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CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
(CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS)

CROSS REFERENCE

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES GENERALLY.

CENTRAL REGISTRY	DATE	PA OR BF	INITIALS	REFERRED TO	FOR REMARKS	INITIALS	DATE
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DEC 19 1945				ADAC	Please Return	ADAC/B	DEC 18 1945
DEC 20 1945	27 Dec	PA	cu	ADAC(B)	Returned, Check	ADAC	18 Dec 45
FEB 9 1946	1 Jan	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	JAN 4 1946
	8 Feb	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	FEB 8 1946
MAR 7 - 1946	6 March	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	MAR 6 - 1946
APR 3 - 1946	3 April	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	APR 2 - 1946
	3 MAY 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	MAY 3 1946
	4 JUN 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	JUN 4 1946
	3 JUL 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	JUL 3 1946
AUG 2 - 1946	AUG 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	AUG 2 1946
SEP 5 1946	1 SEP 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	SEP 5 1946
OCT 2 - 1946	2 Oct 46	PA	AGSB	Dis	WITH PAPERS	AGSB	OCT 2 - 1946
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PT/12/BIG/MARRIAGES/1,

Senior Officer Pay Services,


2 Jan 47.

D.A.G. (AG5a)
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above dated 4 Dec 46, regarding the above mentioned subject.

2. During the month of Dec 46 there were nil bigamous marriages reported in the U.K.


(D.M. Robertson) Capt.
for Senior Officer Pay Services,
Canadian Army Overseas.

PT/12/BIG/MARRIAGES/1,

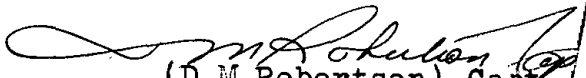
Senior Officer Pay Services,

4 Dec 46.

D.A.G. (AG5a)
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above dated 1 Nov 46, regarding the above mentioned subject.
2. During the month of Nov 46 there were no bigamous marriages reported in the U.K.


(D.M. Robertson) Capt.
for Senior Officer Pay Services,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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20/Bigamous/1
(AG 5)

PA.

28 Nov 46

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Dear Madam,

Re: [REDACTED]

It is understood that you went through a form of marriage with the above-named soldier on 16th March 43. Records indicate that this soldier was previously married in Canada, and as of 21 May 43 such marriage had not been terminated.

It is further understood that this soldier went through a form of marriage with you under the name of Thomas Harold Grant and records do not reveal that a soldier of this name served with the Canadian Army Overseas. If this man is one and the same person, it would appear that your marriage is invalid.

Yours faithfully,


[Signature]

(J.C. Murchie) Lieutenant-General
Chief of Staff
Canadian Military Headquarters

AGC

1 Nov 46.

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BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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Age Group	Male (%)	Female (%)
18-24	~85	~80
25-34	~75	~70
35-44	~65	~60
45-54	~55	~50
55-64	~45	~40
65+	~35	~30

(L.Richards) Captain,
for Senior Officer Pay Services,
Canadian Army Overseas.



PT/12/BIG/MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c)

Senior Officer Pay Services.

1 Oct 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

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BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter dated 31 Aug 46 regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date & Place of Big.Marriage.</u>
			CDAH.	23 Nov 45. Gronigen. Holland.
			Disch.	25 May 45. Register Office Essex, S.W.

*" AGS.
Tested for Bigamy
J. Charles
2/10/46*

L Richards

(L.Richards), Captain.
for Senior Officer Pay Services.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c)

Senior Officer Pay Services

31 Aug 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a)
C.M.H.Q.

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BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/1 Aug 46 regarding the a/m subject.

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2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date and Place of Bigamous marriage</u>
			XUK	7 Mar 46 Stoke Trister, Somerset.

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Bigamy
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4 Sep 46*

D.M. Robertson Capt.
(D.M.ROBERTSON) CAPT.,
for Senior Officer Pay Services
Canadian Army Overseas



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PT/12/HG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c)

Senior Officer Pay Services.

1 Aug 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a)
C. M. H. Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/1 Jul 46, regarding the a/m subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date and Place of Bigamous marriage</u>
			XUK	30 Jan 45. Register Office. Eton Bucks.
			XUK	20 Nov 45. 's Gravenhage Holland.
			XUK	20 May 43. Register Office. Hereford.
			XUK	27 Mar 46. Amsterdam. Holland.



(D.M. Robertson)
(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Senior Officer Pay Services,
Canadian Army Overseas.

*" 26 Aug
Leaked
Bigamy
10 Aug 46*

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PT/12/BIG. MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c).

Senior Officer Pay Services,

2 Jul 46.

D.A.B. (A.G. 5a)
C. M. H. Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

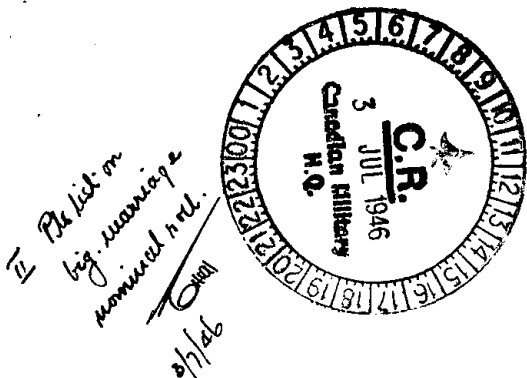
1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/1 Jun 46, regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
			XUK Rot. Duty.	24 Feb 44. Register Office. Surrey N.E.
			XUK 184	14 Jan 42. Register Office. Hampstead.

D.M. Robertson
(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Senior Officer Pay Services.
Canadian Army Overseas.



Tested for Bigamy
3 July 46.
(11)

14 Jun 46

Re :

Records at this Headquarters indicate that this NCO was married in Canada in 1938 and there is no record of such marriage having been terminated. It would appear that you have gone through a form of marriage with this NCO subsequent to this date and therefore such marriage is invalid.

Yours faithfully,

(J.C. Murchie) Lieutenant-General
Chief of Staff
Canadian Military Headquarters.

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Pers*

PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c),
Senior Officer Pay Services,
1 Jun 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a)
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/1
May 46, regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel
of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted
bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed
to you as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
			XUK	3 Aug 43. Selkirk, Register Office.
			1 Sub.W/S. RCEME.	15 Sep 45. Register Office, Hackney.
			XUK 165	19 May 45. Edinburgh, Scotland.
			XUK. Discharged.	12 Dec 45. Amsterdam, Holland.

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Sintered for Bigamy
@ - 3 June 46*



(D.M. Robertson)
(D.M. Robertson) Capt,
for Senior Officer Pay Services,
Canadian Army Overseas.

PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2cl)

Senior Officer Pay Services.

1 May 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

*2 of Bigamous/
Pers.*

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/5 Mar 46, regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.
			Redes. & Disbanded Units	24 Aug 45. The Hague, Holland.
			Discharged.	30 Oct 41 Register Office, Bedioelly. Cty.Mon.
			XUK.	23 Jun 45. Amsterdam, Holland.
			Discharged.	14 Jun 45. Cambridge.

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Bigamy ①*



(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Senior Officer Pay Services.
Canadian Army Overseas.

PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2cl)

Chief Paymaster's Office.

1 Apr 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

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BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/5 Mar 46, regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

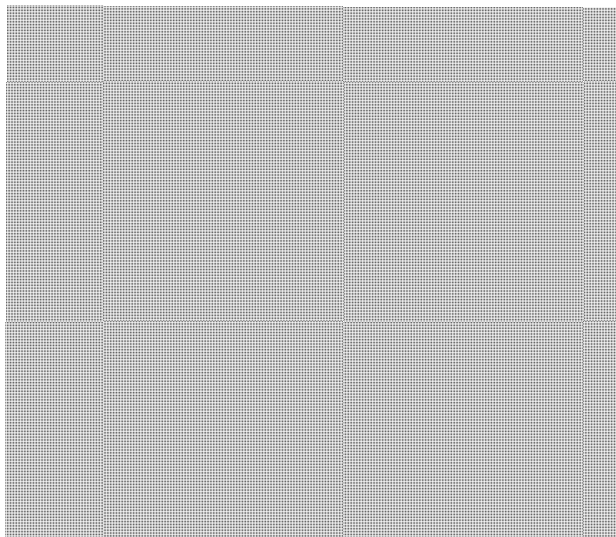
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No.

Rank. Name.

Unit.

Date & Place of
Bigamous Marriage.



CMHQ Details.

17 Jun 44
City of Westminster.

XUK.

30 Jun 45.
Registry Office, Aldershot
13 May 44.
Registry Office, Hendon,
Middlesborough.

Discharged.

Discharged.

21 Jan 46.
Utrecht (Holland).

Discharged.

31 Jul 45.
Nottingham.

Discharged.

19 Dec 40.
Register Office,
Buckingham County.

Discharged.

13 Sep 45.
Register Office, Bristol.

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D.M. Robertson
(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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PT/12/BIGMARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2cl).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

5 Mar 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/7 Feb 46, regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas, who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
s.19(1)			Discharged.	1 Jan 42 Glasgow. Scotland.

*Listed for
bigamy. pay.*



D.M. Robertson
(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2 cl).

Chief Paymaster's Office,

7 Feb 46.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a)
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/3 Jan 46,
regarding the a/m subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel
of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous
marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you
as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date & Place of Bigamous Marriages.</u>
			XUK	15 Sep 44. Registry Office, Aberdeen.
			"	14 Jul 45. Edmonton, Middlesex.
				15 Aug 45. Aldershot, Southampton.

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Listed for bigam
Ref.



D.M. Robertson
(D.M. Robertson) Capt,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.



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Chief Paymaster's Office.

3 Jan 46.

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D.A.G. (.A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and dated 3 Dec 45, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date and place of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
			1 C.Armd.Carrier.	25 Sep 45 Twinches Lane, Bucks.

*4 Jan -
Listed for Bigamy.
Ray.*

*(D.M. Robertson), Capt.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.*

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PT/12/BIG. MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c1)

Chief Paymaster's Office,

3 Dec 45.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a)
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/1 Nov 45, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date and place of Bigamous marriage.</u>
			XUK	21 Mar 45. Inverness.
			XUK	23 Jun 45. Haywards Heath.
			XUK	21 Apr 45. Epsom, Surrey.

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Listed for Bigamy
4 Dec 45
Ray
(D.M. Robertson) Capt.
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.



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LIST OF PERSONNEL OF THE CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS
WHO HAVE/CONTRACTED BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES

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Allegedly

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RANK

NAME

UNIT

Place of
Alleged Bigamous Marriage

Alleged

Date of
Bigamous Marriage

9 Fd Coy RCE Taplow 9 Jun 44
4 Coy, CFC Aberdeen 10 Aug 42
Essex Scot Epsom 14 May 42

Essex Scot Birkenhead 5 Oct 41
12 Fd Regt RCA Scotland 10 Feb 42
1 Med Regt RCA Surrey 22 Dec 40
HQ First Cdn Army Not known 1943
2 CITR Paddington 24 Feb 45
1 Fd Regt RCA Bromley 17 Feb 41
4 Cdn A Tk Regt Not known Oct 41

Seaforth of C Nottingham 1 Apr 41
12 Pro Coy Hastings 9 Sep 41
1 CASCRU Mersham 26 Jul 41
3 Fd Coy RCE Oxted 29 Sep 41
6 Pro Coy Not known 25 Jul 42
RCASC Mitcham 13 Jul 43
Hast & PER Not known 28 Jun 41
5 CIRU Epsom 7 Nov 42
1 CGRU Not known Not known
Lorne Scots Brentford 19 Nov 41
2 CCS RCAMC Southampton 21 Jun 41
48 Highrs Glasgow 24 Nov 41
10 Repat Dep Strathpeffer 5 Mar 42
Seaforth of C Oxted 20 Jul 40
First Cdn Army Brentford 22 Jun 40

61 Gen Tpt Coy RCASC Not known 5 Jul 41
1 CARU Sutton 2 Jun 41
4 Fd Amb Not known 2 Apr 42

1 Cdn Div Sup Coy Hendon 13 Dec 41
3 Fd Regt RCA Arundel Not known
1 CASCRU Durham 26 May 42
RHLI Not known 3 Feb 41

7 A/Tk Regt RCA Not known 31 Aug 41
1 Cdn Base Ord Dep Kensington 15 May 42
2 A/Tk Regt RCA Alloa 29 Dec 42
1 CERU Not known Not known
RCR Lancaster 22 Jan 42
Fus MR Birmingham 14 Feb 42
1 Cdn F.S. Sec Greenwich 18 Oct 42
3 Fd Coy RCE Not known Sep 41

Not known Not known 18 Jul 42
2 Fd Regt RCA Surrey N.E. 26 Dec 41
14 Fd Regt RCA Not known 24 Aug 42
28 Cdn Armd Regt Brighton 11 Dec 43
3 CARU Chelmsford 22 Jan 41
RCCS Ashted 2 Jul 41
1 Bn Black Watch Brighton 7 Oct 42

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NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT	Alleged	Place of Bigamous Marriage	Alleged	Date of Bigamous Marriage
			RCR		Epsom		19 Jul 41
			2 Cdn Repat Dep		Epsom		26 Dec 41
			R de Mais		Roffrey		7 Aug 43
			Records, CMHQ		Wandsworth		16 Aug 44
			1 Mech Eqpt Coy RCE		Not known		5 Dec 42
			13 Fd Coy RCE		Croydon		5 Apr 41
			Seaforth of C		Not known		9 Jan 42
			1 CASCRU		Farnborough		26 Feb 42
			1 Cdn Repat Dep		Surrey, S.E.		8 May 43
			2 Motor Amb Convoy		Horsham		15 Jul 43
					Not known		1942
			1 Div Pet Coy RCASC		Brighton		8 Nov 41
			11 Cdn Tk Regt		Glasgow		Not known
			1 CORU		Willesden		5 Dec 41
			1 CORU		Islington		7 Sep 41
			61 Gen Tpt Coy RCASC		Hove		23 Aug 41
			Hast & PER		Slurcham-by-Sea		29 Apr 42
			4 Fd Coy RCE		Surrey S.E.		1 Feb 41
			9 Non-Div Wksp RCOC		Not known		17 Aug 41
			4 Fd Coy RCE		Glasgow		14 Aug 42
			2 Cdn Corps Tps		Deptford		12 Oct 44
			7 CITR		Hendon		8 Nov 42
			Carl't & York R		Basingstoke		17 Feb 41
			17 Fd Regt RCA		Croydon		Not known
			4 CAT Bn		Edinburgh		11 Jul 41
			1 Cdn Base Ord Dep		Bordon		16 Nov 40
			HQ CRU		Deptford		24 Dec 40
			RCR		Blackburn		19 Apr 41
			1 CERU		Irchester,		22 Sep 40
			Carl't & York R		Croydon		16 May 41
			West N.S.R.		Sidmouth		28 Nov 40
			West N.S.R.		Chelsham		3 May 41
			RHLI		Glasgow		8 Dec 43
			Reg Rif		Sheffield		11 Sep 44
			1 CARU		Edinburgh		7 Aug 42
			9 Armd Regt		Bletchingley		20 Mar 43
			2 Fd Pk Coy RCE		Croydon		5 Apr 41
			Edmn R		Southampton		1 Feb 41
			4 Sec CAC Wksp RCOC		Winnipeg		30 Sep 41
			1 Div Ord Wksp RCOC		Epsom		11 Jun 41
			5 CAT Wksp RCOC		Northampton		30 Jun 43
			R 22e R		Alton		11 Oct 40
			1 Cdn Corps Tps Carry		Coy. Aldermaston		31 May 41
			4 Lt AA Regt RCA		Hendon		17 Sep 41
			Hast & PER		Croydon		22 Apr 41
			Hast & PER		Guildford		19 Apr 41

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NO	RANK	NAME	UNIT	Place of Alleged Bigamous Marriage	Date of Alleged Bigamous Marriage
			Camerons of C	Dundee	27 Dec 41
			1 CASCRU	Epsom	12 Jan 42
			RCE	Bristol	24 Oct 42
			HQ Sqn 5 Cdn Armd Bde	Islington	1 Apr 43
			C.T.S.	Battersea, London	5 Feb 41
			1 CAB	St Francis, Kent	22 Mar 44
			Calg Highrs	Westminster, London	30 Nov 41
			8 CBR Bn	Hampstead, London	26 Oct 40
			1 CERU	Southwark	5 Nov 40
			2 Pd Pk Coy RCE	Epsom	6 Aug 41
			1 CIRU	Ayr	8 Dec 42
			48 Highrs	Croydon	7 Nov 42
			2 CIB Wksp RCOC	Surrey S.E.	Not known
			1 Cdn Div Pet Coy	Redhill	17 Mar 42
			1 Fd Coy RCE	Not known	21 Dec 41
			1 Cdn A Tps Wksp RCOC	Walthamstow	17 Oct 42
			-	Not known	29 Apr 40
			1 Cdn NETD	Epping	14 Jul 41
			Ret Can	Edinburgh	13 Mar 43
			8 Cdn Recce Regt	Clapham	2 Feb 42
			3 CARU	Not known	17 Oct 42
			2 CIRU	Edinburgh	8 Jan 41
			17 Pd Regt RCA	Woking	24 Dec 40
			1 CASCRU	Not known	17 Jan 42
			HQ Sqn, 5 Armd Bde	Farncombe	19 May 42
			48 Highrs	Not known	18 Oct 41
			1 CARU	Worthing	29 Jun 42
			1 Cdn NETD	Aldershot	4 Oct 41
			85 Bridge Coy RCASC	Cambridge	28 Dec 42
			1 Fd Coy RCE	Not known	30 Oct 42
			3 Mob Ldry & Fwd Unit	Walton-on-Thames	23 Sep 41
			26 Fd Bty RCA	Aberdeen	27 Sep 41
			RHLI	Croydon	4 Apr 42
			Hast & PER	Hailsham	30 Jan 43
			1 Army Bde Coy RCASC	Brighton	26 Dec 42
			8 Fd Regt RCA	Morden	20 Aug 43
			7 CIRU	Melton Bridge	18 Jul 42
			4 Fd Coy RCE	Aldershot	5 Oct 44
			Westmr R.	Farnham	16 Jul 42
			Tor Scot	Rye, Sussex	6 Nov 41
			1 CGRU	Farnworth	24 Feb 43
			R. wpg Rif	Lowes	15 Aug 42
			2 A/Tk Regt RCA	Alberta	1 Mar 40
			MT Inspectorate CMHQ	Surrey ME	8 Mar 41

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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2cl)

Chief Paymaster's Office.

4 Sep 45.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

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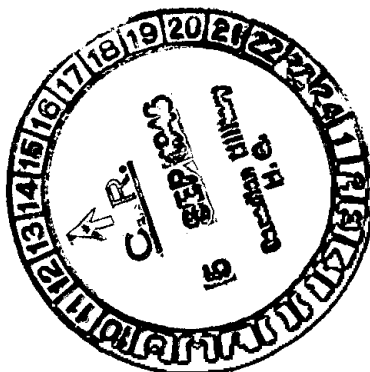
1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/1 Aug 45 regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage
			2 Cdn. Repat.	26 Dec 41. Epsom. Surrey.
			10 " "	5 Mar 42. Strathpeffer. Scotland.

