R.C.A.F. Overseas.

6. LAC was tried by District Court Martial in England on 23rd and 24th November, 1944, and **MAX** sentenced to be imprisoned for 18 months, and to be discharged with ignominy from? His Majesty's Forces, as per attached copy of letter M.R. 127128 (APAI) from the A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas. s.19(1)

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7. LAC's have been held in detention at this Unit since their arrival on 28th December, 1944, and to date no instructions have been received from A.F.H.Q. regarding the committing of these airmen to a jail to serve their sentences.

8. LAC's arrived on 23rd Jahuáry, 1945. LAC was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment without hard labour, as per attached copy of letter BR.223372 (APAI) from the A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas, and LAC to 90 days imprisonment without hard labour, as per attached copy of letter BR.127845 (APAI) from the A.O.C.-in-C., R.C.A.F. Overseas. No instructions have been received up to date as to the final disposition of these airmen; that is, if they are to be committed to a prison, or are to remain in detention here. LAC received his sentence on 15th November, 1944, and owing to the short time that will elapse before the termination of his sentence, it is essential that a proper commitment order be received, together with instructions as to where the sentence will be served.

9. To summarize the foregoing, the following points are emphasized:

 May a policy be initiated whereby this Unit can obtain authority to promulgate sentences to officers Court Martialled overseas as soon as possible after their arrival in Canada.

- (b) That the proper proceedure be established whereby all airmen repatriated to Canada to serve out a sentence may be committed to detention barracks or jails with the least possible delay, and in proper legal manner.
 The proceedure now carried out in connection with airmen under sentence is decidedly haphazard, and it is desired to have this clarified.
- (c) It would be appreciated also if) your Gommand Headquarters would consider granting authority to this Unit to deal direct with the Judge Advocate-General on urgent matters pertaining to Courts Martial and sentences of repatriated personnel.

Signed...N.H. Bretz.W/C.... (N.H. Bretz) W/C, for CO, RCAF Station, Lachine, P.Q.

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File No. MR. 127218 (APA: 1)

16th November, 1944.

Commanding Officer, R.C.A.F. "R" Depot, Houghton Green, Warrington, Lancs.

CAN, R127218 LAC - Std. G.D.

1. The subject airman was tried by a District Court Martial at this Headquarters on $23rd - 2^{4}$ th October last on a charge under Section 18(5) of the Air Force Act, and sentenced to imprisonment for 18 months without hard labour and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's Force.

2. LAC is to undergo imprisonment in Canada, and was posted to your Unit on 15th November, 1944, under escort pending repatriation. It is requested that arrangements be made for him to proceed to Canada under close arrest on the first available sailing.

> (E.E. Middleton) A/C, for A.O.C.-in-C., RCAF Overseas.

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Certified True Copy...Signed....H.R. Douglas).S/L. (H.R. Douglas)S/L

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File: AR216474 (APA.1)

16th December, 1944.

The Secretary, Department of National Defence for Air, Lisgar Building, Ottawa, Ontario.

ATTENTION: D.P.C. (D/D OF R)

CAN. R216474 LAC

/ Std. G.D.

1. The subject airman was tried by District Court Martial at this Headquarters on the 20th of November, 1944, on four charges of theft. He was found guilty of all charges and sentenced to undergo detention for ten months.

2. The sentence of Court Martial was confirmed on the 2nd of December, 1944, and promulgated on the 6th of December, 1944.

3. In view of the length of detention which L.A.C. is to undergo, action is now being taken to post him to "R" Depot for repatriation with the request that he proceed to Canada on the first available sailing.

4. The original Proceedings are being forwarded to the Judge Advocate General's Department on the 18th of December, 1944, by the J.A.G. of this Headquarters.

> (E.E. Middleton) A/C for: A.O.C.-in-C. RCAF Overseas.

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY...Signed.H.R..Dougles.S/L (H.R. Dougles)S/L.

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File: BR223372 (APAI)

"4th January, 1945.

The Secretary, Department of National Defence for Air, Lisgar Building, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada,

ATTENTION: D_P_C . (D/D of R)

CAN. R223372 LAC __ Clk, Postal

1. The subject airman was tried by District Court Martial at R.C.A.F. Station, Linton-on-Cuse on 9th and 10th November, 1944, and was found guilty of two charges under the Air Force Act, one of theft undef section 41 and the other under Section 40 of Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Air Force Discipline. He was sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for six months, and to be discharged with ignominy from the R.C.A.F. The sentence has been confirmed and promulgated.

