

EXHIBIT "J"

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Gentlemen, in the charge of 'losing by neglect' his equipment the Quarter Master representative of this unit has produced a document, MFC 800, of Private Laplante wherein he has signed for -- initialed two packs, WE, pattern 37. Now it is the contention of the Defence that two packs are not normally issued to a soldier -- that an error was made by the QM staff. However, Private Laplante was responsible to ensure that he signed for only those articles he actually received and if an error was made at the time of the issue he should never have signed for those stores and the onus is on him to have them in his possession. I feel, therefore, that Private Laplante is responsible for that pack whether, as the Defence claims he didn't receive it, or whether he did actually receive it. Thank you.