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R.H.

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[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.



D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM.

PT/12/BIG. Marriages/1
(Pay 2cl)

Chief Paymaster's Office.

4 Jul 45.

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1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/2 Jun 45,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

No.	Name	Unit	Date and Place of Bigamous marriage.
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[REDACTED]	17 Cdn.Fd.Reg. RCA	31 Oct 42. Croydon. Surrey.
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[REDACTED]	1 Cdn.Repat.Dpot.	8 May 43 Surrey, S.E.
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[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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PT/12/BIG. MARRIAGES/1
(Pay 2cl).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

2 Jun 45.

D.A.G. (A.G.5a).
C.M.H.Q.

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Bigamous Marriages in the
United Kingdom.

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regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
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No.	Name	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous marriage.
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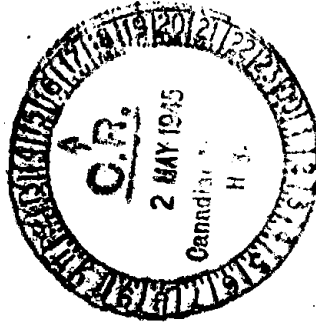
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[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.



D.A.G. (AG5a)
CMHQ.

PT/12/BIG. MARRIAGES/1
(Pay 2cl).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

1 May 45.

Bigamous marriages in the
United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/31 Mar 45,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous marriage.
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8 CBR Bn.	26 Oct 40. Hampstead.
Royal Cdn. R.	19 Jul 41. Epsom.
4 Cdn.Fd.Coy.	5 Oct 44. Aldershot.
7 C.I.T.R.	8 Nov 42. Hendon.
5 CAT W/S.	30 Jun 43. Northampton.
HQ RCASC 2 Cdn C Tps	12 Oct 40 Deptford.
Records CMHQ	16 Aug 44 Wandsworth.
9 Cdn.Fd.Cpy.	9 Jun 44. Taplow.

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D.S. Hutcheon
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for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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From: CENTRAL REGISTRY.

To: *ADAGA* Branch.

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May the attached papers be placed on the under-
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Officer i/c C.R.

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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2cl).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

31 Mar 45.

D.A.G. (AG5a)
CMHQ.

Bigamous Marriages in the
United Kingdom.

PA - 20/ Bigamous/1

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/1 Feb 45,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
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		Regina Rifles.	11 Sep 44 Sheffield.
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		1 Bn. Black Watch.	7 Oct 42. Brighton.
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		2 C.I.T.R.	24 Feb 44. Paddington.
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		1 Cdn. Fld. Sec. Section	18 Oct 41. Greenwich.
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[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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To: JAG CTS. 133 Branch.

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Officer i/c C.R.

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D.A.G.(A.G.5a),
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in the
United Kingdom.

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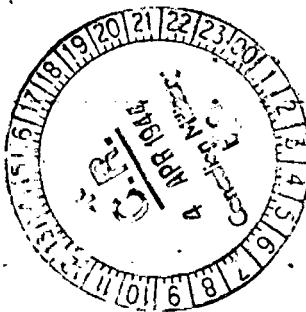
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

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No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		Ret-Can.	13 Mar 43. North Merchester Church, Slateford Rd.Edinburgh.
		RCE. X4 List (B.D).	24 Oct 42. St.Aiden, County of Bristol.
		Le Regt. de Maisenn- euve.	7 Aug 43. All Saints Church,00041 Roffrey, Sussex. 9

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No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		7 Cdn. Inf.Reinf.Unit.	18 Jul 42. Milton Bridge, West Lothian, Scotland.



[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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A.G.5,
C.M.H.Q.

[REDACTED] - C.M.H.Q.

Alleged Bigamy (Two Offences)

1. Your attention is directed to memos from this office dated 9 Oct 43, 22 Oct 43 and 17 Feb 44, to which no reply has been received. As the Metropolitan Police continue to request information as to the action which we intend to take in the matter, may this office be so advised, please.

London,
17 Mar 44,
RJK/kng

H.J. Kingston Major,
For: (A.D.Cameron) Colonel,
D.P.M. - C.M.H.Q.

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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

30 Jun 44.

D.A.G. (A.G. 5a),
C.M.H.Q.

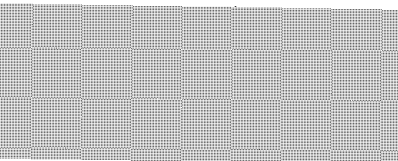
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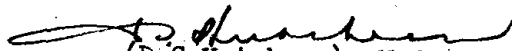
1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/1 May 44 regarding the m/n subject.

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2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		28 Cdn. Armd. Regt.	11 Dec 43. Brighton, Sussex.
		4 Fld. Regt., RCA.	Arundel, Sussex.

Listed
for
Marriage


(D.S. Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1(Pay 2c).

Chief Paymaster's Office

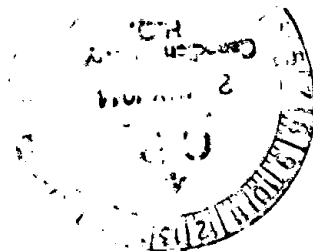
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D.A.G.(A.G.5a),
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/3 Apr 44 regarding the m/n subject.
2. There are no bigamous marriages to report for the month of Apr 44.



[Signature]
(D.S.Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

GEN. REGISTRY
A & D ASA
Last - 27/4/44
Date

1 MAY 1944

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Officer i/c
Civilian Repatriation Section,
Canadian Wives Bureau,
CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

12 Jan 45.

Repatriation of Service Dependants to Canada.

1. Reference 15/Repat Dep/2, 15/Whitehead G/2 (Repat) dated 10 Jan 45, and telephone conversation Major Gill - Capt. Stewart 11 Jan 45.

2. It is understood that before despatching the wife of a Canadian soldier to Canada a check is made with the C.P.M. and the Officer i/c Records to ensure that the woman is the recognised wife of the soldier concerned. There is a list of bigamous marriages kept by this branch, but there is no case in this list of which the C.P.M. is not also aware. A few cases may not be brought to the attention of the C.P.M., but in such cases no Dependents Allowance is in payment to the bigamous wife. Accordingly a check of the list kept by this branch would not be an added safeguard. Because of the adequacy of your present arrangements, therefore, it is suggested that the information asked for by N.D.H.Q. is in fact superfluous and would not justify the considerable work involved in preparing and maintaining a list in the manner suggested by N.D.H.Q.

3. May this matter be referred back to N.D.H.Q. please and advice received in due course whether, in view of the above, any further action is required.

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F. (C.S. Booth) Brigadier
D.A.G.
CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

15/Repat Dep/2
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(Repat)

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MEMORANDUM

D.A.G.
C.M.H.Q.
(Attn: A.G.5A)

10 Jan 45

Repatriation of Service Dependants to Canada.

1. Capt. Stewart - Capt. Cook spoke.
2. The following is an extract of letter received from N.D.H.Q. concerning the transportation of dependants to Canada.

"There is a roster kept at your HQ of all known cases of bigamy (DIS). It is felt that such a list should be sent here in order that warning cards may be set up to offset the possibility of bigamous wives being transported. Such a nominal roll should include a synopsis of each case, please".

3. For your information and attention, please.

" memo to file.

1. Called Maj. Gill and ascertained that no wife in despatched to Canada until her marriage records have been checked with Pay and Records.

2. Discussed with AGS - action requested by NDHQ considered superfluous and involving unnecessary work.

gms.
11 Jan 45, a95A

V.N. Gill
(V.N. Gill) Major
Officer i/c
Civilian Repatriation Section
CANADIAN WIVES BUREAU

ADAG (B)
Comments, pls

20/Bigamous/1
AAG(Dis)
3 Apr 44.

(C. S. Booth) Brigadier
D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

3 APR 1944

MEMORANDUM

To:
D.A.G.

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Discipline - Bigamy.

1. Reference folios 121 and 126.

2. I have examined carefully the two folios above mentioned with a view to determine what action we should now take and how it should be taken. With reference to the N.D.H.Q. letter, there are some preliminary comments:-

- (a) Para 2: N.D.H.Q. has expressed the view that it is not our duty to bring to the attention of the civil authorities cases of bigamy, but you have indicated that you feel that there is a duty where it is reasonably clear that an offence against the civil law has been committed. I agree with your view and have planned our future procedure accordingly.
- (b) Para 6: The type of case in which a fraud is perpetrated on the D.A.B. is, I think, not likely to be prevalent in the U.K. to the same extent that it may be prevalent in Canada. However, there may be cases where D.A. is in payment to a "bigamous" wife who is in the U.K. While it is difficult to prove bigamy, I consider that it is even more difficult to prove the wilful perpetration of a fraud on the D.A.B. I have allowed for this type of prosecution in the procedure outlined below.
- (c) Officers: The N.D.H.Q. letter refers to "all ranks" (para 1), "personnel" (para 3), "officer or other rank" (para 3). However, I still maintain my original view that there is little excuse for the offence of bigamy by an officer and all cases coming to our attention should be prosecuted by G.C.M. after reference to the civil authorities.

3. With regard to the taking of action upon a charge of bigamy and for purposes of consolidating in this memorandum as much of the whole picture as possible, I draw to your attention the requirements of proof. They are:-

- (a) The First Marriage: This requires production of the original attestation paper, expert evidence of the law of the Province where the first marriage took place, certificate of the first marriage and expert evidence of the validity of the first marriage and that the marriage certificate is proof of the contents stated therein.
- (b) Identity: This is proved by production of suitable original pay documents bearing the signature of the accused. They also usually contain an admission that the accused was married. There is also produced an acquittance roll or some other document signed by the accused in the presence of the witness producing it.

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- (c) The Second Marriage: This is proved by the production of the certificate of the second marriage. It proves itself but should be produced by one of the witnesses to the second marriage who could identify the accused.
- (d) First wife alive at time of second marriage: This is a difficult point and the weak link in any prosecution.

4. There is no presumption of the continuance of life in a criminal trial for bigamy. There is a presumption that the accused is innocent until proven guilty and this negates any possible presumption of the continuance of life. This fact, therefore, must be proved as a fact and the only safe method to prove it is to take commission evidence in Canada. In some cases proof has been offered that the accused has not altered his assignment originally made to his wife. From this fact the inference arises that his wife is still alive as of the date of proof. A Court is entitled to accept this inference and, therefore, to accept as a fact that the first wife was alive at a date subsequent to the second marriage. However, this form of proof is definitely weak and a finding of fact upon such proof would very likely be upset by a court of appeal in civil practice. No matter how certain in substance we may be that bigamy was committed, it might well be exceedingly dangerous to rely on a lay court, finding as a fact upon such weak proof, that the first wife was alive at a date subsequent to the second marriage. It follows, therefore, that prosecution of a case of bigamy in a reasonably secure manner would involve the taking of evidence on commission. This is a long drawn out, tedious and uneconomical procedure.

5. The difficulties of proof above-mentioned are faced, not only by Courts Martial, but by the civil authorities and their almost invariable reaction has been to drop the matter.

6. I am advised that the practice of the British Army within the U.K. is to leave the matter entirely to the civil authorities. They do not prosecute by Court Martial. However, they do not have the same problems and the conditions are by no means similar to those applicable to our cases.

7. Paras 3, 4 and 5 of the N.D.H.Q. letter contain the policy. In short they say that where circumstances of an aggravated nature occur coupled with the reckless disregard of his responsibilities as a member of the services, of the soldier, the matter will be brought to the attention of the civil authorities. The selection of such cases is left to the M.G.A. It is further provided that those cases not prosecuted by the civil authorities "will be dealt with by Court Martial". The practical result of this from our point of view and judging from our past experience, is that cases considered to come within the class above-mentioned will require ultimately to be prosecuted by Court Martial. The very great majority of cases will be refused by the civil authorities. The provision, therefore, of a programme must contemplate that the responsibility for prosecution of such cases will rest on the military authorities.

8. Our main problem resolves itself into the getting of the necessary information upon which we can classify the cases which come to our attention - upon which we can determine whether the circumstances are of an aggravated nature and there is "a reckless disregard for his responsibilities as a member of the services". It will be noted also that para 3 of the N.D.H.Q. letter provides for prosecution "generally when it is deemed advisable by the military authorities". In acquiring the

information the following factors are relevant:-

(a) In practically every case the first indication of the possibility of bigamy having been committed comes to us from Pay. They get it by reason of an enquiry from the bigamous wife concerning her non-receipt of D.A. and A.P. The situation is always, so far as we are concerned, that a bigamous marriage is "indicated".

(b) There remain three sources of information:-

(i) The soldier. Obviously he cannot be asked to incriminate himself. We can, however, draw the allegation to his attention and ask him for an explanation, but the explanation cannot be used in evidence. I think that we are justified in asking for any explanation of the allegation that the soldier may wish to offer.

(ii) The bigamous wife: The same conditions apply to any request to her, for information.

(iii) Other sources: Occasionally a relative of the bigamous wife may draw the matter to our attention. In these cases it is usually a request to know whether or not the soldier is in fact, married to the bigamous wife or whether or not he has a wife in Canada. These outside sources seldom produce any useful information.

9. Under the Army Act there is a limitation upon the taking of proceedings by Court Martial. A.A. 161 provides that "a person shall not be tried or punished for any offence triable by Court Martial committed more than three years before the date at which his trial begins". The jurisdiction of a civil court is preserved and there are other exceptions which are not important at the moment. At folio 98 the interpretation of the underlined words is given by D.J.A.G. as meaning the actual date on which the trial itself starts. All time, therefore, occupied in preparation of the case, runs against the prosecution. Should we determine that appropriate cases be prosecuted (and I suggest, by court martial) and the machinery is put in motion at once, I would consider that a period of six months would be required to complete the preparation. I recommend, therefore, that we should fix 30 Sep 41 as the date prior to which any alleged offence of bigamy should be ignored.

10. With regard to all the cases presently under consideration I would recommend the following procedure:-

- (a) Elimination of all cases in which the bigamous marriage took place prior to 30 Sep 41. A rough calculation would indicate that there are, at the moment, 55 cases left to be considered for prosecution.
- (b) Determine the present location of each individual soldier in each case not eliminated under (a). We should then eliminate all those cases where disciplinary action would be inexpedient by reason of the soldier's present location; for example, any theatre of operations, or Canada.
- (c) With respect to any cases remaining after (a) and (b), we should check carefully the information we now have and eliminate all those cases where disciplinary action is clearly inexpedient, for example :-

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- (i) [REDACTED] - decree absolute obtained in Minnesota of first marriage.
 - (ii) [REDACTED] - had heard nothing of his wife for over 7 years.
 - (iii) [REDACTED] - has been tried in a civil court on a charge of bigamy and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.
- (d) Where it is not known, we should then find out the name and last known address of the woman concerned in each of the remaining cases. This can be obtained by drawing the pay file for each soldier. At the same time the pay file will disclose whether or not D.A. and/or A.P. is in payment as a result of the bigamous marriage.
- (e) With respect to all cases remaining after (a) (b) and (c) we should write to the Commanding Officer of each individual soldier whether or not we know the name of the woman concerned, requesting from the soldier a careful explanation of the alleged bigamy. I think it must be pointed out to the soldier that his actual explanation cannot be used in evidence but that proof of the facts which he discloses may be established by other evidence.
- (f) On the return of each explanation, the case should then be examined and there should be eliminated all cases in which:-
- (i) The soldier's explanation would, if told in court, give rise to a reasonable doubt of his guilt.
 - (ii) The prosecution would probably fail for other reasons. For example action taken by the civil courts.
- (g) In all cases then remaining we should write to the woman concerned requesting her story. She should be told:-
- (i) Information has been received from which there is reason to believe that the soldier concerned, by marrying her, has committed bigamy.
 - (ii) It is desired to obtain all relevant information to determine whether or not the soldier should be prosecuted for this offence.
 - (iii) That any letter which she writes to us cannot be used in evidence, but that she may be called as a witness to give evidence herself.
 - (iv) We should attempt in our letter to avoid frightening her too much.
- (h) Upon the return to us of the woman's explanation, there should be eliminated:-
- (i) All cases in which reasonable doubt of guilt of the soldier would arise from answers which she would probably make on cross examination.

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- (ii) All cases in which disciplinary action would be inexpedient after considering the effect of the combined explanations of the soldier and the woman.
- (i) Each case remaining after the eliminations referred to in sub-paras (a) to (h) inclusive, should then be examined to determine in which ones "a bigamous union has been entered into under circumstances of an aggravated nature in which there is an indication that the other rank concerned has acted with a reckless disregard of his responsibilities as a member of the service"
- (j) All cases coming within the requirements of sub-para (i) should then be referred to the appropriate civil authorities with a suitable offer of co-operation and the request that we be advised whether or not they propose to prosecute.
- (k) During the process (a) to (j) inclusive, cases will, no doubt be disclosed in which reference to the civil authorities would be advisable upon general grounds. After a decision taken under sub para (i) they should be referred to the civil authorities at once and in the same manner as set out in sub-para (j).
- (l) Cases may also be disclosed where a fraud on the D.A.B. is indicated. These should be examined carefully with a view to disciplinary action by court martial.

11. When we have received appropriate answers from the civil authorities (which I anticipate in most cases will be a refusal to prosecute), a decision must then be taken as to the action directed by para 5 of N.D.H.Q. letter. They say "will be dealt with by court martial". You will note the requirements for a decision to prosecute which are set out in para 10(i) above - "reckless disregard of his responsibilities as a member of the service". I suggest that this be interpreted to mean only the cases in which military discipline generally would be seriously affected or prejudiced if action were not taken. This I think, should be the measure for determining the advisability of prosecution by Court Martial. If this measure is adopted, then a decision under para 10(i) to refer a case to the civil authorities would automatically constitute a decision to prosecute by Court Martial - failing civil action.

12. Each case which requires trial by Court Martial should then be referred to J.A.G. Section for preparation and prosecution.

13. This procedure will be suitable, not only for the cases of which we are presently aware, but for each individual case as and when it comes to our attention.

