

RECORDED AT CMHQ IN AB 160 5E-24 FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL

Convened by Order of Brigadier G. S. H. Gostling, ED. Comd 2 CBRG dated 16 Mar

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) appt, A/rank or A/appt, if any, see AA 182, 183, fns, KR Can 308, 328, 330.)

Number. (a) Prmt R. (b) Appt, A/R or A/Appt. Full Christian Names. Surname.
D-157766 Pte Marcel BELANGER

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

23 Apr 45

PROCEEDINGS OF TRIAL.

REVIEWING OFFICER: 1st BRANCH
Held in the Pd in (country) BELGIUM on (date) 19

RECORD FORM A—OPENING PROCEEDINGS AND ARRAIGNMENT. 26/107.

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 fns 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 oaths and instrs on how to record addresses, evidence, etc, which instrs 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.)

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⁽²⁾, accused is (are) amenable to military law, and each charge discloses an offence.⁽³⁾

(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.)

A3. The Court is opened. The accused is (are) brought before the Court. At 11.15... hours trial commences.

A4. The Prosecutor produces a Medical Certificate that accused is (are) fit to undergo trial by court-martial.⁽¹⁾ The Prosecutor informs the Court that accused elected to be tried by court-martial instead of being dealt with summarily by the CO.⁽²⁾

(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... as interpreter? Ans.

The Interpreter is sworn.⁽¹⁾ Do you object to... as shorthand writer? Ans.

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.)

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	Major	G B H COX	CAC att 1 Cdn Disciplinary Centre
Member	Major	A. E. Le Roy	Scapoth Hqrs. att 1 Cdn Dis Ctr
Member	Lt.	T. J. Robinson	CIC. 11 CBR Bn
Judge-Advocate			
Prosecutor	Captain	J. D. Pollard	Asst. att 1 Cdn Dis Ctr
Defending Offr	Captain	J. A. Labrie	R de Hais att 1 Cdn Dis Ctr

Questions by President: Is the Prosecutor a lawyer? Ans. No. Is the Defending Offr a lawyer? Ans. No.⁽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 Pros a lawyer and Def Offr not, accused is entitled to an adjournment when RP 89 (B) and fn 2 were not followed. See DI p 3.)

A8. The accused D-157766 Pte Marcel BELANGER before arraignment make(s) (no) (a) plea

(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 34, 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 fn to RSP cited. Insert in AB rank and name of the accused making the plea.)

A9. The accused is (are) arraigned (separately) on all charges in the charge sheet.⁽¹⁾ The accused does (do) 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 62: 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.)

A10. The Court (is closed and) considers the Instrs on Procedure after Arraignment at top of p 2. The proceedings are continued on Record Form B.

PRESIDENT OR JA WILL INITIAL ALL DELETIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

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