

FORM OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL

Proceedings of a District Court-Martial held at Petawawa Military Camp, Ontario, this 7th day of July 1944, by order of Brigadier W.C. Thackray, Commander, Petawawa Military Camp, dated the 4th day of July, 1944.

President.

Capt. (A/Major) G.B. Puddicombe, General List, Camp Headquarters, Petawawa Military Camp.

Members.

Captain W.A. Downs, R.C.A., A-2 C.A.T.C., C.A.
Lieut. J.C. Simpkins, R.C.A., A-2 C.A.T.C., C.A.

Trial of D.643104 Gunner Herve Lecompte, A-1 Canadian Artillery Training Centre, C.A.

The order convening the Court, the charge-sheet and the summary of evidence are laid before the Court.

The Court satisfy themselves that Capt. M.A. Twidale, R.C.E., A-5 C.E.T.C., C.A. is not available to serve, having been detailed for special duty. Lieut. J.C. Simpkins, R.C.A., A-2 C.A.T.C., C.A. waiting member, takes his place as a member of the Court.

The Court satisfy themselves as provided by Rules of Procedure 22 and 23.*

The accused is brought before the Court at 9:20 o'clock A.M.

Prosecutor: Lieut. J.R. McMullen, R.C.A., Camp Headquarters, Petawawa Military Camp.

Defending Officer: Lieut. E.W. Berthiaume, R.C.A., A-1 C.A.T.C., C.A.

At 9:20 o'clock A.M. the Trial commences.

The order convening the Court is read, and is marked "X", signed by the President and attached to 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.

Q.1 Do you object to be tried by me as President or by any of the officers whose names you have heard read over?

A. No, sir.

* I have satisfied myself that none of the officers detailed as members of this Court has previously served upon any Court of Inquiry respecting the matters forming the subject of the charge before this Court-Martial.

J.B. Puddicombe
President, D.C.M.