14. One final point requires attention. Who will make the appropriate decisions during the carrying out of this procedure? In para 4 of the N.D.H.Q. letter it is stated that the M.G.A. will decide what cases "fall within para 3". I consider that this means the final decision in each individual case. With regard to the preliminary steps, I suggest the

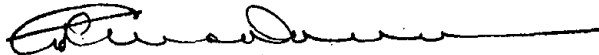
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following:-

- Para 10 - (a) (
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- (c) (Action and decision by A.G.5a.
- (d) (
- (e) (
- (f) - Decision by A.J.A.G.(Opns).
- (g) - Action by A.G.5a
- (h) - Decision by A.J.A.G. (Opns)
- (i) - Recommendation by A.G.5a to
AAG(Dis) to D.A.G. to M.G.A.
for his decision.
- (j) (
- (k) (Action by A.G.5a
- (l) - Decision by A.J.A.G. (Opns)

15. May I please have your instructions.



(L.R. McDonald) Lt-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)

CANADIAN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS



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Department of National Defence

QUOTE NO. H.Q. 54-27-32-1 FD 36
Adm. 3(c)4

Ottawa, Canada,

7 Mar 44

Canadian Military Headquarters,
2 Cockspur Street,
Trafalgar Square,
London S.W.1, ENGLAND

Discipline - Bigamy

Reference 20-Bigamous/1 (DAG) dated 4 Jan

17 MAR 1944

44:

1. The prosecution of offences of bigamy committed by all ranks of the Canadian Army in the United Kingdom and in Canada is primarily a matter for the Civil Courts of the United Kingdom and Canada. In all cases where the Civil Authorities consider civil prosecution desirable, the Canadian Army will give every assistance possible.

2. It is not considered that it is the duty of the Canadian Military Authorities either in the United Kingdom or in Canada to bring to the attention of the Civil Authorities all cases where it may appear that a bigamous union has been entered into by personnel of the Canadian Army.

3. Cases will be brought to the attention of the Civil Authorities where a bigamous union has been entered into by personnel of the Canadian Army under circumstances of an aggravated nature in which there is an indication that the officer or other rank concerned, has acted with a reckless disregard for his responsibilities as a member of the Service, or generally when it is deemed advisable by the Military Authorities.

4. The Adjutant-General in Canada and the Major-General in charge of Administration, London, England, will decide what cases fall within para 3.

5. Cases falling within para 3 which are not prosecuted by the Civil Authorities will be dealt with by Court-Martial.

6. Cases where it appears that a bigamous union has been entered into with a view to perpetrating a fraud on the Dependents' Allowance Board should, in addition to being treated as bigamy under the terms in the foregoing paras, be considered by the Military Authorities in the light of such fraud and such disciplinary action taken under Section 18(5) A.A. as the case may warrant.

MSA

1. This appears satisfactory.

2. I don't agree entirely with para 2. because I think there is a duty on us where it is reasonably clear that an offence against the civil law has been committed - however we can exercise our discretion.

3. you will note there is no reference to officers - I consider we should continue to deal with these.

(H. F. G. Letson)
Major-General
Adjutant-General.

(C. S. Booth) Brigadier
D.A.G.

Canadian Military Headquarters

16 MAR 1944

D.A.G. (A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/28 Jan 44,
regarding the m/n subject.

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2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		4 Cdn. Anti-Tank Regt.	Oct 41.
		8 Field Regt., RCA.	St. George's Church, Morden, Surrey. 20 Aug 43.
		Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment.	Hailsham Christ Church, Horam Co. 30 Jan 43.
		1 Bn., R.H.L.I.	Blythwood, Glasgow. 8 Dec 43.

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Listed for bigamy
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[Signature]
(D.S. Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.



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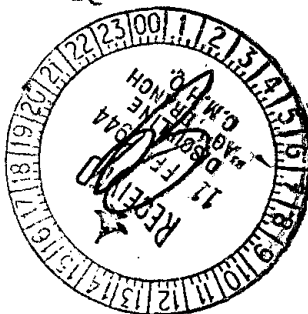
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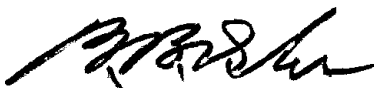
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Chief Paymaster's Office.

28 Jan 44.

D.A.G. (A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/26 Nov 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
	[REDACTED]	9 Cdn. Armd. Regt.	Bletchingley - Surrey. 20 Mar 43.

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[Signature]
(D.S.Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Deputy [illegible] General,
Canadian Military Headquarters

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The Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

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W. S. C. [illegible] (Col)
4 JAN 1944
Canadian Military
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Discipline - Bigamy.

1. Since the arrival of the Canadian Army Overseas, the following offences of bigamy by Canadian Army personnel have come to attention:

1940 - 8
1941 - 40 + 1
1942 - 34
1943 - 6 + 14

Usually information in regard to these offences is secured, sometimes long after the event, by reason of enquiries made by the "wife" in regard to dependents allowance.

2. To date the following convictions have been secured:

- a) O.R.s. in civil courts - 9
by F.G.C.M. - 3
b) Officers tried by GCM - 3

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Of these, ex-Lieut. [redacted] who after his dismissal from the Service, enlisted in the R.E. was subsequently charged and convicted by the Civil Court for two additional subsequent offences of bigamy

3. In the early stages, it was found to be practically impossible to institute military proceedings in regard to these cases by reason of the almost insuperable difficulty of securing the necessary evidence to prove first marriage, identity of the parties to it, and that the marriage was still effective at the time of alleged offence. This difficulty also affected authorities.

P.C.2939/43 which provides for the taking of commission evidence was received here about the end of Apr 43. Following receipt of this P.C. all the cases were referred to J.A.G. Branch for advice as to whether it would be practicable to take proceedings with a reasonable chance of success. Additional cases were brought to notice from time to time and at the end of May 43 DJAG advises that proceedings are practicable in a total of 44 cases. Of the remainder, proceedings are barred by reason of the provisions of AA.16 and various reasons are set out as to why it is not practicable to proceed with the other cases.

4. Most careful consideration has been given to the question of whether or not proceedings should be taken in regard to the 44 cases referred to above. Under are the reasons for and against taking proceedings. These are as follows:-

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a) Reasons for proceeding:

- i) It is a civil offence, punishable by law in the U.K. which can be dealt with under AA.41.
- ii) These offences tend to bring the Canadian Army into disrepute.
- iii) The best deterrent is adequate punishment.

b) Reasons against proceeding:

- i). Reference (i) and (ii) above, it is primarily the duty of the civil authorities to prosecute these cases. If they will not undertake to prosecute with whatever help we can give them, there can be no substantial grounds for complaint by them if we fail to proceed.
- ii) It is undesirable to take proceedings in regard to a comparatively small proportion of these because failure to take proceedings in the remainder would appear to indicate discrimination against the minority. Before proceedings could be commenced, additional cases would be barred under AA.161 and RP 36(A). In regard to practically all of such cases commission evidence will have to be taken in Canada, and the date of the commencement of trial will be postponed in many cases for a matter of months. In view of the fact that in all probability the whole of the Canadian Army will be engaged in active operations in the near future, it would be necessary to withdraw the personnel concerned and, in some cases witnesses, from field units and return them to CRU for the proceedings to be taken.
- iii) Several prosecutions are bound to fail because of the difficulty of locating witnesses, securing evidence, etc., and the effect of offenders escaping punishment in this way will be harmful.
- iv) As is indicated in para 2 above, the problem is a diminishing one, largely due to the fact that Registrars will not issue a marriage license without a certificate of permission to marry from the Commanding Officer, so that the necessity for exemplary punishment is minimized.

This appears to be one of the most important reasons for not taking action in these cases.

In order to prosecute the 44 cases, having in mind that bigamy charges are sometimes more difficult to prove than ordinary military offences, a tremendous amount of work would be involved, taking summaries, securing civilian military witnesses, holding the courts, dictating and transcribing proceedings, reviewing findings etc. All this could only be done by neglecting to a greater or lesser extent more important duties. Further, as is

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- vi) Further to reason (v), prosecution would tie up considerable manpower which might be otherwise better employed.
 - vii) It is pointed out that there have been only 3 cases brought to notice in which officers were the offenders and in these, proceedings were taken by way of GCM and the officers concerned were dismissed the service. It is proposed in regard to any future officer cases that military proceedings will be taken unless the Civil authorities decide to prosecute.
 - viii) It is suggested for consideration that in future cases affecting O.Rs. all available information should be placed before the appropriate Civil authorities, and in the event that they decide to prosecute, every assistance should be given by us to them.
5. Your views on this whole question at the earliest date will be appreciated.

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F (P.J. Montague) Major-General
Major-General i/c Administration
Canadian Military Headquarters

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J. Montagu, Major-General
Comd. in Chief, Cdn. Army
3rd Div.
Secretary,
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Ottawa, Canada.

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(P.J. Montague) Major-General
Major-General i/c Administration
Canadian Military Headquarters.

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See -
Adjutant-General,
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BIGAMY

involving Canadian personnel

1. A large accumulation of these cases, has occurred despite the fact that a considerable number have been brought to the attention of the civil authorities who have decided not to prosecute.
2. It was inadvisable for us to institute proceedings in the vast majority of these cases because of the difficulties surrounding the securing of evidence from Canada in regard to the first marriage, identity of parties, etc. A few months ago provision was made by P.C. Order ^{2939/43} for evidence to be taken on commission and it is now possible to secure the necessary evidence in normal cases.
3. I am advised that prosecutions are practicable in 44 of the approximately 90 undiposed of cases in which our personnel are involved, apart from the question of advisability of our prosecuting any of these cases.
4. I have given this matter careful consideration and now list hereunder the reasons for and against taking proceedings in these cases. These are as follows:-

(a) Reasons for proceeding:

- (i) It is a civil offence, punishable by law in the U.K. which can be dealt with under AA41. *this is a duty on us to keep*
- (ii) These offences tend to bring the Canadian Army into disrepute.
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(ii) Under A.A.161 and R.P.36A(iii) action under the Army Act is barred if the ~~time which~~ elapsed between the commission of the offences and the ^{laying of a charge} ~~beginning of the trial~~ is more than three years. A considerable number of the above referred to 90 cases are already barred by Statute and many others will be barred before the dates on which trials start. Commission evidence will be required in practically every case and the date of the beginning of the trial will thus be postponed for many months.

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(iii) Several prosecutions are ^{also} bound to fail because of the difficulty of locating witnesses, securing evidence etc., and the effect of offenders escaping punishment in this way will be harmful.

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The figures, so far as they can be ascertained, are:

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1943	-	6

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(vi) Further to reason (v), prosecution would tie up considerable manpower which might be otherwise better employed.

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5. In view of the foregoing I have reached the conclusion that it is inadvisable to commence proceedings in these cases, ~~but~~ ^{and} I would ~~very much~~ appreciate your views on this subject.

6. If the decision is taken to prosecute, it will be necessary for your Headquarters to arrange for the taking of commission evidence in Canada in regard to practically all these cases.

7. ~~If you concur with the above conclusion, we will~~ ^{In any event it is proposed} ~~nevertheless~~ bring all such cases, both past and future to the attention of the appropriate civil authorities, advising them that we will give them all available information and every possible assistance in the event that they decide to prosecute.

8. It is further proposed that we prosecute all cases where officers are guilty of this offence and undertake prosecution of any special cases of other ranks if the circumstances indicate the necessity for doing so.

(P.J.Montague) Major-General,
i/c Administration,
Canadian Military Headquarters

28 Dec 43.

ADAG(B)

1. At folio 104 is my memorandum to the Senior Officer in which I recommend, with reasons, that no further action be taken with regard to the prosecution of O.R. personnel guilty of the offence of bigamy, but that proceedings should be taken where officers are involved.

2. The Senior Officer has now directed that the whole matter be placed before N.D.H.Q. Will you therefore please prepare a draft for an airmail letter to N.D.H.Q. on this subject. This letter should contain a general statement of the situation and recital of the reasons why in most cases action could not be taken until after authority was secured to take commission evidence in Canada (see folio 31); a recital of the fact that DJAG has advised that prosecutions are practicable in 44 cases; a summary of the reasons for and against proceeding in these cases along the lines of my memo at folio 104; a statement by the Senior Officer that he has reached the conclusion, in view of the foregoing, that it is inadvisable to commence proceedings in these cases, and a request for N.D.H.Q.'s views on the subject.


3. The letter should also set out that a considerable number of these cases have been brought to the attention of the Civil authorities who have decided not to prosecute; that if our view is concurred in we will bring all such cases both past and future to the attention of the appropriate Civil authorities, advising them that we will give them all available information and every possible assistance in the event that they decide to prosecute. Also state that we propose to prosecute all cases where officers are guilty of this offence and would undertake the prosecution, in special cases, of other ranks if the circumstances indicate the necessity for doing so.

4. It should be pointed out to N.D.H.Q. that if the decision were taken to prosecute, it would be necessary for N.D.H.Q. to arrange for the taking of commission evidence in Canada in regard to practically all of them.

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5. This letter will require very careful preparation as it is essential the whole matter be placed clearly before N.D.H.Q. In view of the delays already taken place, please deal with this in priority.


(C.S. Booth) Brigadier
O D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters.

28 Dec 43.

Senior Officer.

Bigamy.

1. The following are answers to your questions at folio 105, together with further explanation:-

a) Number of cases prosecuted :

- i) In Civil Courts - 9
- ii) In Field Units by FGCM - Nil
(4 of the above civil prosecutions are from Field Units).
- iii) Units under command CMHQ by FGCM - 3
(5 of the above civil prosecutions).
- iv) Officers - 3. Have been tried by GCM and dismissed the service. One of these ex-Lieut. [REDACTED] has since been tried by Civil Court for 2 additional similar offences.

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Particulars of these are at folios 112 and 113.

b) Lack of notice to you.

- i) I think you were in the picture about a year ago when we were asking Canada to set up machinery to take commission evidence as the bigamy situation was one of the reasons for our request. At that time numbers brought to notice were around 50.
- ii) On 23 Apr 43 I discussed the general situation including numbers, with Brigadier Beament, at which time no action could be taken because we were still awaiting authority re commission evidence.

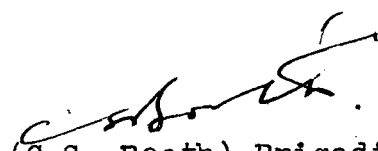
iii) On 30 Apr 43 I received copy of P.C. providing for commission evidence and on that date directed Dis (Lt.Col. Walker) to "at once review" all pending cases to determine where proceedings should be instituted (folio 31). There is no clear indication as to what instructions Dis issued in pursuance of this, but on 10 Aug 43 (folio 86) DJAG passed to AG5a a memorandum together with an analysis of each case and recommendations as to whether or not the soldier should be prosecuted. There is no indication as to what action, if any, AG5a (Capt. H.A. Martin) took in regard to this, and he is not now available.

- iv) My recollection is that about the middle of Nov, Dis (Lt.Col. McDonald) discussed with me the problems involved in regard to the prosecution of these cases, and on my instructions AJAG was requested on 19 Nov 43 (folio 96) to prepare a memorandum setting out the procedure required to be taken etc. in regard to these cases. Memorandum by DJAG d. 25 Nov 43, appears at folio 98; comments of AG5 (29 Nov 43) at folio 101, and memo to me from Dis (4 Dec 43) at folio 102. My memo to you of 6 Dec 43 is at folio 104.

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We discussed
-pb. paper d. 19 Nov 43
(P. J. Montague) Major-General
Senior Officer
Canadian Military Headquarters
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2. Summarized, the situation appears to be as follows:-

- a) Until provision was made to take commission evidence in Canada, it was a practical impossibility to undertake proceedings except in a very few of these cases.
- b) As soon as authority to take commission evidence was secured, instructions were issued by me to Dis to review the situation for the purpose of determining which cases could be prosecuted.
- c) So far as can be determined from the file, it appears either that Dis. (Lt.Col. Walker) failed to carry out my instructions, or, alternatively, that AG5a (Capt. Martin) with whom Dis dealt directly on these matters, failed to carry out instructions to him. In any event, there is an unexplained and unwarranted delay from May until Aug. Again, there is a further unexplained and unwarranted delay between 10 Aug 43 and Nov when Dis (Lt. Col. McDonald) brought the matter to my attention again.
- d) While these delays were inexcusable, the explanation probably is that because AG5a was handling such a very large volume of files, and also because from day to day he was handling minor routine matters on this particular file, he, in the first place, overlooked or neglected to take the necessary action on this matter. I have to point out that as Lt.Col. Walker and Capt. Martin are both not available to explain what they did in regard to this matter, it is not fair to allocate to either of them the blame for this situation.


(C.S. Booth) Brigadier
D.A.G.

Canadian Military Headquarters.

There was never a decision not to prosecute these cases. At pt. 107 paras 3 & 4 DIS takes responsibility for conveying to you a wrong impression in this

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AAG(Dis)

20 Dec 43.

MEMORANDUM

To:
D.A.G.

BIGAMY


1. Further to folio 107, at folio 110 and 112 are lists of members of the Cdn Army who have been tried upon charges of bigamy. You will recall that this was requested by the Senior Officer at folio 105.

2. In the order in which the Senior Officer asked for them, the following are the particulars:-

- (a) Cases prosecuted in the civil courts (folio 110) -
9 cases including 1 of making a false statement under the Marriage Act. All are cases of other ranks, and the convictions cover apparently the whole of England. Sentences run from 1 case of having been bound over, to 12 months imprisonment. One case involved a fine of £50 or 3 months hard labour.
- (b) Cases prosecuted in field units:
 - (i) By the civil authorities (apparently 4)
 - (ii) By FGCM - Nil.
- (c) Cases prosecuted in units under command CMHQ
 - (i) By the civil authorities - 5
 - (ii) By FGCM - 3

3. In addition to the foregoing, 3 officers had been tried by GCM upon a charge of bigamy, and all were sentenced to be dismissed from His Majesty's Service.

*4. Note, one of these since tried by
Civil Court for 2 additional
similar offences.*


(L.R. McDonald) Lt-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters

20/Bigamous/1 (AJAG (Cts))

17 Dec 43

AAG (Dis)

Bigamy

1. Reference your 20/Bigamous/1 of 11 Dec 43, attached hereto, relative to them/n matter.
2. Pursuant to your request, the following information has been obtained in this regard:-

- (a) This Branch has no record of convictions of Cdn personnel by civilian courts. It is understood, however, that such a record is kept by the DPM and he could, no doubt, give you the information which you require in this connection. The only civil prosecution for bigamy of which we have any knowledge is one against [redacted] who was convicted thereof at the Old Bailey of 21 Oct 43 and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. I may also say that ex-Lieut [redacted] whose case is hereinafter noted, was also prosecuted for bigamy at the Old Bailey and convicted thereof. He was sentenced to 3 years' penal servitude. He had been involved in two bigamous marriages.
- (b) There have been no prosecutions by way of FGCM in field units, that is to say, units under command of First Cdn Army.
- (c) The following persons have been charged with bigamy and tried by FGCM in units under command of CMHQ:

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[redacted] 1 CSRU - This soldier was tried by FGCM on a charge of bigamy on 1 Jun 42. He pleaded not guilty but was found guilty and sentenced to undergo imprisonment with hard labour for two years on 1 Jun 42. This was confirmed on 7 Jul 42. In this instance the bigamous marriage occurred on 17 Apr 41 in Wales.

[redacted] 1 CASCRU - This soldier was tried by FGCM on a charge of bigamy on 28 Jan 43. He pleaded not guilty and was found guilty and sentenced to undergo detention for one year on 28 Jan 43. This was confirmed on 1 Feb 43. In this instance the bigamous marriage occurred on 2 Mar 42.

