

PROCEEDINGS OF A FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL HELD
AT BORDON, Hants. ON THE 15 DAY OF MAY 42

TRIAL OF:- No. K-876, PTE DANCOINSNE M.W. Unit 3 CDIRU.
The order convening the Court, charge sheet, summary of evidence and medical certificate are laid before the Court.

The Court satisfy themselves as provided by R.P. 22 & 23.

The accused is brought before the Court.

Prosecutor:- (Name) Lt. P. Gravelle (Unit) 3 CDIRU.

Defending Officer:- (Name) Capt. A.E. Hall, (Unit) 3 CDIRU.

At 1200 hrs the trial commences.

The order convening the court is read, signed by the President and attached to the proceedings.

The names of the President and members of the Court are read over in the hearing of the accused, and they severally answer to their names.

Q1 Do you object to be tried by me as President or by any of the officers whose names you have heard read over? A1 -

The President, members and judge-advocate (if any) are duly sworn.

The following constitute the Court:

President . Major Knox Thomson,.....(Unit) 1 MVRD

Members Capt A.T. Smith,.....(Unit) 1 CRTD.

..... Lieut. W.J.A. Reynolds,....(Unit) 1 CRTD.

The officers under instruction are duly sworn.

Q2 Do you object to ... Sgt. T. Pyburn.....acting as shorthand writer? A2.- No, sir.

The shorthand writer is duly sworn.

The accused pleading Guilty to the charges in the above mentioned charge sheet, R.P. 35(B) is duly complied with.

The summary of evidence is read, signed by the President, and attached to the proceedings.

Court is closed to consider its finding. Court is re-opened.

Name... Lt. P. Gravelle,.....(Unit) 3 CDIRU,..... sworn, produces AFB 296 and MFM 6 and upon being questioned by Court states that the accused is the person named in these documents which have been compared by him with Regt'l records and are true extracts of the same. No cross-examination. Above documents read, signed by President and attached to the proceedings.

Q3. (To accused) - Do you wish to make any statement in mitigation of punishment? A3 - No, sir.

Q4. Do you wish to give evidence yourself or to call any witnesses as to character? A4 - No, sir.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF STATEMENT IN MITIGATION OF PUNISHMENT AND EVIDENCE AS TO CHARACTER GIVEN BEFORE THE COURT IS CLOSED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SENTENCE

DEFENDING OFFICER stated accused, though bearing a French name, does not speak French. Was a schoolboy, enlisted Vancouver two yrs ago with 5 Motorcycle Regt when 16 yrs old. Was discharged, under age. In Jan 41 went from Vancouver to Victoria to see his old Col, who recommended him to go to armouries in Victoria; did so, again enlisting in Cdn Scot and proceeding with reinforcements to Debert, N.S. Age again discovered, about to be sent home, when joined Merchant Navy and came to this country. Then enlisted with RAF in Jun 41; age again discovered, and discharged from RAF with good character given by Group-Capt. Returned to his unit, awarded 14 days C.B. and 26 days for of pay. Then sent to his Fd Unit, Cdn Scot, and was told he was to be sent back to Canada again. Getting 7 days leave, accused proceeded to London, checked his kit at club and went to Liverpool; was about to