2. LAC has now been posted to "R" Depot for repatriation under close arrest, and it is expected that he will proceed to Canada on an early sailing. The draft number on which this airman will proceed **xg Kanada** will be forwarded to you by signal immediately it is known, in order that arrangements can be made to meet the subject airman at the point os disembarkation.

> (Sgd) (G.C. Simpson)F/L, for (E.E. Middleton)A/C for A/A.O.C.-in-C., RCAF Overseas



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File No. SR. 127845 (APA.1)

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BOMBER MAIL

22 December, 1944,

The Secretary, Department of National Defence for Air, Lisgar Building, Ottawa, CANADA.

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Attention: $D_{\bullet}P_{\bullet}C_{\bullet}$ (D/D of R)

CAN. R127845 LAC - Arm 'B'

1. The subject airman was tried by Field General Court Martial on the 15th November, 1944 on a charge of stealing under Section 18 (4) of the Air Force Act, and an alternative charge under Section 40 of conduct to the prejudice of good order and Air Force discipline. He was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment without hard labour for ninety days and to be discharged with ignominy. The sentence was confirmed and is being promulgated immediately.

2. Action is now being taken to post LAC to $R_*C_*A_*F_*$ "R" Depot with the request that he proceed to Canada under close arrest for the purpose of undergoing the remainder of his sentence in Canada.

3. The draft number of the movement on which LAC will proceed, will be forwarded to you immediately it becomes known to this Headquartefs.

> (Sgd) G.E. Simpson, F/L (E.F. Middleton) A/C for A.O.C._in-C. RCAF Overseas.



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1. May the attached AFRO be promulgated, please.

2. As this AFRO merely cancels and republishes AFRO 2213, 1943, circulation is considered unnecessary.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

AIR MAIL

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 8, 1944.

Judge Advocate-General, Department of National Defence for Air, Ottawa, Ontario.

Courts-Martial

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1. Under K.R. (Air) para. 607(1), it is the duty of a Judge Advocate at a General Court-Martial to forward the proceedings direct to your office under confidential cover and to report such action to the Convening Authority.

2. As it often happens in a Court that some point arises requiring some administrative action, is it to be understood that para. 607(1) precludes any officer at Command Headquarters (other then a Judge Advocate in attendance at the Court) from seeing the proceedings?

3.

Your advice would be appreciated.

and

(W. B. Scarth) S/L, for 0.C., No. 2 T.C.



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Ndvember 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM

To: A. M.P. (D. M.P.)

Re: Promulgation in Canada of proceedings of Courts-Martial held overseas

> 1. In those cases where R.C.A.F. officers tried by General Courts-Martial overseas are returned to Canada for promulgation of the findings and sentence of the Court, you have advised that it will make for administrative difficulty if the file is not made available to your division for the purposes of issuing the necessary directions with regard to the movement of the officer concerned on his return to Canada.

> 2. You will appreciate, of course, that from a strictly legal point of view the findings and sentence should not be communicated to any person prior to promulgation.

3. I can understand that for the reasons you mention, it is necessary that there should be some relaxation of the rule in these cases.

4. Under the circumstances, I am passing to you herewith file H.Q.C-11-J.16227 (P/O Crane) so that the necessary instructions may be issued. As soon as this is done, I would appreciate it if you would have the file returned to my custody.

5. There is a further point that arises in connection with the promulgation of the findings and sentence in these cases. The procedure, as I understand it, is that the personnel under sentence on arrival in this country are posted to the Repatriation Pool at Rockcliffe where promulgation takes place. It appears to me that it would make for expediency if the instructions with regard to promulgation could be forwarded direct from Air Force Headquarters to the Commanding Officer at Rockcliffe instead of through the Air Officer Commanding, No. 3 Training Command. I would appreciate it if you would consider this, and if thought fit, take the necessary action to obtain approval for the departing from the usual channels of communication in cases of this nature.