[redacted] Gen Wkshop CFC - This soldier was tried by FGCM on a charge of bigamy on 18 Aug 43. He pleaded not guilty but was found guilty and sentenced to undergo detention for 15 months on 18 Aug 43. This was confirmed on 27 Aug 43. In this instance the bigamous marriage occurred on 28 Feb 42.

3. In addition to the foregoing, three officers have been tried by GCM for bigamy. These are:-

[redacted] 2 CACRU, who was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed.

[redacted] 2 Cdn Fd Regt, who was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed.

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Lieut F.D. Foster. I have been unable to obtain this file but from memory he was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed. I further understand he re-enlisted in the Royal Engineers and was so serving when arrested by the civil authorities for a further bigamous marriage.



(J.J. Kelly) Lt-col
AJAG (Cts)
Canadian Military Headquarters.

MEMORANDUM

To:
D.J.A.G.

20/Bigamous/1
AAG(Dis)

11 Dec 43.

BIGAMY

1. As you are aware, there is an accumulation of some 90 cases in which bigamy appears to have been committed, and the matter is being submitted to the Senior Officer for a declaration of policy.

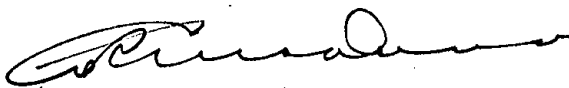
2. He has asked for information concerning the number of cases which have been prosecuted

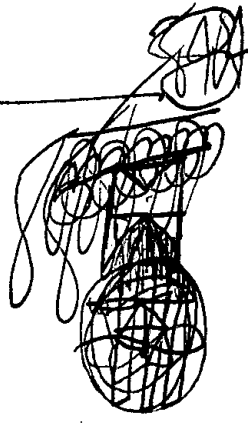
- (a) in civilian courts
- (b) in field units by FGCM
- (c) in units under command of CMHQ by FGCM.

3. Could you please obtain this information including in your list the sentence awarded in each case, and the date of the award. It would also be helpful for the Senior Officer's purposes to include the date of the bigamous marriage.

4. While I appreciate that this will take a little time, I would like to have it as quickly as you can reasonably get it.

5. The file is very much in use at the moment, and I am therefore passing this loose to save time.


(L.R. McDonald) Lieut-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION
CANADIAN PROVOST CORPS
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			1 N.E.T.D.	DUNDEE	3 Jun 43	DUNDEE	6 Mos H.L.
			1 C.E.R.U.	LONDON	25 May 43	LONDON CCC	6 Mos H.L.
			R.C. Regt.	BLACKPOOL	25 Jan 43	LANCASTER	12 Mos Impt.
			1 C.E.R.U.	EDINBURGH	11 Dec 42	EDINBURGH	4 Mos Impt.
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Army Overseas having been convicted for Bigamy,
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LONDON,
18 Dec 43,
RRH/dm

M. Holmes
for (R.J. KIDSTON) Major,
A.P.M. - C.M.H.Q.

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CANADIAN PROVOST CORPS
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[Signature]
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A.P.M. - C.M.H.Q.

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MEMORANDUM

11 Dec 43.

To:
D.A.G.

BIGAMY

1. Re folio 105.
2. I have asked D.J.A.G. to obtain the particulars requested by the Senior Officer in his para 1. They maintain statistics.
3. I am afraid that I may be responsible for the impression gained by the Senior Officer as mentioned in his para 2. He mentioned the matter to me on 9 Dec when I was seeing him about some other things and I am afraid that I did not make myself clear.
4. I did not intend that he should get the impression that a decision had been taken NOT to prosecute. What I was trying to express was that a decision had not been taken to prosecute, pending determination of all of the factors including the amount of work involved.
5. The history of the whole matter is as follows:-
 - (a) Folio 1, 14 Apr 42, memorandum of discussion between then AG5 and then AAG(Pers) in which the policy determined is stated to be the taking of disciplinary action in all cases after investigation.
 - (b) Folio 6, 15 Sep 42, memorandum from then AG5a to then AAG(Pers) with recommendations concerning the taking of disciplinary action, and comments by then AAG(Pers). The recommendations of Pers were:-
 - (i) Charges only in the most flagrant cases.
 - (ii) Sentences limited to maximum of 6 months.
 - (iii) Special consideration in officer cases.
 - (iv) Completion of necessary statistics.
 - (c) Folio 12, 18 Nov 42, memorandum from ADAG(B) to then AAG(Pers) requesting that matter of PC on the subject of commission evidence be expedited.
 - (d) Folio 17, 3 Dec 42, copy of letter from Senior Officer to NDHQ concerning commission evidence with particular reference to bigamy. This letter apparently was not sent.
 - (e) Folio 29, 16 Apr 43, memorandum from then AG5a to AG5 concerning the matter generally with recommendations
 - (i) Cable action to expedite matter of commission evidence.
 - (ii) Consideration be given to making legal personnel available to prosecute, and that all cases pending be referred to JAG Branch to obtain necessary evidence from Canada.

This memorandum is endorsed by then AAG(Dis) 27 Apr 43 with[^]reference to the PC.

- (f) Folio 31, 30 Apr 43, memorandum ADAG(B) to then AAG(Dis) directing that all pending bigamy cases be reviewed at once with a view to determining the problem of instituting proceedings.


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(g) Folio 36, 7 Jul 43, memorandum to AJAG requesting that each case be considered preparatory to discussion of the whole question with AAG(Dis).

(h) Folio 86, 10 Aug 43, memorandum from DJAG to AG5a with detailed recommendations and note on evidence and requisite procedure.

6. The general problem did not come to my personal attention until early Nov of this year. Folio 96 is the result of a discussion which I had with you on 19 Nov, and the matter from then on is familiar to you.

7. I am passing this memorandum to you in the meantime pending the obtaining of the statistical information mentioned above. I will follow that matter up and let you have it just as soon as I receive it.



(L.R. McDonald) Lieut-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters

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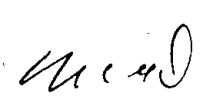
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MEMORANDUM

To: D.J.A.G.

BIGAMY

1. As you are aware, there is an accumulation of some 90 cases in which bigamy appears to have been committed, and the matter is being submitted to the Senior Officer for a declaration of policy.
2. He has asked for information concerning the number of cases which have been prosecuted
 - (a) in civilian courts
 - (b) in field units by FGCM
 - (c) in units under command of CMHQ by FGCM.
3. Could you please obtain this information including in your list the sentence awarded in each case, and the date of the award. It would also be helpful for the Senior Officer's purposes to include the date of the bigamous marriage.
4. While I appreciate that this will take a little time, I would like to have it as quickly as you can reasonably get it.
5. The file is very much in use at the moment, and I am therefore passing this loose to save time.


(L.R. McDonald) Lieut-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters

At fol 31 (30 Apr 43)
directed DIS to review all cases
with view to determining where (in which ones)
proceedings should be taken. 9 Dec 43
D.A.G. CSB

① 1. For further consideration of this matter I require information as to the number of cases which have been prosecuted (a) in the civilian courts, (b) in field units, (c) in units under comd CMHQ.

② 2. In considering the matter I was amazed to learn of the large accumulation of these cases. I had never been informed, verbally or otherwise, that this was going on. I am now told that some time ago, date uncertain, it was decided at this Headquarters that no further proceedings would be taken. This was a definite question of policy, on which there should have been a submission to me and a ruling given. I wish to have full particulars with regard to this unauthorized practice and decision

DIS
1. Secure ①

2. I have no knowledge of (P.J. Montague) Major-General Senior Officer Canadian Military Headquarters
of (B). What do you know about

(C. S. Edgar) Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Canadian Military Headquarters

9 DEC 1940

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6 Dec 43.

Senior Officer.

1. At the present time there are approximately 90 undisposed of cases of bigamy in which Canadian Army Overseas personnel are involved.

2. As you know for a very long time it was quite impossible for us to institute proceedings in the vast majority of cases because of the impossibility of securing evidence from Canada in regard to the first marriage, identity of parties, etc. A few months ago, provision was made by P.C. Order for evidence to be taken on commission so that it is now possible to secure the necessary evidence in normal cases.

3. At folio 86 is a letter from DJAG and attached to it is a summary of cases to that date with recommendations, etc., as to whether or not proceedings could or should be commenced. At folio 98 is a memorandum from DJAG setting out the various steps required to be taken in prosecuting bigamy cases together with recommendation by DJAG (folio 97, para 7) that the matter should be dropped. At folio 102 is recommendation of AAG(Dis) to the same effect, with the exception that he recommends that in officer cases proceedings should be taken.

4. I have considered this matter and now list herewith the reasons for and against taking proceedings in these cases. These are as follows:-

a) Reasons for proceeding.

- i) It is a civil offence punishable by the law of U.K.
- ii) These offences do tend to bring Cdn. Army into disrepute.
- iii) The best deterrent is punishment.

b) Reasons against proceeding.

- i) It is primarily the duty of the civil authorities to handle these cases. If they will not undertake to prosecute, with whatever assistance we can give, they can have no substantial grounds for complaint if we fail to proceed.
- ii) While these cases do bring the Cdn. Army into

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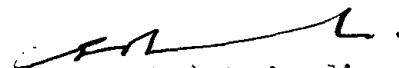
disrepute, they do so to a much lesser degree than many other kinds of offences.

- iii) In order to handle the 90 cases a tremendous amount of work would be involved, and could only be done at the expense of other and to us more important duties.
- iv) A considerable number of cases are statute barred (3 years RF 36A(iii) and many others will be before action can be taken. In view of necessity for commission evidence in practically every case, proceeding will in most cases take many months to complete. Due to the difficulty of locating witnesses, securing evidence, etc. it is probable that many prosecutions will fail. The effect of a considerable number of offenders "getting away with it" in this way would be harmful.
- v) It is probable that in many cases, the wives in Canada and/or the victims here would be very reluctant to give evidence, thus increasing our difficulties.
- vi) The problem is a diminishing one, largely due to the fact that registrars will not issue a marriage licence without a certificate of permission to marry from the C.O., so that the necessity for exemplary punishments is minimized. The figures, so far as I have them are:

1940 - 8; 1941 - 40; 1942 - 34; 1943 - 6.
- vii) Generally speaking, commission of the offence of bigamy is no indication that the man is not a good soldier. There is merit in the argument that at this time the national interest requires that every fit man should be required to fight. Prosecution of any considerable number would tie up considerable manpower who might be otherwise better employed and conviction would deprive us of many good fighting soldiers; it would also further load our already overtaxed detention facilities.

3.

5. In view of the above, I have, with some reluctance, been forced to the conclusion that no further action should be taken in regard to these offences insofar as O.Rs. are concerned. Proceedings should be taken where officers are involved; I therefore recommend accordingly.


(C.S. Booth) Brigadier
D.A.G.

Canadian Military Headquarters.

(P. J. Montague) Major-General
Senior Officer
Canadian Military Headquarters
28 DEC 1943

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4 Dec 43.

MEMORANDUM

To:
D.A.G.

Prosecution of Bigamous Marriages.

1. At folio 98 Lt-Col Kelly has analysed the bigamy situation. There are for all practical purposes 90 cases awaiting prosecution should we decide so to do. Comments by A.G.5 are at folio 101.

2. Lt-Col Kelly feels that these prosecutions should not be proceeded with, and the reasons are, in my opinion, quite sound. I feel that the time and expense involved even though a number of soldiers would, in all probability, plead guilty, is most disproportionately large to the benefit which can be derived. As I see it, the whole result would be to produce some 80 or 90 inmates for Col Shankland's institution with the resultant loss of good manpower.

3. I feel myself that discipline is not going to suffer by non-prosecution of these cases. I think that it is only a peculiar type of individual who indulges in this sort of stupidity and that fear of penal consequences is not a particularly serious factor. He will undoubtedly have plenty to worry about without that.

X 4. The fact that the offence is not a military one does not in itself impress me particularly. The paramount consideration is to maintain discipline in the Army as a whole, and whether an offence is civil or military, its effect on discipline generally is the chief consideration.

yes 5. I would therefore recommend that as a matter of policy we should assist the civil authorities if they wish to prosecute, but that we ourselves should not do so in any cases.

agree 6. I do recommend one exception, and I think it is justified. If an officer commits the offence of bigamy we should prosecute. I feel that it is a perfectly reasonable distinction to make.

(P. J. Montague) Major-General
Senior Officer
Military Headquarters
8 DEC 1943

(L.R. McDonald) Lieut-Col
A.A.G.(Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters

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To: A.A.G.(Dis)

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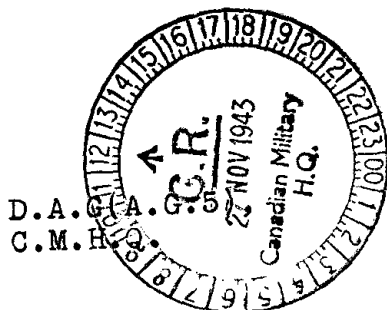
1. Reference memorandum from D.J.A.G. at fo 98.
2. I agree with the opinions and recommendation of D.J.A.G.
3. The offence of bigamy is purely a civil offence. I think its commission by members of the Cdn Army does not bring disrepute on the Army or on Canada as a whole, but is recognised as a purely personal matter in each case. The civil authorities are perfectly capable of dealing with the offence if they choose to do so. The difficulties of proof are often serious, and for this reason in most cases the civil authorities have not prosecuted and probably will not do so. The difficulty of proof of the requisite ingredients of the offence are almost if not quite as difficult under military procedure, and furthermore in view of the substantial number of cases if proceedings were to be commenced a special staff would be required for the purpose.
4. For all of the above reasons, and particularly because the offence is not in any sense a military offence, I recommend that no action be taken by the military authorities for the prosecution of offences of bigamy unless the very special circumstances of any particular case seem to require special consideration and action.
5. May I receive your instructions, please.

I don't agree
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P. H. Montague Major-General
Senior Officer
Canadian Military Headquarters
8 DEC 1943

B. B. Osler
(B. B. Osler) Major
A/A.G.5
Canadian Military Headquarters.

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Unit Pay Section.
26 Nov 43.



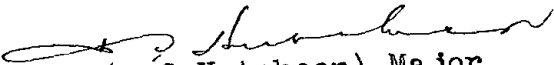
Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/29 Oct 43 regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		10 Cdn.Gen.Hospital, R.C.A.M.C.	Worthing, Sussex. 29 Jun 42.
		1 Cdn.Base Ord.Depot.	Kensington. 15 May 43.
		7 Cdn.Inf.Reinf.Unit.	Melton Bridge, West Lothian, Scotland. 18 Jul 42.

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(D.S.Hutcheon), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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D. A. G. (A. G. 5),
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Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

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		2 Cdn.Fld.Park Coy. R.C.E.	5 Dec 42. Register Office, Surrey, South Western.
		1 C.O.R.U.	5 Dec 41 Register Office Willesden, Middlesex.
		HQ Sqn. 5 Cdn. Armd. Brigade.	9 May 42. Farncombe, Surrey.
		4 Coy., C.F.C.	10 Aug 42. Aberdeen, Scotland.
		Carleton & York Regiment.	17 Feb 41. Basingstoke, Southampton.
		17 Cdn.Field Regt. RCA.	24 Dec 40. Woking, Surrey.
		2 C.I.B.Workshop, RCOC.	Surrey South-Western, Surrey.

L. M. Wyndham
(M. M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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25 Nov 43

MEMORANDUM

Prosecution of Bigamous Marriages

1. With further reference to the memo of 19 Nov 43 at fo 96, it is considered that the proper procedure to be adopted is that an ordinary Summary of Evidence should be commenced in each case. All possible evidence available in this country should be recorded and the Summary then adjourned in order that any necessary evidence from witnesses in Canada be obtained on commission and the Summary thereby completed. The taking of the Summary of Evidence shall be the responsibility of the unit concerned, although this Branch shall assist the units in every possible way.

2. The items to be proved to substantiate the charge are as follows:-

- (a) The First Marriage - This should be proved by the production of the attestation paper. The particulars of the attestation paper contain an admission of a prior marriage. This constitutes prima facie evidence that a former marriage has been celebrated according to law. In addition to this, an expert in the law of the Province where the first marriage took place will give evidence as to the laws relating to marriage in that particular Province. He will then produce a certificate of the first marriage and will swear that it is in the form prescribed by the law of the Province concerned. This expert will then go on to testify that in his opinion the marriage was a valid marriage and that the marriage certificate which he has produced makes proof of the contents therein stated.
- (b) Identity - A Pay officer will produce MFM 16 (application for DA), properly certified under Overseas RO 3131. This document also contains an admission that the accused was married. He will also produce MFM 17 (assignment of pay) and MFM 5 (particulars of family).

The unit Paymaster will then produce an Acquittance Roll or pay book or some document signed by the accused the signature on which he can positively identify as being that of the accused. He will compare this with the signatures on the other documents and will certify that in his opinion the signatures are identical.

- (c) The Second Marriage - This will be proved by the production of the certificate of marriage. This document proves itself and can be obtained from the Registry Office. This document should be produced by one of the witnesses to the second marriage who shall identify the accused as being one of the parties to the second marriage.
- (d) First Wife alive at time of Second Marriage - This is the weak link in the case and without obtaining evidence on commission the only proof available is evidence by the unit Paymaster to the fact that no application has been made for the cancellation of Dependents' Allowance. It is considered that this is not sufficient proof on this point and that evidence on commission is essential to ensure that the charge shall not fail. With regard to the evidence on commission, if it is possible the first wife should be called - here it must be remembered that she is not a compellable witness though she is competent. She should give evidence of the first marriage and may strengthen the identity angle by

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describing her husband and, if possible, producing a picture or photograph of him.

If the first wife will not testify then one of the witnesses to the first marriage may be called. This witness should swear to the fact of the first marriage and state all the circumstances relating thereto. This witness might also describe the man taking part in the ceremony.

On the actual point of the wife being alive at the date of the second marriage, a witness can declare that at the date of the second marriage the first wife was alive. The mother of the first wife would be an excellent witness in this respect but any person who can swear that on the given date the first wife was alive will be satisfactory. This witness can also swear that the man taking part in the ceremony is a soldier and may possibly describe him accurately.

3. 75 files have already been reviewed by this Branch, each dealing with alleged bigamous marriages and from the book referred to in para 2 of the memo at fo 96 there appear to be some 11 more cases which have not been submitted to this Branch -

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. In all, therefore, there is a total of 86 cases. Not all of these can be proceeded with as in several instances any action under the Army Act has become outlawed (AA 161 and RP 36A (iii)). In other cases, for various reasons, it was suggested by this Branch that no action be taken. The cases which are barred by lapse of time, together with those where it is felt no proceedings should be taken number 19, so, if the advice of this Branch is accepted, as set out at fos 57-86 inclusive, the minimum number of prosecutions will be 67. Under AA 161 and RP 36A (iii) action under the Army Act is barred if the time which elapsed between the commission of the offences and the beginning of the trial is more than three years. This Branch interprets "the beginning of the trial" as meaning the actual date on which the trial itself starts. Thus, it must be borne in mind that more of these cases will be outlawed before the accused soldiers can be brought to trial - as the gathering of the evidence, especially that taken on commission, the taking of a Summary etc. will involve time in each case.

