

FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL

Convened by Order of Brigadier G. Francoeur Comd "B" Co, GRU dated 10 Jan 44.

ACCUSED.

(As to the trial of two or more charged jointly see RP 16, 71, 109. As to reasons for showing (a) permanent or confirmed rank, and (b) approx. A/rank or A/appmt. if any, see AA 182, 183, Ins. KR Can 208, 228, 330.)

Number: (a) Prmt R. (b) Appmt, A/R or A/Appmt. Full Christian Names. Surname. Unit.

F-40175 Pte

WILFRED JOSEPH HARTE 7 CIRU
Certified true copy of original proceedings herein.

Proceedings Reviewed
27 Jan 44

(Sgd) W.H. Waugh Capt
Reviewing Officer, JAG Branch U.S.A.
Held in the Fd in (country) England

PROCEEDINGS OF TRIAL.

26 July 44
on (date(s)) 11 Jan 44

RECORD FORM A—OPENING PROCEEDINGS AND ARRAIGNMENT.

"P.D.T." A1. The President, Members, waiting Member, JA, if any, and Offrs under instr, if any, assemble, and the Court is closed.

(PRINTED MATTER, NOT IN ITALICS FOR GUIDANCE, WILL BE DELETED, IF NOT USED OR APPLICABLE AND INITIALED BY PRES OR JA. The Schedule referred to throughout is on p 4. Citations do NOT include all relevant fmn ROs. For guidance on procedure when a variation in this form arises, see form for GCM in MML pp 741 to 759. A brief record of such variation will be made and given a number having reference to appropriate or preceding para number herein. See back of Convening Order, CF A95, for notes on how to record addresses, evidence, etc, which notes are hereafter called "Notes". As to general provisions for conducting the trial see AA 53, RP 56, 63-70, 73, 74, 94, 103, 119, 132.)

"P.D.T." A2. The President initials and lays before the Court the Convening Order and Charge Sheet(s) attached thereto. (1) The Court is satisfied that it is properly convened and constituted, accused is (are) amenable to military law, and each charge discloses an offence. (2)

(1. As to use of Summary of Evidence see RP 17 fn 6. 2. AA 49, 50, RP 105-107. 3. RP 11-13, 23, 24.)

"P.D.T." A3. The Court is opened. The accused is (are) brought before the Court. At 0830 hours trial commences. The Prosecutor produces a Medical Certificate that accused is (are) fit to undergo trial by court-martial. (1) summary by the CO. (2) AA 46(B), RP 60 fn 1. For effect see KR Can 563(c). Delete, if not applicable.

A4. The Prosecutor informs the Court that accused elected to be tried by court-martial instead of being dealt with summarily by the CO. (1. KR Can 557. 2. AA 46(B), RP 60 fn 1. For effect see KR Can 563(c). Delete, if not applicable.)

A5. President to accused: Do you object to Sgt Sinclair as shorthand writer? Ans. No. The shorthand writer is sworn. (1) (1. RP 72. Delete, if none employed.)

A6. The Convening Order and names of the President and Members of the Court are read to the accused. (1) President to accused: Do you object to be tried by me as President or by any of the Members of the Court? Ans. No. (2) (1. RP 110. 2. If no objection, waiting member retires. RP 68(B). If objection, see procedure AA 51, RP 25, 71, 18, MML p 742.)

"P.D.T." A7. The President, Members, JA, if any, and Offrs under instr, if any, are sworn. (1) The following are the ranks, names and units of the offrs comprising the Court, etc:

President	Lt-col	F D TWESDIE	50 GRU
Member	Capt	SIG CHAPMAN	4 CIRU
Member	Lt	G A HANSON	3 CIRU
Judge-Advocate	Lt	A E WILBY	7 CIRU
Prosecutor	Lt	P R PLOURDE	7 CIRU
Defending Offr	Capt		

Questions by President: Is the Prosecutor a lawyer? Ans. Yes. Is the Defending Offr a lawyer? Ans. Yes. (1) (1. RP 26, 27, 109, 111. List of offrs under instr will be returned separately with proceedings for information of Conv Offr.) (2. If Pres a lawyer and Def Offr not, accused is entitled to an adjournment when RP 89 (B) and fn 2 were not followed. See D1 p 2.)

