

FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL CFARS (in lieu of AFAS) 40/P & S/10/68 (2064)

Convened by Order of Lt-col J.L. Sparling Comd RCASC 5 CAD dated 16 Mar 44

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

Number. (a) Punit R. (b) Appmt, A/R or A/Appmt. Full Christian Names. Surname. Unit.

B85022 Pte Claude Mortimer BELL 7 Cdn Lt Pd Amb RCAMC

PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED (K.O. Mcorden) Lt-col.

A.J.A.G., C.M.H.Q.

PROCEEDINGS OF TRIAL.

26 Apr 44

Held in the Fd in (country) ITALY on (date(s)) 18 Mar 44

RECORD FORM A—OPENING PROCEEDINGS AND ARRAIGNMENT.

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. 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. As 1000 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 O.C.⁽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. The President to accused: Do you object to the short-hand writer as sworn?⁽¹⁾ Ans. No. (2) Do you object to the short-hand writer as sworn?⁽²⁾ Ans. No. (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	R. Macleod	5 CAB Coy RCASC
Member	Capt	G.G. Cleather	11 CIB Wksp ROOC
Member	Lt	J.A.L. Smith	4 Sep 5 CAD Sigs
Judge-Advocate	Capt	WMW Shaw	HQ 5 Cdn Amb Div
Prosecutor	Capt	A.J. Stewart	7 Cdn Lt Pd Amb
Defending Offr	Lt	E. Shaw	13 FDS

Questions by President: Is the Prosecutor a lawyer? Ans. No. Is the Defending Offr a lawyer? Ans. No. (2)

(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 before arraignment make(s) (no) plea.⁽¹⁾

(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 24, 35(A), 112), 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, the evidence, if any, and finding are recorded per Notes. For forms of record see references in fns to A9 cited. Insert in A8 rank and name of the accused making the plea.)

A9. The accused is (are) arraigned (summarily) 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 D.

PRESIDENT OR JA WILL INITIAL ALL DELETIONS AND ALTERATIONS.

SCHEDULE.

PART I. PLEA(S), FINDING(S) AND SENTENCE.

Accused: B85022 Pte Claude Mortimer BELL, 7 Cdn Lt Pd Amb.

Charge.	Plea.	Finding.	(Space for use as required for further charges, accused charged jointly, special findings, etc.)
(Insert "alternative" where applicable.)	(See Instrs p 2.)	(See note below.)	
1st	not guilty	guilty	
2nd	not guilty	guilty	
3rd	not guilty	guilty	
4th			
5th			
6th			

(Note: As to findings for lesser offences see AA 56, RP 44; findings on alternative charges see MML p 483 fn 4 para 2, RP 44; special findings see RP 44 and MML p 753, and in lieu of kit see RP 44 fn 6.)

Sentence under sentence form: beginning on (date) (1) (1. Insert sentence being served, or delete, if not applicable. See RP 46(A). Information should be found on MF B355 or AF B296.)

Time in confinement awaiting present trial—a total of 6 days, of which nil days were spent in hospital.⁽¹⁾

(1. See RP 46(A) fn 2. Information should be found on MF B355 or AF B296 admitted in evidence under E2.)

Sentence Awarded by the Court: to undergo detention for six months and to be put under stoppages of pay in the sum of £11-7-5 to make good the loss of property, viz, 2-2 wheels, Mark II, shelter and 1 pr boots plus small lace.

(Sgd) WMW Shaw capt. 18 Mar 44 (Sgd) J. Sparling Lt Col. President. (RP 45, 50.) Judge-Advocate, if any. Date awarded. (See back of Convening Order as to assembly and disposal of record after trial.)

PART II. MINUTE WHERE CONFIRMATION RESERVED. (AA 54(5), RP 120(F), MML p 760.)

Date (Sgd) Commanding

PART III. DECISION OF CONFIRMING OFFR ON FINDING(S) AND SENTENCE.

(For duties and powers see AA 54, 57, RP 37(D) fn 6, 46(A), 51-56, 120, MML pp 759-761, KR Can 567-577. Acquittals require no confirmation and cannot be revised: AA 54(3). Sending back finding or sentence for revision by Court: AA 54(2), RP 120(G). If not confirmed, accused may be tried again: AA 157, MML p 64. Minute of confirmation or non-confirmation may be altered before promulgation: RP 53, MML p 65. Quashing after promulgation: KR Can 573. Duties and powers of reviewing offrs: AA 57, 57A, RP 53A, 54. The Confirming Offr must sign here personally. AA 172 fn 1.)

My decision on the finding(s) and sentence set forth in Part I is:

Confirmed

I direct that the accused be not committed to prison or detention barracks until further orders.⁽¹⁾ (1. AA 57A. Delete if not used.)

(Sgd) J. Sparling Lt Col. Commanding. C.R.C.A.S.C. 5TH CDN. (ARM'D) DIV. Confirming Officer.

PART IV. PROMULGATED AND EXTRACTS TAKEN. (RP 53, KR Can 576, 577.)

Accused. Date. Signature of Offr.

B. 85022, Pte. Bell, C.M. 20 Mar 44 J. Sparling Lt Col.

ALL DELETIONS AND ALTERATIONS WILL BE INITIALED.