4. As stated above, action under the Army Act in many of these cases will be barred before ~~their~~ ^{the} cases can be brought to trial as the taking of the commission evidence will necessarily take considerable time. It should be remembered then that if these cases are proceeded with it will have the unfortunate effect of the more recent bigamists being punished while those earlier offenders, who set the example, will go free.

5. With charges of this nature, if trial by court-martial is ordered, it is considered that a JA should be appointed to act at each trial as bigamy charges are sometimes more difficult to prove than ordinary military offences. It is impossible to make any sound estimate of the stenographic help that will be necessary, but as the trials may be difficult for the usual lay court it is felt that court reporters should be employed. It can be appreciated that the recording and the transcription of so many trials will entail a great deal of labour.

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6. Difficulty will doubtless be encountered with regard to the scattered locations of the units of the Cdn Army concerned - this same difficulty will be encountered in procuring the attendance of the necessary witnesses. Many of the bigamous marriages occurred some time ago and it may be difficult in some cases to procure the attendance of essential witnesses. Again, if certain witnesses are not procurable, it will mean that some offenders are punished and some are not for only this reason. There will be no consistency as to which cases are tried and which are not.

7. The offence of bigamy is purely a civil offence yet the civil authorities have so far prosecuted few of these and have indicated in other instances that they do not wish to prefer charges. Their greatest difficulty is that of obtaining the necessary proof - but the same difficulty exists for military authority. In view of paras 3, 4, 5 and 6 above and having especial regard to the fact that bigamy is essentially a civil offence, I do not believe these prosecutions should be proceeded with. It is my opinion that the expense and the loss in time involved should not be undertaken by the Cdn Army for the punishment of offences so basically civilian as these are.

8. It should be noted that action under the Army Act has been barred in some further cases since my memo to AG 5a of 10 Aug. These cases are:

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- 16 Nov 43
- 22 Sep 43
- 11 Oct 43

In addition, action will be barred under the Army Act in the following cases on the following dates:

- 22 Jan 44
- 1 Feb 44
- 24 Dec 43
- 28 Nov 43
- 28 Nov 43
- 8 Jan 43

The dates upon which action will be barred under the Army Act in connection with the a/m 11 cases not yet submitted to this Branch are not known.

W.A.I. Anglin
(W.A.I. Anglin) Colonel
DJAG
Canadian Military Headquarters

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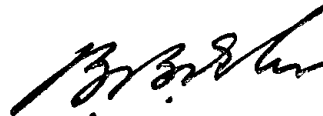
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19 Nov 43

Prosecution of Bigamous Marriages

1. Confirming telephone conversation (Osler -Lt.col. Norris) it is requested that you will prepare a memorandum for the D.A.G. covering the procedure to be taken if we are to proceed with charges in respect of all cases of bigamous marriage in the U.K., including an outline of the magnitude of the work involved, the staff (both legal and stenographic etc.) necessary to handle it, and the difficulties which may be expected in view of the fact that soldiers who may be charged are scattered throughout units of the Canadian Army both in the U.K. and elsewhere. Please also include your recommendations concerning the advisability, or otherwise, of proceeding, and reasons therefor.

2. Handed to you herewith is file 20/Bigamous/1 on which, at folios 57-86 inclusive, you will find information recorded which will probably be useful to you in connection with the above. Also with the enclosed file is a book showing a record alphabetically of men whom it is alleged may be guilty of bigamy, most of whom are listed in the a/m folios of said file. May the enclosed book please be returned as soon as convenient as it is in use regularly in this Branch.



(B.B. Osler) Major
A/A.G.5.
Canadian Military Headquarters

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1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/20 Aug 43,
regarding the m/n subject.

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.
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7 Nov 42.
Croydon, England.

(Wife bigamist).
9 Jul 43 married

Stirling, Scotland.
Married soldier
26 Feb 42, Farnborough,
Southampton.

Is Hayes also
a bigamist? If
not he should
not be named
here.

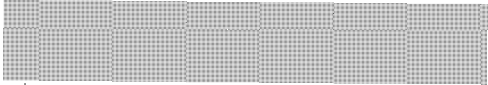
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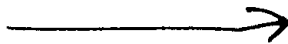
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No.	Name.	Unit.	Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		5 C.I.R.U.	Register Office. Epsom, Surrey, Mid-Eastern District, County of Surrey. 7 Nov 42.


(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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20/Bigamous/1
(A.G.5a)

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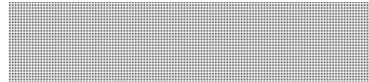
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J.A.G.

10 Aug 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1. Herewith two additional files relating to the m/n matter:-
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2. May the usual action be taken please to determine whether the m/n soldiers should be prosecuted for the apparent bigamous marriages committed by them.

(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

20/Bigamous/1

10/[REDACTED]/1

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MEMORANDUM

J.A.G. (Courts)

5 Aug 43.

[REDACTED]
Bigamous Marriages

1. The C.M.H.Q. 10/ file of Gnr [REDACTED] and the Pay file of [REDACTED] are forwarded for your examination and advice as to prosecution for bigamy.
2. As the Pay file is in fairly constant use, it is requested that the case of Pte [REDACTED] be given any priority possible so that the file may be returned to the C.P.H.

H.A.M.
(H.A.Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.

Canadian Military Headquarters

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PA → 20/Bigamous/1
(A.G.5a)

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M E M O R A N D U M

J.A.G.

10 Aug 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1. Herewith two additional files relating to the m/n matter:-

10, [REDACTED] /2
10, [REDACTED] /1

2. May the usual action be taken please to determine whether the m/n soldiers should be prosecuted for the apparent bigamous marriages committed by them.

H. A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

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P.A. to



20/Bigamous/1 (AG5a)


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M E M O R A N D U M

J.A.G. (Courts)

3 Aug 43.


First Canadian Army Signals

1. Herewith Pay file relating to the m/n soldier.
2. May the necessary action be taken please to review the evidence available with a view to prosecuting the soldier for his apparent bigamous marriage.
3. In view of the fact that this file is required by Pay from time to time, it is requested that this case be given any priority possible

Sgd. "H. A. M."

(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

P.A. to 20/Bigamony 4/1

D.A.G.(A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

20/Bigamony 1/90
DIS

> Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/13 Aug 43, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		1 Cdn. Artillery Reinf. Unit.	Register Office, Worthing, West Sussex. 29 Jun 42.

Listed in Beg. Book
ASR 23 Aug 43

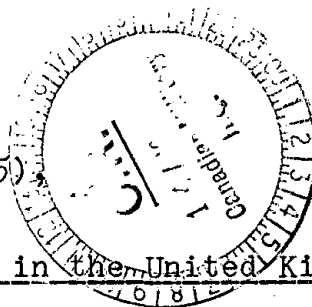
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[Signature]
(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas

REGISTRY
Can. H.H. H.Q.
Law Trac... J.H. 4.....
Date... 21 F. 43.....

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D.A.G.(A.G.5)
C.M.H.Q.



PA 6 → 20/Bigamous 89
Dis.

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/7 Aug 43, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

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No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		2 C.C.S., RCAMC.	Parish Church, Bentley, Southampton. 21 Jun 41.

Already noted
in Bigamy Ledger
DKR 16 Aug 43

(Signature)
M. M. Wyndham, Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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20/Bigamous/1 (AG5a)

C.P.M. (Pay 2c)

12 Aug 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1 Cdn Eng Rft Unit
M.T. Inspectorate CMHQ

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Reference your PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c) d/7 Aug 43.

1. May the Pay files of the m/n soldiers be forwarded please so that consideration may be given to prosecuting these soldiers for their apparent bigamous marriages in the U.K.

Hm
(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

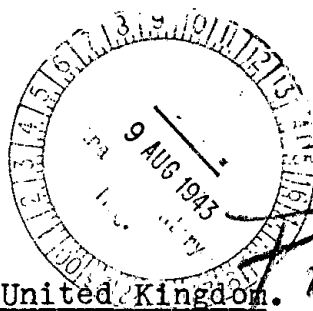
121 J.A.G. (Cmty)

1. PEs return on MONDAY by hand.

Hm
ACSA

17/12/Bigamous/157
(Pay 2c).
Chief Paymaster's Office
7 Aug 43.

D.A.G.(A.G.5a),
C.M.H.Q.



Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/23 Jul 43,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		1 Cdn.Eng.Reinf. Unit.	St.George's Catholic Cathedral, Southwark. 5 Nov 40.
		M.T. Inspectorate, C.M.H.Q.	Registry Office, Surrey-North-Eastern. 8 Mar 41.

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*Noted in Bigamous
to Reg. Dist 11/8/43*

[Signature]
(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

CENTRAL REGISTRY
COMM. MAIL. REG.
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(JAG-JA 1)

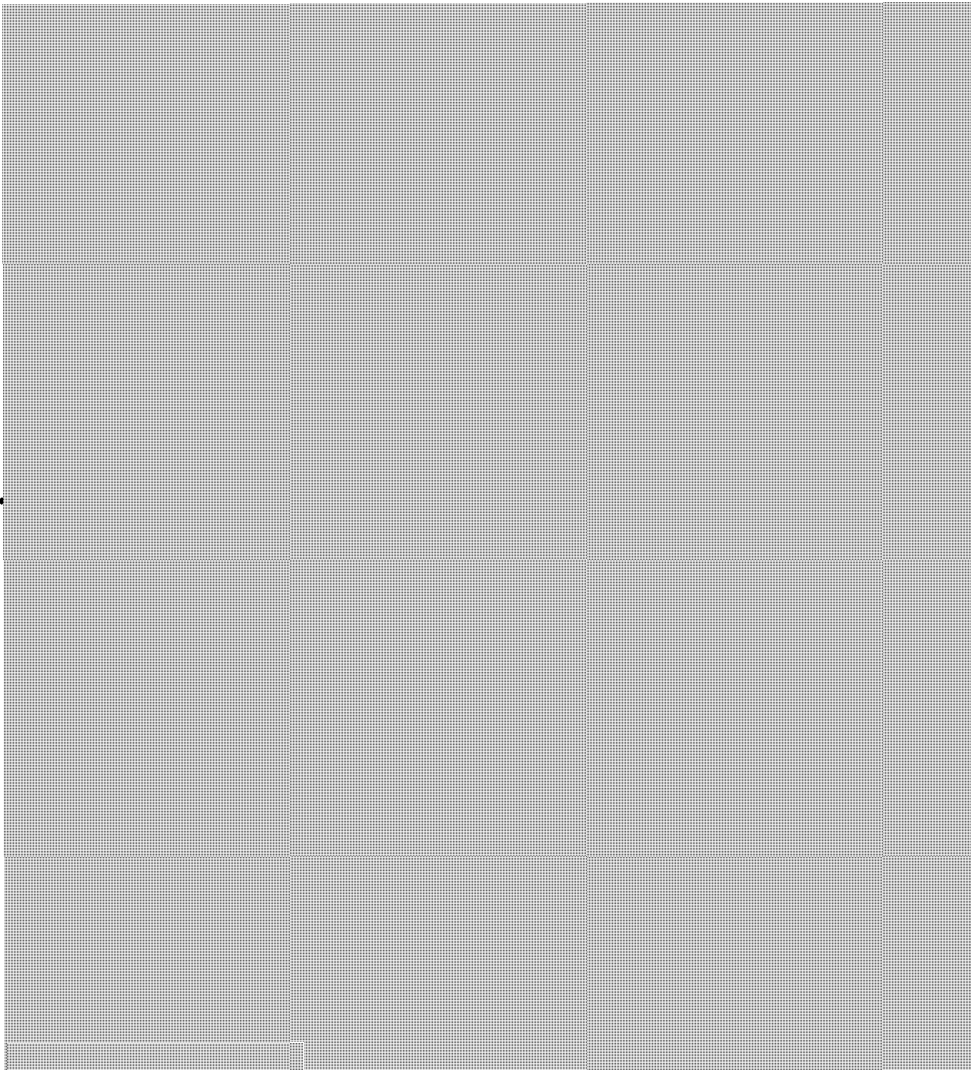
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(P. J. Montague) Major-General
Senior Officer
Canadian Military Headquarters
8 DEC 1943

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1. Please find annexed on this file folios 58-85 inclusive, being the results of the review of the bigamy files forwarded to this Branch. You will note that in each case a recommendation has been made as to whether or not the soldier involved should be prosecuted for bigamy.
2. With regard to the proof necessary in each case your attention is invited to fo 57 on the file where the items which must be proved in prosecutions of this nature are set out. In this respect a recent memorandum to you on 10/McLean RG/1 may be of some practical assistance. ✓
3. If you concur in the recommendations on this file, it is suggested that immediate steps be taken to obtain the proof necessary in each case. You will note from the individual reports that some actions are already barred under the Army Act (RP 36A (iii)) and that some others soon will be. ✓
4. You will also find returned herewith the following files which have been forwarded to this Branch at one time or another:-

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[REDACTED]

5. Three other files dealing with [REDACTED] Pte [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Pte [REDACTED] have already been returned to you at your request.

6. A copy of the review of each case has been placed on the file relating to that case.

W.A.I. Anglin
(W.A.I. Anglin) Colonel
DJAG
Canadian Military Headquarters

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No. Rank & Name

Unit

First
Marriage

Second
Marriage

Explanation
by Soldier

Recommendation

Seaforth
Highrs of
Canada

This soldier was
tried in a civil
court for having
procured a
marriage licence
by giving false
information and
was sentenced to
90 days imprison-
ment. In view of
this I think he
has been suffic-
iently punished
and that this
case should not
be prosecuted.

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RCASC

This should be
prosecuted

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
84 [REDACTED]	2 Anti-Tank Regt, RCA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Left his first wife in 1930 and believed that she had divorced him.	[REDACTED] knew his first wife alive at date of enlistment. This should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	RCAMC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil, except that [REDACTED] was contemplating a divorce from legal wife in Canada	This should be prosecuted
[REDACTED]	RCE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] had obtained a decree absolute in the State of Minnesota regarding his first marriage and believed that his divorce was good.	Gibson acted in good faith and accordingly I believe this should not be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	RCASC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] claims his first wife had deserted him.	This should be prosecuted

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
83 [REDACTED]	Seaforth Highrs of Canada	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] claims his first wife was a common law wife but this is shown to be false from the file.	This should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	RCASC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] declares his first wife is in the Verdun Insane Asylum in Montreal. [REDACTED] holds the O.B.E. [REDACTED] has sought advice from the Legal Aid Section of this Branch and has been advised to let things stand.	While bigamy has been committed I think this is an unfortunate case and that it should not be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	Cdn Forestry Corps	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted.

Explanation by Soldier Recommendation

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
82 [REDACTED]	R.C.A.S.C.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] believes his marriage ended by divorce, papers being served on him in 1937. He did not defend the action and assumed the divorce had been granted.	As [REDACTED] was in good faith I do not believe that this should be prosecuted. In addition to this, any action under the Army Act will be barred on 16 Nov 43.
[REDACTED]	Headquarters C.R.U.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] marriage to [REDACTED] was annulled when it was shown that [REDACTED] was already married. She was convicted of bigamy. However; [REDACTED] had already had a wife in Canada. A decree nisi was issued with relation to his first marriage in Canada and [REDACTED] in good faith, thought that he was free.	Consequently, I believe this should not be prosecuted. Any action under the Army Act will be barred on 24 Dec 43

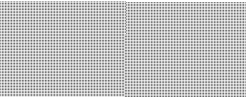
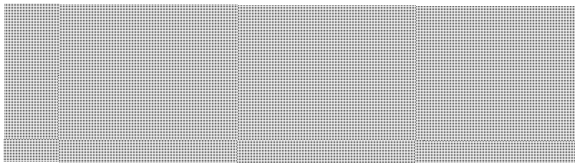
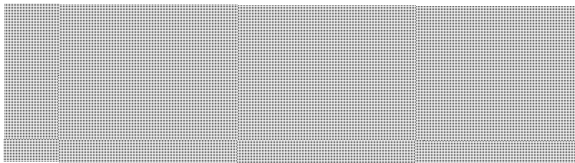
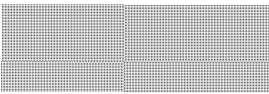
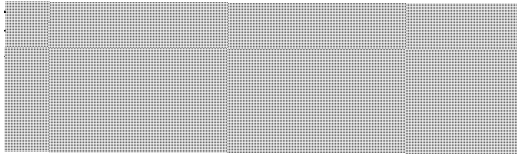
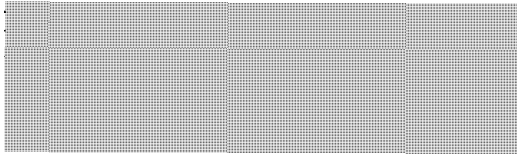


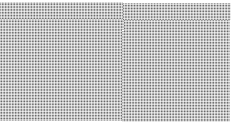
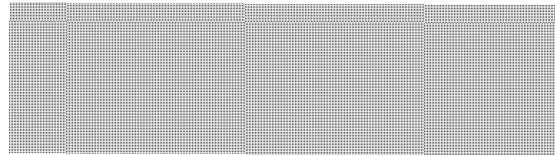
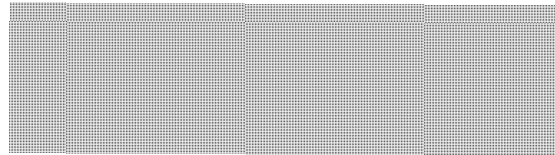
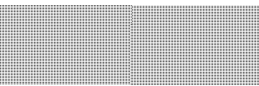
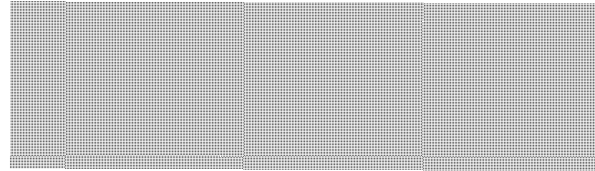
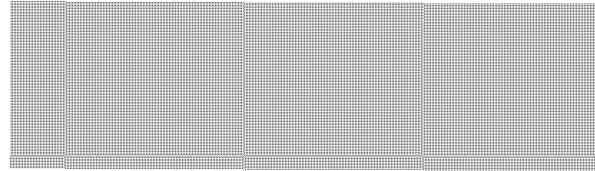


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No. Name & Rank	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
81	Royal Winni- peg Rifles			Nothing has been heard of the first wife and [redacted] en- listed as a single man.	[redacted] could probably successfully defend himself on the ground that he assumed his wife dead after a period of seven years. I believe the action would fail on the evidence available and, for that reason, think it should not be prosecuted.
	R.C.R.			Nil	Pte [redacted] has already been tried in a civil court on a charge of bigamy and was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, consequently this should not be prosecuted.