A8. The accused (1. If a special plea is made for separate trial on one or more charges (RP 62(E), 108), or as to the jurisdiction of the Court (RP 24, 35(A), 113), or in bar of trial (RP 36), or as to accused's mental fitness to stand trial (AA 130, RP 57), or by one of several accused charged jointly to be tried separately (RP 16, 71), such plea, the addresses made in support or against, evidence, if any, and finding are recorded per Notes. For forms of record see references in fns to RP cited. Insert in A8 rank and name of the accused making the plea.)

"P.D.T." A9. The accused is (are) arraigned (separately) on all charges in the charge sheet. (1) The accused does (de) not object to any charge. (2) There is no amendment to be made to the Charge Sheet. (3) The President records the pleas in Part I of the Schedule. (1. RP 31, 112. See para 1 of instrs p 2. When more than one Charge Sheet see RP 41: when several accused to be tried separately see RP 71(C), and use separate copies of CF A96 to record proceedings. 2. RP 32, RP 33. If otherwise, delete and make appropriate record per Notes.)

"P.D.T." A10. The Court (if closed) and/or considers the Instrs on Procedure after Arraignment at top of p 2. The proceedings are continued on Record Form A-10.

PRESIDENT OR JA WILL INITIAL ALL DELETIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

SCHEDULE.

PART I. PLEA(S), FINDING(S) AND SENTENCE.

Accused: F-40175 Pte HARTE, Wilfred Josepa - West NSR - 7 CIRU

Charge.	Plea.	Finding.	(Space for use as required for further charges, accused charged jointly, special findings, etc.)
1st <u>Art Sec 15(1)</u>	<u>Guilty</u>	<u>Guilty</u>	
2nd <u>Art Sec 40</u>	<u>Guilty</u>	<u>Guilty</u>	
3rd			
4th			
5th			
6th			

(Note: As to findings for lesser offences see AA 56, RP 44; findings on alternative charges see MML p 483 fn 4 para 2, RP 44; special findings see RP 44 and MML p 753, and in loss of kit see RP 44 fn 6.)

"P.D.T." A1. The President, Members, JA, if any, and Offrs under instr, if any, assemble, and the Court is closed.

At present under sentence for beginning on (date) 11 Jan 44 (1. Insert sentence being served, or delete, if not applicable. See RP 46(A). Information should be found on MF B355 or AF B296.)

Time in confinement awaiting present trial—a total of 146 days, of which Nil days were spent in hospital. (1) (1. See RP 46(A) fn 2. Information should be found on MF B355 or AF B296 admitted in evidence under E2.)

Sentence Awarded by the Court:
To undergo detention for eighteen (18) months.
To be put under stoppages of pay until he has made good the sum of £1.0.9 costs of apprehension.

(Sgd) F.D. Twesdie Lt-col President. (RP 45, 50.)
Date awarded. 11 Jan 44

Judge-Advocate, if any. (Sgd) F.D. Twesdie Lt-col
(See back of Convening Order as to assembly and disposal of record after trial.)

PART II. MINUTE WHERE CONFIRMATION RESERVED. (AA 54(5), RP 120(F), MML p 760.)

Date: _____ (Sgd) _____ Commanding

PART III. DECISION OF CONFIRMING OFFR ON FINDING(S) AND SENTENCE.

(For duties and powers see AA 54, 57, RP 37(D) fn 6, 46(A), 51-56, 120, MML pp 759-761, KR Can 567-577. Acquittals require no confirmation and cannot be revised; AA 54(3). Sending back finding or sentence for revision by Court: AA 54(2), RP 120(G). If not confirmed, accused may be tried again: AA 157, MML p 64. Minute of confirmation or non-confirmation may be altered before promulgation: RP 53, MML p 65. Quashing after promulgation: KR Can 573. Duties and powers of reviewing offrs: AA 57, 57A, RP 53A, 54. The Confirming Offr must sign here personally. AA 172 fn 1.)

My decision on the finding(s) and sentence set forth in Part I is:

Finding and sentence confirmed

I direct that the accused be not committed to prison or detention barracks until further orders. (1) (1. AA 57A. Delete if not used.)

Date: 14 Jan 1945 Commanding G. Francoeur Brigadier Commander
(Cdn Reinforcement Unit) U.S.A.
Confirming Officer.

PART IV. PROMULGATED AND EXTRACTS TAKEN. (RP 53, KR Can 576, 577.)

Accused: F-40175 Pte Harte W J West N.S.R. - #70120
Date: Jan 18/44 Signature of Offr: "J.H. McQuaig" Lieut 7 CIRU

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