

5. Before trial is ordered I have no option but to insist that all Documents conform to the required standard.

6. The alternative is to order trial on Documents as received, to review after trial and to forward to N.D.H.Q. with comments. I can assure you that many pages would be required. This method under the circumstances I find unsatisfactory as Officers concerned can be better instructed in the proper preparation of Documents whilst doing so for present guidance than by having pages of mistakes pointed out to them after trial for their future guidance.

7. These long delays are occasioned by the proper preparation of the Documents before trial, not after trial takes place. The remedy in my opinion is to have permanent low Category Officers who are Lawyers added to the Staff of the A.J.A.G. and attached to Training Centres to do the legal work of those Centres. These Officers should do all Applications for Courts-Martial and should be the Presidents of all Courts of Inquiry arising within these Training Centres.

signed

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