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No. Name & Rank	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
2 [REDACTED]	Calgary Highrs	Pte [REDACTED] was married in Canada - particulars unknown	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] believes he was divorced from his first wife and therefore free to marry	It was [REDACTED] himself who instituted divorce proceedings and then took no further action. Consequently, I believe this should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	Canadian Training School	[REDACTED] in Toronto in Jan 22. On learning [REDACTED] was already married he married [REDACTED] in Toronto on 6 Nov 28	[REDACTED]		We are not concerned with the two Toronto marriages, the second of which is probably bigamous. With the marriage in this country, it is probable that Paddle could successfully defend himself on the ground that he presumed his wife to be dead. For that reason, I do not think this case should be prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
 79	R.C.A.S.C.			Nil	This should be prosecuted.
	1 Corps Sigs, RCCS			 insists that he was not married on 8 Apr 31 although NDHQ has advised definitely that he did marry  at that time.	This should be prosecuted.
	Hast. & P.E. Regt.			Nil	I believe this case should be prosecuted.
	2 Fd Pk Coy, RCE			 states he divorced  at Alberquerque sometime in 1929. However, nothing on the file substantiates that the divorce was ever obtained.	While this case is doubtful, I believe it should be prosecuted.

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
78 [REDACTED]	West Nova Scotia Regt.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This case should be prosecuted for the sake of consistency but it is doubtful if the necessary evidence can be obtained by 28 Nov 43 after which date no action can be taken under the Army Act.
[REDACTED]	H.Q. 2 Cdn Div, RCA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] states that he has been separated from his legal wife for 11 years.	I believe this case should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	48 Highrs of Canada	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] first marriage was apparently unhappy and he left his legal wife some 10 years ago owing to her misconduct with other men.	This should be prosecuted

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
97 [REDACTED]	No. 1 Base Depot	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted
[REDACTED]	H.Q. 2 Arm'd Bde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] believes his first marriage was illegal as his wife was under age and the marriage was never consummated	This should be prosecuted
[REDACTED]	26 rd Bty, RCA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The legal [REDACTED] had a child from some person other than [REDACTED]. There are indications from the file that divorce proceedings were being started by [REDACTED] in Nov 42.	This should be prosecuted as [REDACTED] married a second time before he instituted divorce proceedings.

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No. Rank & Name

Unit

First
MarriageSecond
Marriage

The soldier had I do not believe
obtained a this case should
decree nisi re- be prosecuted.
garding his
first marriage.
The evidence
indicates that
Welch truly
believed this
to be a decree
absolute. In
fact, his first
wife had re-
married and this
also caused
Welch to believe
he was validly
divorced.

Toronto
Scottish

RCASC
1 Cdn Div

obtained In view of this
a decree ab- I do not think
solute in this case should
Detroit and be prosecuted.
believed that
this was a valid
divorce, not
realizing it
was ineffect-
ive in view of
the fact that
he was domi-
ciled in
Michigan,
where the pro-
ceedings took
place.

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No. Rank & Name

Unit

First
MarriageSecond
MarriageExplanation
by Soldier

Recommendation

12 Fd Regt
RCA

Nil

I believe this
should be pro-
secuted.3 Fd Coy,
RCE

ns

This is a
case where
it is the wife
who has com-
~~mitted bigamy~~
and apparent-
ly she has been
dealt with by
the civil
authorities.

There is no case
against Spr.4 Fd Coy,
RCE

No explanation
other than the
allegation
of his first
wife's mis-
conduct and
the statement
that he married

From the file it
appears that
this soldier
has been returned
to Canada. Any
action should be
taken there.

as she
was pregnant
allegedly by
reason of her
dealings with a
man called Smith.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
[REDACTED]	9 Cdn Non-Div Ord W/Shp RCOC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted.
74 [REDACTED]	14 Army Tank Bn	[REDACTED]	In Edinburgh on 14 Jul 41	Nil	very little evidence is on the "10" file in this case, but I believe this should be investigated further and prosecuted if bigamy does exist.
[REDACTED]	No. 1 CERU	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	While bigamy has undoubtedly been committed, under the Army Act the proceedings will be prescribed on 22 Sep 43. As the evidence will most likely be unobtainable by that time, I suggest that this case not be prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name

Unit

First
MarriageSecond
Marriage

Nil, except for
indications that
the first
marriage was
unhappy

[REDACTED] is present-
ly serving 2
years' detention
for a charge of
desertion.
His earliest
possible release
is 2 Aug 44.
In view of this,
I am of the
opinion that
this should not
be prosecuted.

R.H.L.I.

Married in
Canada - par-
ticulars not
on file

R.C.A.S.C.

Nil

I am of the
opinion that
proper evidence
should be ob-
tained and that
this case should
then be prosecuted.

No. 6 Prov
Coy.

Nil

I believe proper
evidence should
be obtained and
that this case
should then be
prosecuted.

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
926 [REDACTED]	Hast & P.E. Regt. - No 1 C.D.I.R.U.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] states he instituted divorce proceedings in Canada in 1940, but that the proceedings fell through on the death of his legal adviser.	When proper proof has been obtained I believe this case should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	6 Wing, Cdn Training School	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] states he has obtained a divorce, but no particulars can be found in his records.	When proper proof has been obtained, I believe this case should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	No 1 C.E.R.U.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil, except that [REDACTED] has declared that he was not married at home. Information from NDHQ is directly contrary to this.	I believe this case should be prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name

Unit

First
MarriageSecond
MarriageExplanation
by Soldier

Recommendation

7 A/Pk Regt,
RCA

Nil

Proper evidence
should be obtained
and this case
should then be
prosecuted.

14 Fd Regt
RCA

Nil

Proper proof
should be obtained
and this case
then prosecuted

13 Fd Coy,
RCE

Nil

This should be
prosecuted when
proper proof has
been obtained.

states
he did not
know he was
going through
a marriage
ceremony.

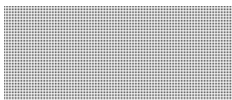
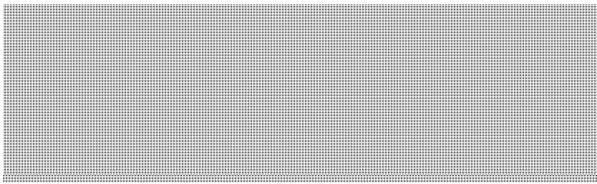

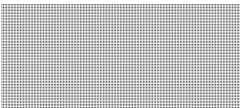

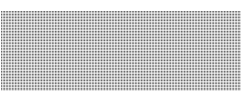

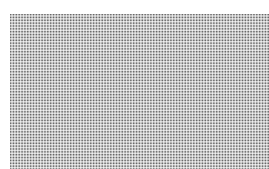

expresses
surprise that
anybody should
be interested
in his relation-
ship with Miss

Proper proof
should be obtained
and this case then
prosecuted

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
██████████ 96	11 Cdn Tk Regt	First wife in Canada residing at Oshawa, Ont.	Wife in Glasgow - par- ticulars of marriage not on file	Nil	When proper evidence has been obtained this case should be prosecuted.
██████████	4 Cdn Fd Coy, RCE	This occurred in Canada sometime in 1925	██████████	██████████ de- clares he had been separated from his legal wife since 1926	This matter should be further investigated and should be prosecuted if the evidence warrants such proceedings.
██████████	No. 2 Motor Amb Convoy, RCASC	████████████████████	██████████	Nil	Proper proof should be obtained and this case then prosecuted.
██████████		████████████████████	██████████	Nil, although ██████████ may have taken some action in 1942 to obtain a divorce from his legal wife.	This case, while ordinarily calling for prosecution has now been pre- scribed under RP. 36(a)(3) and no prosecution under the Army Act is possible.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
 69	R. 22e R.			Nil	This case should be prosecuted if the necessary evidence can be obtained prior to 11 Oct 43, at which date it will be prescribed under the Army Act.
	RCASC	File indicates has a wife and child living in Montreal, Que.		 informed his bigamous wife that had not lived with his legal wife for five years and that this constituted an automatic divorce.	This should be prosecuted if the necessary evidence can be obtained prior to 28 Nov 43, at which date it will be prescribed under the Army Act.
	No. 1 C.E.R.U.	File shows  has a wife residing in Toronto, Ont.		 is not satisfied with his legal wife's conduct.	This should be prosecuted.

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by Soldier

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No. 7 C.I.R.U. File shows
[redacted] has
a wife in
Canada, but
that she did
not live with
him for 6
months pre-
ceding his
enlistment.

Nil

There is little
evidence on file re
the first marriage
If investigation
shows that this
marriage has not
been dissolved
or that [redacted]
cannot avail
himself of the
seven year defence
this case should
be prosecuted.

No. 3
C.A.R.U.

Nil, other
than declar-
ation by
[redacted] that
he was "madly
in love with
[redacted].

This should be
prosecuted.

No. 1
C.I.R.U.

File shows
[redacted] has
a wife at
Peterborough,
Ont.

Nil

This should be
prosecuted. From
the file it
appears that
[redacted] also ob-
tained the sum of
£30 from Miss
[redacted]

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
69 [REDACTED]		File shows [REDACTED] to have been married on enlistment.	[REDACTED]	Nil	Proper proof should be obtained and if bigamy exists, this case should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	1 Cdn Fd Coy, RCE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	No. 2 C.I.R.U.	at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, on 18 Aug 34	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted when proper proof has been obtained.
[REDACTED]	85 Bridge Coy, RCASC	File shows [REDACTED] married prior to his arrival in UK.	[REDACTED]	Nil	This should be prosecuted.

No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
66 [REDACTED]	No 1 Fd Coy, RCE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] states he told [REDACTED] he had a divorce and was free to remarry	If no proof is available to show the dissolution of the first marriage this should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	Hast & P.E. Regt	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Divorce proceedings are being taken.	This should be prosecuted. This NCO has recently been recommended for the Efficiency Medal.
[REDACTED]	Westminster Regt (Motor)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	This file is not clear with regard to the offence of bigamy. There are indications that [REDACTED] may have had two wives in Canada, one of which may have been divorced from him. It does appear, however, that there was one Mrs. [REDACTED] at the time [REDACTED] married [REDACTED] In view of this, I believe the matter should be investigated further and prosecuted if [REDACTED] exists. 100051 3

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
[REDACTED] 65	1 C.G.R.U.	An unknown person on 20 May 24 at Toronto, Ont.	[REDACTED]	Nil, other than the fact that [REDACTED] legal wife was an inmate of a mental home at Mimico Ont. on the date of the second ceremony.	This should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	Essex Scottish Regt.	File indicates [REDACTED] has a wife in the U.S.A.	[REDACTED]	Nil.	From the file it appears that Pte [REDACTED] has been missing since the Dieppe operation. Consequently, this should not be prosecuted. In addition to this it may be that his first marriage was dissolved by divorce.
[REDACTED]	HQ First Cdn Army	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] apparently at one time believed himself to be a bachelor.	Proper proof should be obtained and this case prosecuted.	

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No 7 L.A.D.
att 1 Fd
Regt, RCHA

There is no doubt that [REDACTED] knew he had already married. He states that he was prevailed upon by Miss [REDACTED] again and again to get married and that he did actually do so while under the influence of liquor.

This case is undoubtedly one of bigamy. I believe that [REDACTED] was inveigled into the second marriage and that he has no good legal defence. While it may be harsh, I believe this case should be prosecuted.

8 Cdn Recce
Regt (14 H)

No particu-
lars.

No particu-
lars

Nil

There is no real evidence of bigamy in the file although the proceedings of a trial by FGCM have apparently indicated that bigamy might exist. At the present moment [REDACTED] is serving 18 months' detention which was awarded on 1 Apr 43 by FGCM. In view of this, I do not think this case should be prosecuted.

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[REDACTED] was not satisfied with his domestic affairs as his children had been placed in the care of the Children's Aid Society. He wished to obtain a divorce from his legal wife, and married [REDACTED] because she was pregnant and he wanted to "stick by her".

This should be prosecuted.

R.H.L.I.

RCASC

[REDACTED] declares that he was drunk when he married his legal wife, and that she left him two days after the marriage.

This should be prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
62 [REDACTED]	HQ Sqn, 5 Cdn Armd Bde	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	There is very little evidence on this file, but I believe proper evidence should be obtained and this case prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	4 Sec, C.A.C. W/SHP, RCOC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] did not want to return to his first wife.	[REDACTED] was a deserter from the RAF and joined the Cdn Army while in Canada. As the offence (2nd marriage) actually occurred in Canada, I do not think we should prosecute the case here.
[REDACTED]	West Nova Scotia Regt	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] married Miss [REDACTED] as she had had a child by him.	This should be prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
61 [Redacted]	1 Cdn Army Reception Camp	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Ordinarily this should be prosecuted but any action under the Army Act was prescribed on 22 Jun 43. Accordingly no prosecution can be made.
[Redacted]	2 A/Tk Regt, RCA	[Redacted]	This occurred in Canada.	Nil	As the offence occurred in Canada I believe this should not be prosecuted. It is noted that AG 5 regards this matter as closed as the offence was committed in Canada.
[Redacted]	R.C.R.	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	Nil	Proper evidence should be obtained and this case then prosecuted.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
[REDACTED]	Lorne Scots	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	Proper evidence should be obtained and this case then prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	1 CASCRU	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Nil	When the necessary proof has been obtained this should be prosecuted.
[REDACTED] 68	1 Cdn Mech Equip Coy, RCE	File indicates [REDACTED] has a wife in Canada	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] advised he has not heard from his wife since 1934 although he has made persistent attempts to locate her.	I do not believe this case should be prosecuted as [REDACTED] appears to have a sound defence in that his wife has been continuously absent for the space of seven years, and was not known by him to be alive.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
[REDACTED]	No. 1 N.E.T.D.	File indicates wife in Canada by name of [REDACTED]	Miss Bradley on 14 Jul41 at Epping	Nil, other than [REDACTED] believed his legal wife to be unfaithful	This matter should be prosecuted when proper proof has been obtained. It is to be noted that the bigamous wife has died since the bigamous marriage was contracted.
b5 [REDACTED]	Cdn Army Tps W/Shp, RCOC	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] left his legal wife a few days after his marriage on discovering she had had a child by another man. In 1930, he was informed that she was dead. He made inquiries for her over a period of some nine months and has had no knowledge since that time that his legal wife was still living.	I do not believe this should be prosecuted as it appears that [REDACTED] can put forward the defence of 7 years' continued absence.

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No. Rank & Name	Unit	First Marriage	Second Marriage	Explanation by Soldier	Recommendation
[REDACTED]	No. 3 C.A.R.U.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] apparently now believes that his second marriage has been annuled.	Proper proof should be obtained and this case then prosecuted.
[REDACTED]	No. 12 Prov Coy	File indicates that [REDACTED] has a wife living in Regina, Sask. It is not clear whether she is a common law wife or a legal wife although later correspondence on the file tends to indicate that [REDACTED] was legally married in Canada.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] apparently believes he has been divorced. This tends to indicate that the first marriage was valid.	If further investigation shows that [REDACTED] was legally married in Canada and that no divorce has been granted, or that [REDACTED] did not have a bona fide belief that his marriage had been dissolved, this case should be prosecuted.

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BIGAMY PROOF

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First Marriage

An expert in the law of the province where the first marriage took place will give evidence that at the present time the Registrar is under an obligation to keep a record of all marriages. The Certificate of Marriage in the first instance is, therefore, admissible.

The expert will then produce a Certificate of the first marriage and will swear that it is in the form prescribed by the law of the province concerned.

The expert will then further swear that in his opinion the marriage, at the time it was performed, was a valid marriage (assuming the facts in the Certificate of Marriage to be correct).

Identity

A pay officer (Pay a) will produce MFM 16, (application for DA) properly certified under R0 3131, under AA 163. (This document contains an admission that the accused was married incidentally). MFM 17 (Assignment of Pay) will also be produced. This witness will also produce MFM 2 (attestation) and MFM 5 (particulars of family).

The unit paymaster will then produce an acquittance roll, or a pay book or some document signed by the accused and the signature on which he can positively identify as being that of the accused. He will compare this with the signature of the accused on the other documents and testify that the signatures, in his opinion, are identical. He will further testify that the accused has not applied for any cancellation of his DA.

Second Marriage

This will be proved by the production of the Certificate of Marriage. This document proves itself and can be obtained from the General Registry Office. This should be produced by:-

one of the witnesses to the second marriage who shall identify the accused as one of the parties to the second marriage.

First Wife Alive at Time of Second Marriage

Shall be done by evidence taken by Commission. The unit paymaster shall also testify as to this by stating that no application has been made for the cancellation of DA.

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Commission Evidence

If possible the first wife should be called, but it must be remembered that she is not compellable, tho she is competent. If she gives evidence she should corroborate the first marriage and strengthen the identity angle by describing her husband, and, if possible, produce a picture or photograph of him.

If the wife will not testify then any witness to the first marriage can be called. Such a witness can give all the circumstances surrounding the first marriage and this will enable the expert witness to swear that the first marriage was definitely valid.

As to the actual question of the first wife being alive:-

a witness (the mother would be good) can declare that at the date of the second marriage, the first wife was alive. This witness can also swear that the first wife married a soldier, and if possible, can identify the husband by means of a description or picture or photograph. Can swear that the accused married first wife ~~on~~..... date and ~~that~~ on ~~some~~ date after the second marriage, the first wife was alive.


(E.K. McDougall) Captain
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Canadian Military Headquarters

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J.A.G. (Courts)

3 Aug 43

[REDACTED]
First Canadian Army Signals

1. Herewith Pay file relating to the m/n soldier.
2. May the necessary action be taken please to review the evidence available with a view to prosecuting the soldier for his apparent bigamous marriage.
3. In view of the fact that this file is required by Pay from time to time, it is requested that this case be given any priority possible.

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H. A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a

Canadian Military Headquarters

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A.J.A.G.

SS 7 Jul 43.

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

Reference conversation, Lt.col. [REDACTED] Lt.col. [REDACTED]

- s.19(1) 1. The files, as per attached list, relating to soldiers suspected of committing the offence of bigamy, are handed you herewith.
2. It is understood that the evidence available in each case will be considered by the J.A.G. Branch with a view to a decision being reached as to whether the soldier will be prosecuted for bigamy.
3. It is further understood that when the preliminary investigation has been concluded, the whole question of prosecuting these cases will be discussed with A.A.G.(Dis) with a view to establishing the necessary procedure and machinery for prosecution. It is appreciated that in some of the cases your recommendation will probably be that the soldier be not prosecuted.
4. There are a number of additional files that will be passed to you as soon as more complete information has been obtained, but it is not expected that the total number of cases involved will exceed 80.

