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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ARMY

SAINT JOHN, N.B., 28th July, 1943.

Secretary,  
Department of National Defence,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

CONF. SEC.  
JUL 29 1943  
File: CJS-L-540  
Cpl: J.C.M. 3/2/48  
Referred to: Admin

RE:- DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL

No. A-600140, Gnr. Walter Joseph LUCKETT,  
3rd (NB) Coast Regiment, R.C.A., C.A.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your H.Q.C. 55-L-540 (Admin.3(c)1) dated 24 July 43 requesting that a full chronological report be forwarded showing the steps taken daily to bring this man to trial. Correspondence relating to such efforts was also requested.
2. I enclose herewith a chronological report showing the steps taken to bring this soldier to trial. It is regretted that a daily report cannot be provided at this time as such a report will involve correspondence with the apprehending authorities, the District Officer Commanding, M.D. No.2, and further correspondence with the unit concerned. However, if such a report is still required, it will be forwarded as promptly as possible.
3. Insofar as copies of the correspondence are concerned, as this case caused some difficulty in settling for trial the file at this Headquarters contains a very considerable number of communications concerning the delay alone. The A.J.A.G.'s office is at present under considerable pressure of work and it is not anticipated that this pressure will be lightened any during the next three weeks. The A.J.A.G. himself is away on leave, the Legal Officer will be required very shortly as Prosecutor for the trials at Camp Sussex and the Court Reporter is obliged to take basic training. Under the circumstances, I am unwilling, at this time, to add unnecessarily to the work of this branch.
4. I am satisfied that insofar as this District is concerned everything possible was done to correct the proceedings and bring this soldier to trial at the earliest possible moment. I am unwilling to convene a Court on faulty evidence.
5. I request that my statement be accepted without verification by copies of correspondence and that this Headquarters be permitted to close its file in relation to the matter of delay. You will note from my letters written on the file and dated 25 and 27 May 43 that I kept you fully informed as to delays.
6. In the past, this District has been requested in several instances to provide copies of all correspondence relating to delays. You will appreciate

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