CMAS/RM

(C.M.A. STRATHY) Wing Commander Deputy Judge Advocate General



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AIR FORCE ROUTINE ORDER

Courts-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada -- Composition

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Chief of the Air Staff, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention

A.M.P. - D of P. - S quadron Leader J.E. Tanner

Subject:

Court-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada-Composition.

Referring to our letter of the 26th August,

it would be much appreciated if you would kindly advise as to when the Air Force Routine Order on the above subject will be promulgated.

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T.W. White, Group Captain, Chief Air Liaison Officer, New Zealand Air Mission.







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September 6th, 1943.

J.A.G.

Courts-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada -- Composition

1. Attached hereto is a draft A.F.R.O. for your comments approval, please.

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2. This draft A.F.R.Q. has been prepared at the request of the NewZealand Air Mission and has been approved by it.

Mr. Jersti Mr. JAG. Mr. H. 143.

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Chief of the Air Staff, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa.

Attention:

A.M.P. - D. of P. - Squadron Leader J.E.Tanner.

Subject: Court-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada - Composition.

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant the draft Air Force Routine Order submitted meets with our approval and your co-operation is very much appreciated.

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T.W.White, Group Captain, Chief Air Liaison Officer, New Zealand Air Mission.

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Ref. Your 12/26 dated 17th August, 1943.

August 23rd 3.

New Zealand Air Mission, Lisgar Building, Ottawa.

Courts-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Porsonnel in Canada -- Composition

1. As requested in your above referenced letter, a draft Air Force Routine Order has been prepared and is enclosed herewith for your comments or approval, please.

2. It will be noted that direction is given to forward to proceedings in duplicate, as one copy is required for retention by the J.A.G. and it is understood that one copy is required by your office.

F/O J. Gago N. Peck

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AIR FORCE ROUTINE ORDER

Courts-Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada -- Composition.

1. The New Zealand Air Hission desires that there be Royal New Zealand Air Force representation whenever possible in the composition of courts-martial involving personnel of the Royal New Zealand Air Force attached to the R.C.A.F. In all such cases convening authorities are to communicate with the New Zealand Air Hission, Lisgar Building, Ottawa, who will advise as 'to the officer or officers available for this purpose.

2. The proceedings of all courts-martial involving Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel are to be forwarded to the J.A.G. in duplicate.

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OTTAWA,

August 17, 1943

To:

Chief of the Air Staff, R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: <u>A.M.P. D of P. - S/L D.P. Jamieson</u>

Subject:

Courts Mârtial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada Composition

It is requested please, that convening authorities of Courts Martial on R.N.Z.A.F. Personnel in Canada be requested to advise this Mission so that an R.N.Z.A.F. Officer may be made available at the Courts Martial if this Mission considers such representations desirable.

As in the past, one copy only of the proceedings of all Courts Martial need be forwarded to this Mission.

Would you kindly advise whether the request contained in Paragraph 1 can be arranged.

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Group Captain, Chief Air Liaison Officer, New Zealand Air Mission





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5th August, 1943. F/O Hayward

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MEMORANDUM

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IG File 600-2-9 July 26th, 1943

A.M.P.

Herewith please, the following statements submitted to the Deputy Inspector-General (W) on the recent inspection of No.9 (BR) Squadron, Bella Bella, B.C., for your information and action as may be necessary:-

1. For investigation and corrective action 2. where necessary, and onward transmission to D.A.P.S. for similar action.

26 July/43 A.M.P.

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(R. O. Dawson)
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O.M. Mitchell ^{5/c} (A.W. Mitchell) Squadron Leader, Officer Commanding, No. 9 Squadron, Bella Bella, B.C.


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IG File 600-1-9 July 26th, 1943

A.M.P.

Herewith please, for information, Parade State for R.C.A.F. Station, Bella Bella, B.C., as submitted to the Deputy Inspector-General (W), on the recent inspection of the station. D.P.C. For investigation and corrective action where necessary, and onward transmission to D.A.P.S. for similar action. (R. O. Dawson) Secretary to Executive Office of Inspector-General.

26 July

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(5) J.A.G.

1. To note and return, please.

(sgd) G.G. Morrow, Flt. Lt., for (J. A. Sully) Air Commodore, 3-11-41 , A.M.P.

