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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
NO. Q. 39-A-3

**Department of National Defence**  
**-Militia Service-**

QUEBEC, October 3rd, 1940.

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

District Court Martial  
E-22904, Cnr. F. ALLARD,  
59th Heavy Battery, R.C.A., C.A.S.F.

1. Enclosed herewith for registration and custody, please find the proceedings of the marginally noted District Court Martial.

2. It has been noted that the evidence was very poorly presented, and that leading questions were allowed by the Court and not objected to by the Defending Officer. The President, the members of the Court and Officers under instruction, have been instructed as to the mode of questioning witnesses, and particularly as to the admissibility of leading questions.

3. Nevertheless, the proceedings were confirmed, the accused himself having confessed and admitted the charge in his plea in mitigation of punishment.

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District Officer Commanding,  
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