

*Sealing special large envelopes*

(3) Upon the completion of the above requirements, the special returning officer, or his chief assistant, shall close the special large envelope, and affix a gummed seal, provided for that purpose, across the sealed flap. The special returning officer, or his chief assistant, and at least two scrutineers, shall affix their signatures to such seal.

*Safekeeping of special large envelopes*

(4) When this has been done, the special returning officer shall keep the sealed special large envelopes in safe custody, unopened, until the time has arrived to count the ballot papers sorted to the electoral district to which they appertain, as prescribed in paragraphs 44 to 52, inclusive, of these Regulations. The scrutineers shall be permitted to inspect any or all such sealed special large envelopes whenever they wish to do so.

*Disposition of outer envelopes not sorted at end of day*

42. All used outer envelopes which have not been sorted, as prescribed in paragraph 40 of these Regulations, to their proper electoral districts at the end of each day, shall be placed in one or more of the special ballot boxes provided for the counting of the votes. Such ballot boxes shall be kept locked and sealed until the sorting of outer envelopes is proceeded with on the day following. The signatures of at least two scrutineers shall be affixed to such seals.

*Disposition of outer envelope when declaration incomplete*

43. (1) An outer envelope which does not bear the signatures of both the War Service elector and the commissioned officer concerned, or upon which a sufficient description of the place of ordinary residence in Canada of such elector does not appear, shall be laid aside, unopened (except in cases referred to in paragraph 32 of these Regulations). The special returning officer shall endorse upon each such outer envelope the reason why it has not been opened, and such endorsement shall be initialled by at least two scrutineers. The ballot paper contained in such unopened outer envelope shall be deemed to be a rejected ballot paper.

*Disposition of outer envelope received too late*

(2) All outer envelopes received by a special returning officer after six o'clock of the afternoon, on polling day, shall also be laid aside unopened. The special returning officer shall endorse upon each such envelope the reason why it has not been opened, and such endorsement shall be initialled by at least two scrutineers. The ballot paper contained in such unopened outer envelope shall be deemed to be a rejected ballot paper.

*Transmission to the Chief Electoral Officer*

(3) The special returning officer shall retain all unopened outer envelopes mentioned in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph in his possession, and, after the counting of the votes is complete, transmit them to the Chief Electoral Officer, as prescribed in paragraph 53 of these Regulations.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE COUNTING OF THE VOTES CAST BY  
WAR SERVICE ELECTORS

*Commencement of the counting*

44. At six o'clock in the afternoon of polling day, the special returning officer shall cause the actual counting of the votes cast by War Service electors to be