(3) The Minister

1. Apart from promulgation of A.F.R.O. by D.A.P., which awaits return of proceedings from Air Officer Commanding, No. 4 Training Command, action in this case is complete.

2. I concur with suggestion of J.A.G. at Para. 3 and it is suggested, please, that in future cases, immediately upon receipt of Order in Council, you return proceedings to J.A.G., not to A.M.P.

> (sgd) J. A. Sully, Gp. Capt., for (H. Edwards) Air Vice Marshal, 41 A.M.P.

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(sgd) H. R. Stewart (Wing Commander) 1-11-41 Air Secretary.



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THE DEPUTY MINISTER (AIR)

Department of National Defence H.Q. C.11 - C.2396. (JAG) OTTAWA, October 28th, 1941.

(1) General Court-Martial Flying Officer

> The proceedings of a General Court Martial are dealt with as follows:

(a) By reason of the terms of the Warrant held by the Chief of Air Staff, the proceedings are forwarded to this Branch in order that they may be considered and the necessary Submission to the Governor in Council prepared.

(b) The proceedings are then forwarded by this Branch through the Minister to Council and after approval by Council are returned to this Branch by reason of the fact that the Submission originated in this Branch.

(c) The Order in Council is then attached to the proceedings and the same are forwarded by this Branch to the appropriate Air Officer Commanding in order that promulgation may be carried out and any appropriate observations brought to the attention of the Officer concerned.

(d) On return of the proceedings to this Branch for custody, they have been passed to the A.M.P. Division and by that Division to D.P.R. for recording purposes.

(e) After such recording they are returned to D.A.P. for preparation and publication of the appropriate A.F.R.O. under the provisions of Para. 593 (3) K.R. (Air) at which time instructions as to the further reproduction of A.F.R.O. are issued.

2. In a recent case the proceedings were inadvertently returned to A.M.P. Division and not to this Branch and were in accordance with the procedure outlined above, forwarded by A.M.P. Division to D.P.R. Upon receipt by D.P.R. the file was put away with the result that promulgation of the finding and sentence to the accused was unnecessarily delayed for almost one month.

3. To obviate such delay and to ensure adherence to the practice outlined above, it is requested that immediately upon receipt of the Order in Council, the proceedings be returned to this Branch so that promulgation may be expeditiously carried out.

> (Sgd.) R.J. Orde Brigadier, Judge Advocate-General.

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J.A.G.

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1. In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum dated 23-10-41 second folio hereunder the proceedings in this case have been forwarded by Minute (1) to the Air Officer Commanding for promulgation to the accused.

2. It is apparent that there has been some confusion with respect to the disposal of these proceedings and the following explanation is given in answer to paragraph 2 of your above referenced memorandum.

(a) In the past, proceedings have, by reason of the terms of the warrant held by the ^Chief of the <u>#ir</u> Staff, been forwarded to you in order that you may consider the proceedings and prepare the necessary submission to the ^Governor in Council.

(b) The proceedings are then forwarded by you through the Minister to Council and after approval by Council are returned to you by reason of the fact that the submission to Council originated in your office.

(c) You have then attached the order-in-council to the proceedings and forwarded the same to the appropriate Air Officer Commanding to effect promulgation to the accused and to convey any instructions or comments appropriate under the circumstances.

(d) On return of the proceedings to you for custody they have been passed to A.M.P. Division and by that Division to D.P.R. for recording on the officer's file.

(e) After such recording they are returned to D.A.P. for preparation and publication of the appropriate A.F.R.O. under the provisions of Para. 593 (3) K.R. (Air), at which time instructions as to the further reproduction of A.F.R.O. are issued.

3. In this case the proceedings were inadvertently returned to A.M.P. Division rather than to your office and were in accordance with the procedure outlined above, forwarded by A.M.P. Division to D.P.R.

4. The issue was further confused by reason of an intervening factor, namely the reference to D.A.P. of the question of this officer's previous record. There would not appear to be any necessity for changing the practice now in effect and it is suggested that your office contact the office of the Deputy Minister to ensure that immediately upon receipt of the order-incouncil the proceedings are forwarded to you and not to A.M.P. as was done in this case.

> (Sgd) Graham Morrow F/Lt. for (H. Edwards) Air Vice-Marshal, A.M.P.

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