H. A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.

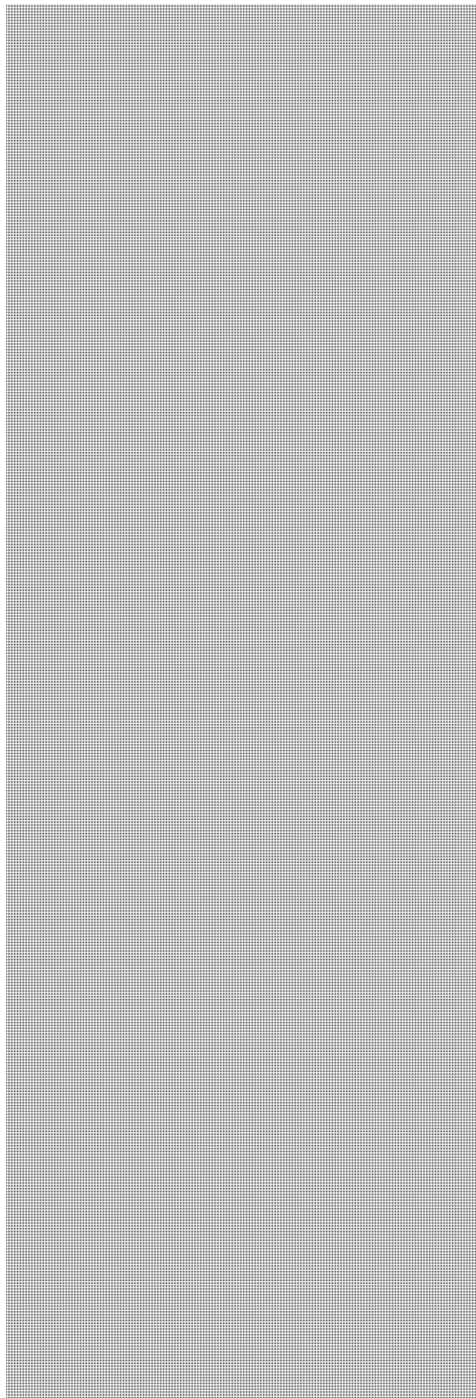
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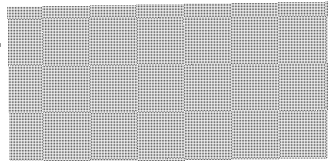
H. A. Martin
A.J.A.G.

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Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

Reference this H.Q. memorandum numbered as above and dated 7 Jul 43.

1. Herewith four further files relating to the m/n matter:



2. The file of 10/[REDACTED]/1 is also forwarded, as apparently, in error, this file was not passed to you with this H.Q. memo of 7 Jul 43.

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H. A. Martin
(H.A.Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.

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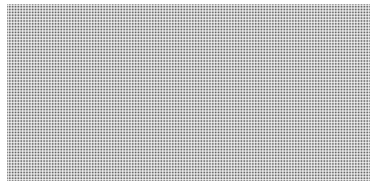
A.J.A.G.

8 Jul 43

Bigamous marriages in the U.K.

Reference this H.Q. memo numbered as above and dated
7 Jul 43.

1. Herewith ~~three~~ ^{FOUR} further files relating to the m/n
matter.



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H.A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.

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A.J.A.G.

19 Jul 43

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Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1. Herewith 28 additional files relating to bigamous marriages contracted in the U.K.
2. These cases were all brought to the attention of this Headquarters by the C.P.M., and the CMHQ 10/ file does not contain any information that would be of assistance.
3. The files handed you herewith complete all pending bigamy files with the exception of not more than five additional files that may require to be passed to you within the next week.
4. C.P.M. has requested that these pay files be returned as soon as possible as they are in constant use.

H. A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G. 5a.

Canadian Military Headquarters

MADE LEGAL HISTORY

AMERICAN SOLDIER TRIED AT THE OLD BAILEY

"News of the World" Special

An American army sergeant, Anthony Edward Peter, 44, of Rochester, N.Y., is believed to have made legal history in being dealt with at the Old Bailey instead of by a U.S.A. court-martial.

He is thought to be the first American soldier to be charged at an English court. The reason for his appearance at the Old Bailey was that the offence—bigamy—was committed while he was a civilian. An authorisation of the Home Secretary was, however, produced in court before he was allowed to plead.

Mr. Bertram Reece, prosecuting, said that Peter served overseas in the Canadian army in the last war. Coming to England in 1917 he met Helen Mary Collis, whom he married at Brighton in 1919. The following year he joined the R.A.F.

His wife did not see him after December, 1921, when he was home on leave, until December, 1941, when he appeared at her Brighton home. He told her: "I've come 2,000 miles to see you," but she replied: "I cannot see you as I am getting a divorce."

During the 20 years Peter had contracted a bigamous marriage and taken the woman to New York, where a son was born. Later they returned to Scotland, where the woman died in 1932.

In March last year he bigamously married Margaret Ida Wheddon at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.

Miss Constance Colwill, defending, said Peter's legal wife had "married" a man named Gerrard. She obtained a decree nisi in February, and when she obtained her decree absolute shortly she would be free to marry Gerrard legally and Peter would be free to marry Wheddon.

The Common Serjeant (Mr. H. L. Beazley) said that although he regarded bigamy as a "blasphemous mockery," he saw no point in sending Peter to prison. He bound him over for 12 months.

BABY ABANDONED

A female child, about four months old, was abandoned Liverpool-street

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10/[REDACTED]/1

10/[REDACTED]/1

(A.G.5a)

27 Jul 43

A.J.A.G.

Bigamous marriages in the U.K.

1. Herewith two additional files relating to bigamous marriages contracted in the U.K.:-

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[REDACTED] (with Pay file)

2. As the C.P.M. has requested that the pay files be returned as soon as possible, may the [REDACTED] file receive preferred attention, please.

H.A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a

Canadian Military Headquarters.

(Encl.3)

20/Bigamous/1

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(A.G. 5a)

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27 Jul 43


C.P.M.

1 Cdn Gen Reinf Unit

Reference your PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c) dated 23 Jul 43.

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May the Pay file relating to the m/n soldier be forwarded,
please, so that this alleged case of bigamy may be passed to the
J.A.G. Branch for an opinion as to prosecution.


(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters.

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(A.G.5a)

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27 Jul 43

A.J.A.G.

Bigamous marriages in the U.K.

1. Herewith two additional files relating to bigamous marriages contracted in the U.K.:-

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10/ [REDACTED] /1 (with Pay file)
10/ [REDACTED]

2. As the C.P.M. has requested that the pay files be returned as soon as possible, may the [REDACTED] file receive preferred attention, please.



(H.A. Martin) Captain

A.G.5a

(Encl.3)

Canadian Military Headquarters.

D.A.G.(A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

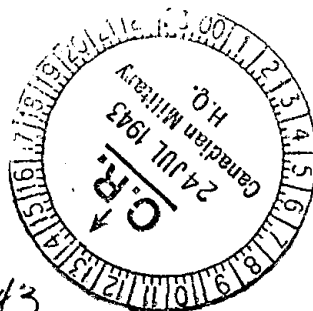
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Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/9 Jul 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
	[REDACTED]	1 Cdn.General Reinf. Unit.	St.Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. 9 Sep 41.

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M.M. Wyndham
(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

Noted in Re. [unclear]
[unclear] 26/7/43

C.P.M. (Pay 2c)

22 Jul 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1. Consideration is now being given to prosecuting the u/m soldiers who have apparently contracted bigamous marriages in the U.K.

[REDACTED]
1 Cdn Sigs Rft Unit
1 Med Regt R.C.A.

2. The only information regarding the fact of the bigamous marriage in these cases is contained in your Pay file. May the pay files of these soldiers be therefore forwarded please, so that the same may be passed to the J.A.G. Branch for appropriate action.

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3. Receipt is acknowledged of the 28 files enclosed in your letter of 16 Jul 43, and it is noted that the file of [REDACTED] will be forwarded as soon as located.

H
(H.A.Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

Chief Paymaster's Office
16 Jul 43.

D.A.G.(A.G.5a),
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Reference your 20/Bigamous/1 (A.G.5a) d/12 Jul 43
and attached list of PT Files required by you.

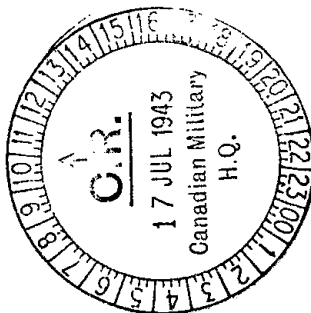
2. Herewith files as requested with the exception of

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which will be forwarded to you as soon as located.

3. For your further action.

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[Signature]
(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.


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C.P.M. (Pay 2c)

12 Jul 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

1. Consideration is now being given to prosecuting all Canadian soldiers who have contracted bigamous marriages in the U.K.
2. In some cases the only information regarding the fact of the bigamous marriage is contained in your Pay file. It is, therefore, requested that the Pay files be forwarded relating to the soldiers as per attached list.
3. Those Pay files will be forwarded to the J.A.G. Branch for an opinion as to prosecution, and will then be returned to you. It is appreciated that these files should be dealt with, and returned to you, with a minimum of delay, and in order that this may be done it is suggested that you forward all files under the same cover, unless in any particular case an individual file may take more than two or three days to be located and forwarded.
4. For your necessary action please.


(H.A. Martin) Captain
for D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

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Brian's
marriage

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12 Fd Regt	10 Feb 42 ✓
Seaforth of C.	20 Jul 41
3 Fd Coy R.C.E.	29 Sep 41
61 Gen Tpt Coy	5 Jul 41
4 Fd Amb RCAMC	2 Apr 42
R.C.R.	22 Jan 42
2 Fd Regt	26 Dec 41
1 Div Pet Coy	8 Nov 41
Seaforth of C	9 Jan 42
C.M.H.Q.	23 Aug 41
Hast. & P.E.R.	29 Apr 42
H.Q., C.R.U.	24 Dec 40
4 Sub-Depot	
1 Cdn B.O.D.	16 Nov 40
63 L.A.D.	22 Apr 41
4 L A A Regt	17 Sep 41
West N.S.R.	28 Nov 40
1 Cdn Arty Rft Unit	10 Aug 42
C.T.S.	5 Jul 41
2 Fd Pk Coy	6 Aug 41
Calg. Highrs	30 Nov 41
1 Div Pet Coy	17 Mar 42
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft	
Unit	17 Oct 42
48 Highrs	18 Oct 41
1 Cdn N.E.T.D.	4 Oct 41
2 Armd Bde	9 May 43
26 Fd Bty R.C.A.	27 Sep 41
8/XUK/BOB	6 Nov 41
R.W.R.	15 Aug 42
2 Cdn Pnr Coy	29 Dec 42

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A.J.A.G.

12 Jul 43

Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.


Reference this H.Q. memorandum numbered as above and dated 7 Jul 43.

1. Herewith four further files relating to the m/n matter:

10/ [REDACTED] /1
10/ [REDACTED] 1/1
10/ [REDACTED]
10/ [REDACTED] /1

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2. The file of 10/ [REDACTED] /1 is also forwarded, as apparently, in error, this file was not passed to you with this H.Q. memo of 7 Jul 43.


(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.
Canadian Military Headquarters

Chief Paymaster's Office. *W*

9 Jul 43.

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D.A.G. (A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.



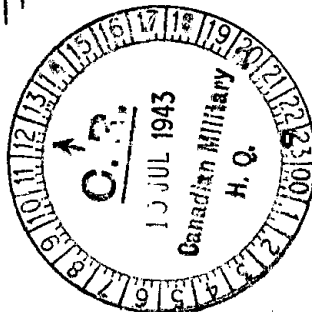
Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/18 Jun 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Date & Place of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		2 Cdn. Gen. Pioneer Coy. 29 Dec 42.	Alloa, Clackmannanshire

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*Noted in Bigamous
Registers 23/10/43*



[Signature]
(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

CENTRAL REGISTER

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Last Time

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Chief Paymaster's Office

18 Jun 43.

D.A.G. (A.G. 5) .,
C.M.H.Q.Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/12 Jun 43, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested.

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No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage
		1 C.E.R.U.	Kenmuir Church Manse, Glasgow. 14 Aug 42. ✓
		3 Field Coy. RCE.	All Saints Catholic Church, Rear Presbytery, Chichele Road, Oxted, Surrey. 29 Sep 41.



(M.M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

CENTRAL REGISTRY	
Can. Mil. H.Q.	
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Date....	<i>24/4/43</i>

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D.A.G. (A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

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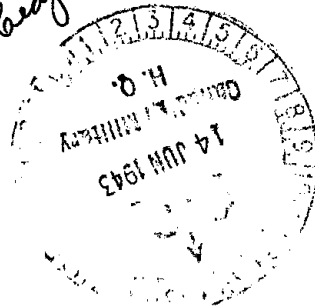
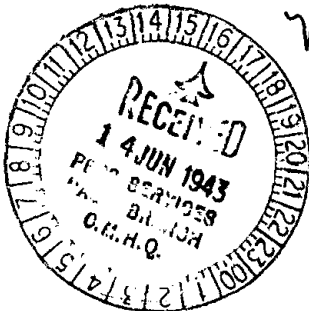
Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/28 May 43 regarding the m/n subject.

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2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
	[REDACTED]	Royal Canadian Regt.	Register Office, Blackburn, County of Blackburn. 19 Apr 41.



M. M. Wyndham
(M. M. Wyndham), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Chief Paymaster's Office,
28 May 43.

D.A.G. (A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/21 May 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Date and Place of Bigamous Marriage.
		HQ. Sqn. 5 Cdn Armd. Brigade.	Farncombe, Surrey, England. 9 May 43.

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J. A. Sleggan
for (M.M. Wyndham), Major.
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

*Noted & listed
in Bigamy
Book
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M E M O R A N D U M

A.J.A.G.

8 Jul 43


Bigamous marriages in the U.K.

Reference this H.Q. memo numbered as above and dated
7 Jul 43.

1. Herewith ~~three~~ ^{FOUR} further files relating to the m/n
matter.

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(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.
Canadian Military Headquarters

MEMORANDUM

A.J.A.G.

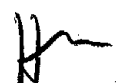
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Bigamous Marriages in the U.K.

Reference conversation, Lt.col. [REDACTED] - Lt.col. [REDACTED]

1. The files, as per attached list, relating to soldiers suspected of committing the offence of bigamy, are handed you herewith.
2. It is understood that the evidence available in each case will be considered by the J.A.G. Branch with a view to a decision being reached as to whether the soldier will be prosecuted for bigamy.
3. It is further understood that when the preliminary investigation has been concluded, the whole question of prosecuting these cases will be discussed with A.A.G.(Dis) with a view to establishing the necessary procedure and machinery for prosecution. It is appreciated that in some of the cases your recommendation will probably be that the soldier be not prosecuted.
4. There are a number of additional files that will be passed to you as soon as more complete information has been obtained, but it is not expected that the total number of cases involved will exceed 80.

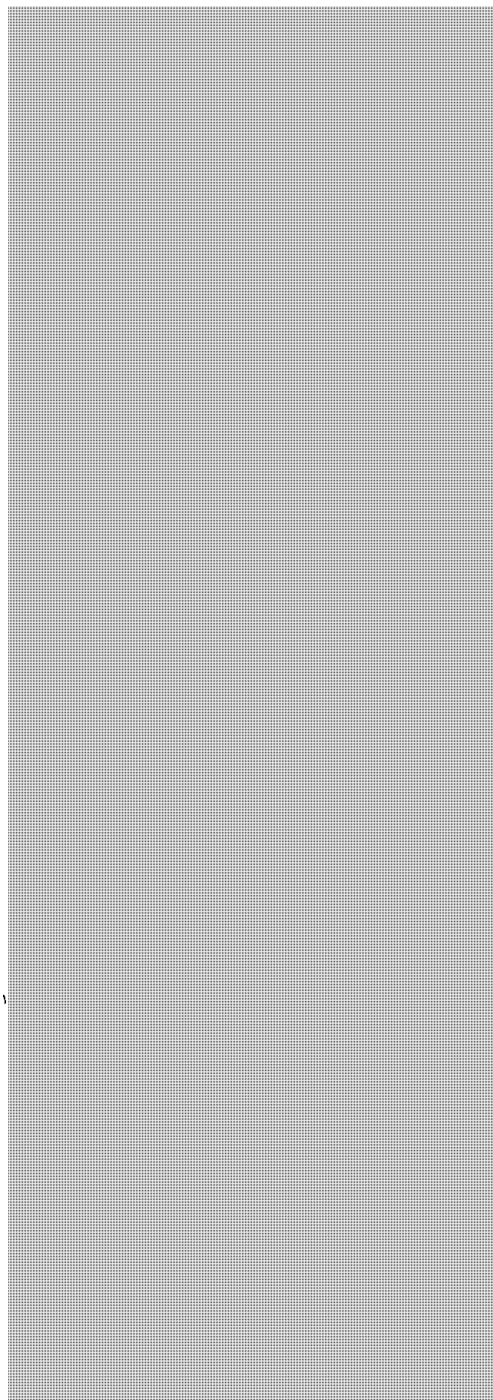
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(H.A. Martin) Captain
A.G.5a.

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Canadian Military Headquarters

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*20/Bigamous
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D.A.G. (A.G.5)
C.M.H.Q.



Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/8 May 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and Date of Bigamous Marriage.
		<i>already noted</i>	
		1 Cdn.ASC.Reinf. Unit.	Mentham. 26 Jul 41.
		1 C.A.R.U.	St.Paul's & S. George's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. 10 Aug 42.

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*noted
ABR 29 May*

[Signature]
(M.M.Wyndham) Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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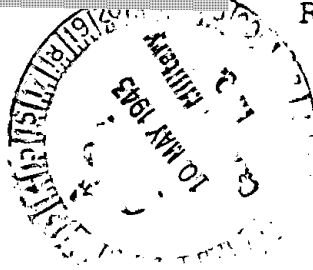
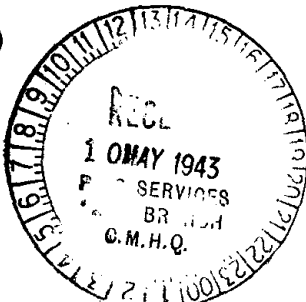
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Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/1 May 43, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and Date of Bigamous Marriage.
		1 Cdn. Arty. Reinf. Unit.	Sutton, Surrey. ✓ 2 Jun 41.
		Essex Scottish Regiment.	Parish Church, Epsom, ✓ County of Surrey. 14 May 42.

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M. M. Wyndham
(M. M. Wyndham) Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Chief Paymaster's Office.
1 May 43.

D.A.G.(A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

3 MAY 1943

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Dis

Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/16 Apr 43, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.
		1 C.A.S.(R.C.C.S).	Parish Church, Ashtead, Surrey, 2 Jul 41.
		1 Medium Regt.RCA.	St.Mary's Church, Surrey. 22 Dec 40.
		1 Cdn.Ordn.Reinf. Unit.	St.John's, Highbury, Islington, Borough of Islington. 7 Sep 41.
		48 Highlanders of Canada.	74 Gordon St., Glasgow, Registered-District of Blythwood. 24 Nov 41.

