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MONTREAL, 31st January, 1944.

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.
D-478657 PTE. GAMELIN, R.
F.M.R., att to C.A.B.T.C. No. 45.

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Reference your HQC 55-G-450 Adm 3(c), dated 27th November, 1943, and 22nd January, 1944.

2. The offence with which the marginally named soldier was charged, occurred on 7th December, 1942, under very peculiar circumstances. Persistent rumours had come to the ears of Lieut-Colonel Boivin that D-62768 Pte. Therrien, A. had homosexual tendencies. Lieut-Colonel Boivin instructed his R.S.M. to get some evidence against Pte. Therrien. Mistaking these instructions for an order to manufacture evidence, the R.S.M. upon finding that Pte. Gamelin was not unwilling to submit to Pte. Therrien, arranged that the act could take place in the presence of witnesses. This was done on 7th December, 1942, and Pte. Therrien was charged and tried by D.C.M. on 8th January, 1943.

3. In due course, the proceedings of the Therrien Court Martial were reviewed by the Adjutant General and on 19th February, 1943, directions to take a summary of evidence on a charge against Pte. Gamelin were issued.

4. After some correspondence which caused an unnecessary delay, submissions were made by the Unit concerned to the effect that it was impractical to take the proceedings directed. These representations were relayed to your Headquarters under cover of our letter M. 1-T-887 (J), dated 14th April, 1943.

5. The letter dated 14th April, 1943, was answered on 1st June, 1943, with a suggestion that a statement be obtained from Pte. Desgroseillers. This was done and was submitted on 7th June, 1943.

6. On 21st June, 1943, the letter of 7th June, 1943, was answered directing that certain charges be laid against Pte. Gamelin and suggesting that certain evidence in the Therrien case could be used against Gamelin.

7. The proceedings of the Therrien Court Martial were then requested and were forwarded to this Headquarters on 2nd July, 1943.

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for info of J. Gamelin
Feb. 3 - 1944.