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Form for Assembly and Proceedings of Field General Court Martial on Active Service.

PROCEEDINGS.

At Sus ST NEGER this Tenth day of June, 1917.

Whereas it appears to me, the undersigned, an officer in Command of _____ on active service, that the persons named in the annexed Schedule, and being subject to Military Law, have committed the offences in the said Schedule mentioned.

And I am of opinion that it is not practicable that such offences should be tried by an ordinary General Court Martial; and that it is not practicable to delay the trial for reference to a superior qualified Officer.]

I hereby convene a Field General Court Martial to try the said persons, and to consist of the Officers hereunder named.

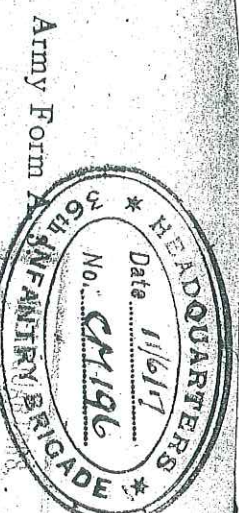
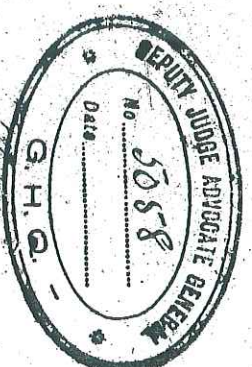
Omit if not applicable.

+ Omit except where convening Officer is not a Commanding Officer, and is below rank of Field Officer.

[I am unable to appoint:—

- (1. Three Officers to form the Court.)
- (2. A Field Officer as President.)
- (3. Three Officers having more than one year's service.)

for the following reasons, namely:—]



A Order convening the Court.

Rank. Major A. J. Mander President. 11th Middlesex Regt. Regiment.
Rank. Major A. J. Mander Members. 8th Bn Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Rank. Major A. J. Mander Members. 9th Bn Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Signed [Signature] Br. General
Commandg. 86th Infantry Bde.

SCHEDULE.

Date **10th June** 1917.

No.

Name of Alleged Offender (a)	Offence charged	Plea	Finding, and if Convicted, Sentence (b)	How dealt with by Confirming Officer
<p>Not more than six names to be entered on one form.</p> <p>no. 4495</p> <p>Private J Barnes</p> <p>7th Drn Artyl Sussex Regt</p> <p><i>Wm 1st 38</i></p> <p><i>Wm 1st 38</i></p>	<p>Abscon</p> <p>Deserting His Majesty's Service.</p> <p>(Section 12 (a))</p>	<p>NOT GUILTY</p>	<p>GUILTY</p> <p>No supply made by being made.</p>	<p>Reserved</p> <p>Col R. R. R. R.</p> <p>Confidential</p> <p>W. H. H. H. H.</p> <p>29 June 17</p>

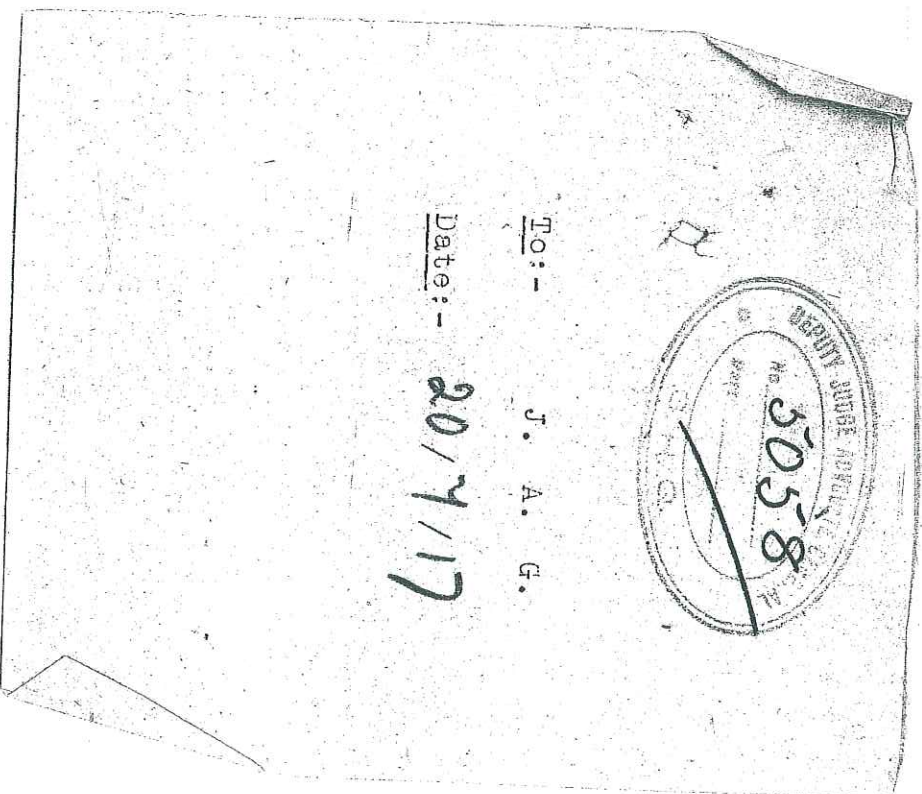
(a) If the name of the person charged is unknown, he may be described as unknown, with such addition as will identify him

(b) Recommendation to mercy to be inserted in this column.

