

AIR MAIL

H.Q.C.55-W-464 (Adm.3)  
H.Q.C.55-M-1115

CONFIDENTIAL

13 Apr 44.

District Officer Commanding,  
Military District No.6,  
HALIFAX, N.S.

DISTRICT COURTS MARTIAL  
G.49473, Cdr. WOODWARD, R.C.  
No.6 District Depot, C.A.  
A.48538, Spr. M.R. MacDONALD  
No.6 District Depot, C.A.

Reference your H W-2269(JAG) dated  
6 Apr 44, and reference H MC-508(JAG), same date.

2. It is considered that it is the duty of  
an officer who signs any document that he should satisfy  
himself as to the accuracy of the document signed  
by him, and the errors which arose in these cases are  
such that the officer should have noted them.

3. It is fully realized that officers are  
required to sign many documents but the fact that they  
are so required to sign cannot of itself be held to  
excuse inaccuracies, since the requirement of the  
officer's signature is intended to be an assurance  
of accuracy.

4. It is therefore requested that these  
views be brought to the attention of the officer in  
question and that this Headquarters be advised when  
this has been done.

JEM.EF

*(Signature)*  
(H.F.G. Letson),  
Major-General,  
Adjutant-General.

*Answer  
contained  
letter 20 Apr 44  
on Woodward and file  
55-21-201*

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