Br. General

Commdg. 36th. Infantry

Continuing Officer



----- Charge - Sheet -----

No. 4495. Pte. Barnes J. 7th. Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.
 No. 28.A.A. a Soldier of the Regular Forces, is charged with—
 (When on Active Service) Deserting His Majesty's
 Sec. 13. Service, in that he, on 3rd. MAY 1917, absented himself
 (1a) from his Company, in the BROWN line trenches, East of ARRAS,
 until apprehended at BERNAY on 5th. May 1917. by the Military
 Police.

19:5:17.

Commanding 7th. Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment.

A. J. Dawson
 Lieut. Col.
Harold Victor Mann
Gen. G. C. M.

Trial of No 4495 Pt. Barnes J. 7th Jan. 1
 Royal Sussex Reg.

Witness.

No 10418 09 Sep. Price 2s. 7th R.
 Sussex Reg. sworn state :-

About 1.15 am. on May 3rd in
 the Brown line trenches east of the
 the top. Tell in to proceed to the
 front line trenches. On calling my
 platoon roll I found the accused
 absent.

By Prosecution Q1

~~Wheeler Company was sent to forward~~
 At what time did the Company
 forward to 'stand by' ready to pro-
 ceed to front line trenches?

A? Five or six hours beforehand.

Q? Was he accused personally

warned by you for this special duty.

A? I can't say that the accused

was personally warned but I was

along the platoon line calling out

"March at 1.15 am. in full marching

order to proceed fully towards the front

Q? Was the accused present with the

platoon when you went along the

line warning the men for parade?

A? Yes.

Witness

state :-

No 1158 4 Sep R. Coos M.M. sworn
 About 8.40 pm. on 5th May I was
 on duty in the main ditch of ~~BERNARD~~
 when I saw the accused. I stopped
 him and asked him where he was
 going to and he said I am going

Between ~~Quinnell~~
 & ~~Atterville~~

3/ H became nervous and left the trenches moving towards AREAS where I slept the night. The next day I went on and I came to PROSECUTE and here I asked my way to AREAS of the military police. They directed me but I lost my way and was eventually arrested in DENVER.

10 minutes for
 execution
 recalled.

By Court Q1 What happened to you in after leaving BREWEN LINE trenches at 1.15pm on May 3rd?
 A1 We moved up to RIFLE TRENCH (front line) and at 12 noon the same day attacked and captured SANDERS Trench.

Handy.
 Capt. G. Naylor Royal Sussex Regt.
 sworn state:
 reproduce certified true copy
 of the above (attached)

Handwritten: Major
 R. A. G. C. M.

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Sentence and Charge Sheet to be pinned here

I certify that the above Court assembled on the 10th day of June, and duly tried the persons named in the said Schedule, and that the plea, finding, and sentence in the case of each such person were as stated in the third and fourth columns of that Schedule.

B.
Certificate of
President as to
proceedings.

I also certify that

1. The members of the Court
 - (2. The witnesses)
 - (3. ~~The interpreter~~) Mr. Mayor.
- were duly sworn.

Signed this 10th day of June 19 17
Francis Roberts Mayor
President of the Court Martial

I have dealt with the findings and sentences in the manner stated in the last column of the said Schedule, and, subject to what I have there stated, I hereby confirm the above findings and sentences. Confirmation

To be omitted unless the Confirming Officer desires that the sentence should be suspended.*
(I direct that the soldier named in the margin be not committed to prison until further orders.)

Signed this Seventh day of June 19 17.
Alfred B. Fane
Promulgation to be entered here.

From Captain's instructions taken this evening
day of July nineteen hundred & seventeen
1917
delivered by
7th East Surrey Regt. General J. H. Thomas Mayor
on the 4th day of July 1917.
at Amersham
at 4.30 a.m.
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I have dealt with the reserved findings and sentences in the manner stated in the last column of the Schedule, and, subject to what I have there stated, I hereby confirm the said reserved findings and sentences.

D.
Confirmation
of reserved
sentences.

Signed this

day of

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General [Field] Officer in the Force.

Subject to what I have stated in the last column of the Schedule, I hereby confirm the [finding and] sentence of death in the case of , and of penal servitude in the case of

E.
Confirmation
of sentence of
death or penal
servitude.

* Omit where confirmed by Officer in Chief Command. I state, according to the circumstances, the nature of the country, or the great distance, or the operations of the enemy.

[*and in the case of the above sentences of death I am of opinion that by reason of it is not practicable, having due regard to the public service, to delay the case for confirmation by any qualified Officer superior to myself.]

Signed this

day of

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General [Field] Officer
in Chief Command of the Forces.

110/Gen. No/3078.

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Field General, G.

Re
J. Barnes.

v/R Moore.

Ans. Lt. Major.

10th June 1917

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