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M.M. Wyndham
(M.M. Wyndham), Major.,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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(C. H. Walker) Lt. Col.

A.A.G. (Dis)

Canadian Military Headquarters

3 MAY 1943

DIS
Re PC 2939/40

The Commission evidence

We should at once review all the
pending by any cases & with a view
to determining where proceedings should
be instituted.

For action pls.

(C. S. BOOTH) Brigadier,
A.D.A.G. (B)

Canadian Military Headquarters,

APR 30 1943

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CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICE.

16 Apr 43.

17 APR 1943

C.A.G. (A.G.5) ... Military
C.M.H.Q.Bigamous Marriages in the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above and d/19 Mar 43, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.
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1 Cdn.ASC.R.U.

Walthamstow, Essex.
17 Oct 42.4 Sub Depot.
1 Cdn Base Ord.
Depot.RCOC.Garrison Church,
Borden. Hants.
16 Nov 1940.

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for a Legat Major
(M.M. Wyndham), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Memorandum
2nd. 24 Apr 43

MEMORANDUM

to A.G.5.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom

*I have sent a hastener
on the Commission evidence
submission letter*
16 Apr 43
(C. S. BOOTH) Brigadier,
A.G. (B)
Canadian Military Headquarters,

APR 23 1943

1. There are now on record 70 cases of bigamy. In three of these cases disciplinary action is being taken, or is under consideration, due to special considerations in these cases. The remaining 67 cases are noted, but no action is being taken pending N.D.H.Q. taking the necessary action to make available commissioned evidence for use in Canada.

2. Information is available covering the date of the bigamous marriage in most of the above cases - and an analysis appears hereunder.

Bigamous marriages contracted during 1940	7
" " " first 6 months '41	16
" " " last " " "	21
" " " first " " '42	11
" " " last " " '42	10
" " " 1943 to date	2

3. The fact that prosecutions for bigamy have occurred, and the results published in Overseas R.Os., may have had some deterrent effect in reducing the number of bigamous marriages contracted during the last 15 months. A more probable explanation is, however, that the wives concerned have not yet become sufficiently curious about the lack of dependents allowance - as the large majority of cases of bigamy coming to light reached this Headquarters through the C.P.M. as the result of some application for dependents allowance or request for information.

4. It is understood that a draft P.C. authorizing the use of commissioned evidence in Canada was received from N.D.H.Q. some weeks ago, and returned without any suggestions for substantial changes.

5. In view of the number of cases in which prosecutions for bigamy are pending, it is recommended -

- (a) that cable action be taken to expedite obtaining the power to take evidence on commission., *done*
(b) that consideration be given to the problem of making available legal personnel in prosecuting these cases. In this regard, it is suggested that all cases now pending, or arising hereafter, should be referred to J.A.G. Branch C.M.H.Q., for the purpose of obtaining the necessary evidence in Canada - but that the formations concerned should furnish their own prosecutors.

DIS (MS)

Noted
B.F. for consideration
when we get evidence
for commission
for C.S. BOOTH Brigadier,
Canadian Military Headquarters,

APR 24 1943

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There should not be any special difficulty in obtaining a conviction in all proper cases once commissioned evidence is available.

6. For your consideration, please.

H. A. Martin
(H.A. Martin) Captain
(A.G. 5a)
Canadian Military Headquarters

See P.C. 2939 - Dated 12 Apr 43.

[Signature]
(C. H. Walker) Lieut.-Col.
A.A.G. (Dis)
Canadian Military Headquarters.

27 APR 1943

PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (P&J cc).

Chief Paymaster's Office

19 Mar 43.

J.A.G. (A.G.5)
C.M.H.Q.Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

20 / Bigamous
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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/12 Mar 43, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom and is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		26 Field Bty. RCA.	St. Ninians Mission, Church, Seaton, Aberdeen. 27 Sep 41.
		First Cdn. Army Reception Camp.	Register Office, Brentford, Middlesex. 22 Jun 40.
		Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.	All Saints R.C. Church rear of Presbytery Chichele Rd. Oxted, Surrey, South Eastern Surrey. 20 Jul 41.
		Royal Winnipeg Rifles.	Register Office, Lewes. 15 Aug 42.

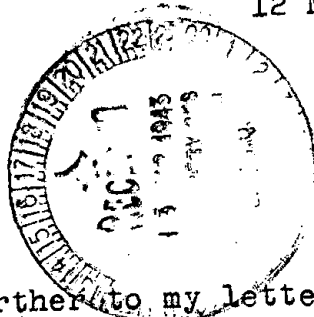
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M.M. Wyndham
(M.M. Wyndham), Major.
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Chief Paymaster's Office.
12 Mar 43.

D.A.G. (A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.



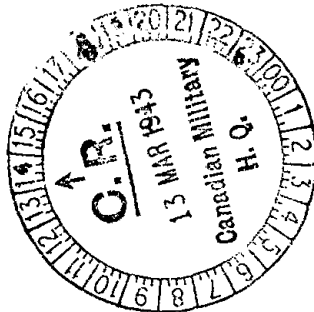
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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/5 Mar 43,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following information regarding an additional
bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member
of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and Date of Bigamous Marriage.
		61 Cdn. Gen. Transport Coy., RCASC.	Register Office, Hove. 23 Aug 41.

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for Major
(M.M. Wyndham), Major.
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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5 Mar 43.

D.A.G. (A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.

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the United Kingdom.

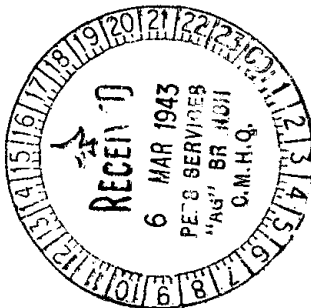


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1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/26 Feb 43, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.
		4 Sec. C.A.C. Workshop, R.C.O.C.	Unknown. ✓

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M.M. Wyndham
(M.M. Wyndham), Major.,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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M E M O

6 Mar 43

1. Information from A.G.7a received this date is that [REDACTED], 2 CCCS RCAMC may be guilty of a bigamous marriage on 21 Jun 41 to the woman now known as [REDACTED]

2. This memorandum is placed on the policy file pending clarification of the policy on prosecution for bigamy in the Canadian Army Overseas.

Hubert
(F.M. Cass) Captain
(A.G.5a)

Canadian Military H.Q. 00056

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Chief Paymaster's Office
26 Feb 43.

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C.M.H.Q.

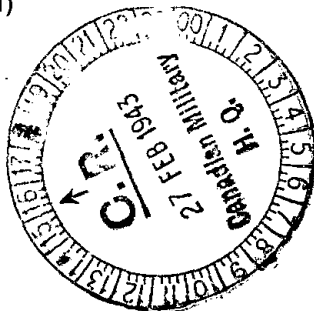
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Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/19 Feb 43,
regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional
bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member
of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of <u>Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		(83 Coy)RCASC. 1 Army Tank Bde. Coy.	Brighton Methodist Church. 26 Dec 42.

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H. J. Beard
(H.J. Beard), Major.
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.



D.A.G.(A.G.)
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

26 Bigamous
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1. Further to my letter, numbered as above, d/5 Feb 43,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages
in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		1 Cdn.ASC.Reinf.Unit.	Register Office, Durham Eastern, County Durham. 26 May 42. ✓
		1 Cdn.Corps Troops Carrying Coy.	St.Mary's Church, Aldermaston, Berks. 31 May 41. ✓

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H. J. Beard
(H.J. Beard), Major.
for Chief Paymaster.,
Canadian Army Overseas.

D.A.G.(A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

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Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter, numbered as above, d/1 Feb 43 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
s.19(1)		2 Field Regt. R.C.E.	Register Office, Surrey North-Eastern, County of Surrey. 26 Dec 41. ✓



(H.J. Beard), Major.,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

PT/12/BIG. MARRIAGES/1

(Pay 2c).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

1 Feb 43.

D.A.G. (A.G. 5).
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.



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Pers*

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/18 Dec 42 regarding the m/n subject.

2. There were no bigamous marriages contracted by personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas reported to me for the month of Jan 43.

H. J. Beard
(H. J. Beard), Major.,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

C.M.H.2.

PA - 29/4 Div/1 -
(JAG Int Law 1)

24 Dec 42.

H.Q. 4 Cdn Armd Div
(Att. A.D.J.A.)

Bigamy Prosecution -
Law and Evidence

1. Reference m/n. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the memorandum, dated 22 Dec 42, which was discussed in telephone conversation, Capt. Hall - Capt. Carrick, of today.

W. P. Taylor

(W.A.I. Anglin) Colonel
D.J.A.G.

Canadian Military Headquarters.

AKC

NOTE - A copy of the memorandum sent
is on file 29/opinions/1/4, Po 153. *AKC*

24 Dec 42.

H.Q. First Cdn Army
(Att. D.J.A.)Bigamy Prosecution -
Law and Evidence

1. Reference m/n. Lieut. Morden will have handed you a copy of the memorandum prepared on this subject by the Branch, dated 22 Dec 42.

2. For your information, a copy of the memorandum has also been furnished to the D.J.A., 1 Cdn Corps, A.D.J.A. 1 Cdn Div and A.D.J.A. 4 Cdn Armd Div.

W P Taylor
f. (P.J. Montague) Major-General
J.A.G.
Canadian Army Overseas.

NOTE - A copy of the memorandum sent
is on file 29/Opinions/1/4, Fo 153. *file*

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CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICE.

18 Dec 42.

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C.M.H.Q.

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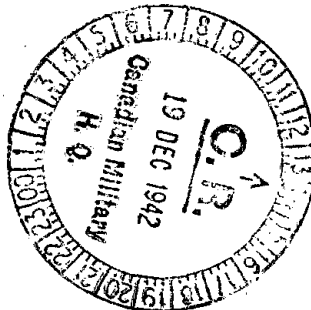
Bigamous marriages in
the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter, numbered as above, d/4 Dec 42 regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following information regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and Date of Bigamous Marriage.
		2 Field Park Coy., R.C.E.	Epsom, Surrey. 6 Aug 41.

s.19(1)



H.J. Beard
(H.J. Beard), Major,
for Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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BOMBER MAIL

3 Dec 42.

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence (Army)
Ottawa, Canada

(Attention Judge Advocate General)Evidence on Commission -
Courts-Martial Proceedings

1. Reference my letter of 2 Oct 42 (lo/Davidson, V.J./1), in reply to you HQ 405-D.115(A.D.1), wherein I suggested that consideration be given to the provision of a procedure, in the administration of military law, similar to that of taking evidence on commission as used in the Civil Courts.

2. I have to advise that the necessity for disciplinary action in certain cases overseas, makes it highly desirable that some legal provision be made in this regard. This Headquarters has under consideration, at the present time, a number of cases involving alleged bigamous marriages by officers and soldiers and, as well, there have been referred to this Headquarters, from time to time, cases involving disciplinary action against soldiers, now overseas, for offences alleged to have been committed in Canada.


3. A disposition of such cases is not possible under present means of proof because certain elements of the alleged offences occurred in Canada, and witnesses to prove the same are not available in the U.K.

4. It is, therefore, suggested that an appropriate P.C. Order be passed enabling the evidence of such witnesses to be taken in Canada on commission for use in courts-martial proceedings overseas. It may be desirable to draft such P.C. Order in such manner as would enable such evidence to be taken on commission in any circumstances, that is to say, there may be cases in the future in which similar evidence would be required for proceedings in Canada where the witnesses are overseas.

5. A somewhat similar provision is found in the Canadian Criminal Code, Sec. 997, which provides, inter alia, that whenever it is made to appear to the satisfaction of a judge, or magistrate, that any person residing out of Canada is able to give material information relating to any indictable offence, he may appoint a commissioner to take evidence, upon oath, of such person.

6. A draft P.C. Order, in this regard, has been prepared at this Headquarters and a copy thereof, with a copy of explanatory notes, is enclosed herewith for such use as you care to make thereof. It is now considered, however, that the matter might better be dealt with in a different manner, and it is suggested that a short P.C. Order be passed generally authorizing the use of evidence on commission in courts-martial and other disciplinary proceedings, notwithstanding any act, rule, regulation or law to the contrary, and providing that the Judge Advocate General, at N.D.H.Q., have power to make all necessary rules and regulations governing the procedure therefor, and that such rules and regulations, when published, have the same force and effect in law as if contained in the P.C. Order. It is considered that from experience gained in the practical application of such rules and regulations, from time to time, it may be necessary to make certain alterations therein and, consequently, it would be more convenient if such alterations could be made and published by the Judge Advocate

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General, as occasion requires, rather than by an amending P.C. Order. 

7. I would ask that this matter be given early consideration in view of the many cases presently pending, and further that any draft P.C. Order, in this regard, be submitted to me for consideration before it is presented to the Governor in Council.

(sgd) (P.J. Montague) Major-General
Senior Officer,
Canadian Military Headquarters.

(Sgd)

J.K.

A.J.A.G. (Legal Sec) C.M.H.Q.



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Chief Paymaster's Office
4 Dec 42.

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the United Kingdom.

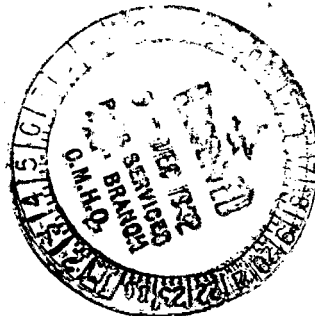
1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/16 Nov 42 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.
		Essex Scottish (Now P.O.W.)	Quaughton, Birkenhead. 5 Oct 41. ✓
		Carleton and York Regiment.	Registry Office, Croydon. 16 May 41. ✓

s.19(1)

Heard
(P. Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
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Date..... 5/12/42



7 Dec. 42

A. A. G. (Pers.)

Ref. fol. 13, min. iii.

Letter to N. D. H. Q. was signed
by L. D. & forwarded last week.

Letter was submitted to A. D. A. G. (B),
previously



A. J. A. G. (Legal Sec.) C. H. G.

PA. —————
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
- Army -

H.Q. 54-27-32-1 F.D. 4 (A.P.2),
OTTAWA, Canada,
7th March, 1942.

All District Officers Commanding.

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES

From time to time reports are received at Defence Headquarters which indicate that bigamous marriages are contracted by personnel of the Canadian Army. Such marriages entail needless suffering on the part of those victimized, and result in the unlawful payment of dependents' allowance.

2. Bigamous marriages fall into two classes -

- (i) married men, who, on enlistment declare themselves to be single, and subsequently obtain permission to marry;
- (ii) single men who obtain permission to marry women who are already married. In some cases the fact that the woman is married is known to the soldier, and in other cases he believes her to be single.

3. More than one instance has occurred of a soldier, who, at the time of enlistment, declared he was separated from his wife - subsequently he applied for permission to marry and such permission was granted by his Commanding Officer. The granting of permission to marry under such circumstances clearly indicates neglect on the part of the Commanding Officer, who, had he personally checked the man's documents, would have discovered his marital status.

4. Before granting permission to marry, the Commanding Officer will ensure that the provisions of Routine Order 808, as amended by Routine Order 947, have been complied with. Referring particularly to para. 2(a) of Routine Order 808, the Commanding Officer will, if he considers such a course desirable, interview the intended wife or consult her parents or guardian. If this is not possible, through distance or objection on the part of the prospective bride, he will endeavour to obtain the necessary character reference through one of the social services at his disposal.

5. By rigid compliance with the regulations and conscientious inquiry into the bona fides of every case, there should be a material decrease in the number of bigamous marriages now reported.

Copies to:

G.O.C. in C., Atlantic Command,
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Heads of Branches, N.D.H.Q.

H.F.G. Letson
(H.F.G. Letson),
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

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Heads of Directorates
Officers Administering Corps, N.D.H.Q.
Commandant, Ottawa Area

20/Bigamous/1
(AJAG)

20 Nov 42.

A.A.G. (Pers)

B. Matthews
(Beverley Matthews) Lt.-Col.
A.A.G. (Pers)
Canadian Military Headquarters

1. Reference your Minute II to fo 12 next attached.
2. A P.C. Order authorizing commission evidence, as indicated on Fo 12, has been drafted and is now being revised.
3. This is a matter of considerable difficulty as there must be considerable variation of the Rules of Procedure etc. in order to achieve the purpose intended.
4. It is expected that the draft P.C. Order will be available for approval by the D.J.A.G. at the beginning of next week.

J.J. Kelly
(J.J. Kelly) Lt-col
A.J.A.G.

(over) 00058
Canadian Military Headquarters.

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June

ASAC advises that
Draft will be submitted
within the next few
Days

CM

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ASAC

Please expedite the
Draft Review.

CM

6 Dec 44

20/Bigamy/1
(A.D.A.G. (B))

18 Nov 42.

A.A.G. (Pers).

1. I pass you this file which, as you will see, is rapidly accumulating ^asubstantial list of offenders.

2. Recently we discussed the question ~~the~~ ~~question of asking Canada to take the necessary steps~~ to provide for the use of commissioned ~~offence~~ ^{evidence}, particularly for cases of this nature.

3. In bigamy cases, the necessity for proving the original marriage and the identity of the parties thereto, and also the subsistence of the marriage at the time the offence occurred, are likely to prove a bar to successful prosecution. Except in the few odd instances where such evidence may be obtained over here, or where there is circumstantial evidence of such a nature as to satisfy a Court on these points, it is practically impossible to secure a conviction.

4. I agree with you that it would be almost hopeless to try to dispose of these cases by way of bigamy charges unless and until commissioned evidence can be utilized.

Action || 5. Will you please expedite this matter and submit a draft cable setting out our request to Canada, and stressing the urgent need for early action.

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(C.S. Booth), Colonel
A.D.A.G. (B)

Canadian Military Headquarters.

II
D.J.A.G.

Please advise how
this matter now stands
19 Nov 42

Ben

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Chief Paymaster's Office.
16 Nov 42.

D.A.G. (A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

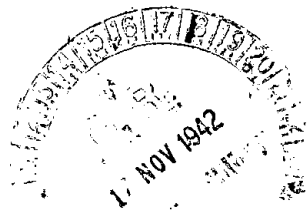
Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

*20/Bigamous/1
Pers*

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/6 Nov 42 regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		4 Field Coy.RCE.	Registry Office. Surrey, South Eastern. ✓ 1 Feb 41.
		Cdn.Training School.	Registry Office. ✓ Batterseas. London 5 Jul 41.
		3 Cdn.Field Coy. RCE.	Unknown. ✓ Sep 41.
		1 Cdn.General Reinf.Unit.	Unknown. ✓
		1 Cdn. N.E.T.D.	Aldershot, Hampshire. ✓ 4 Oct 41.

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P. Kelly
(P.Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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D.A.G. (A.G.5).
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

20 Bigamous
TO ADAG(B) ~~Per~~

1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/10 Oct 42, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of <u>Bigamous Marriage.</u>
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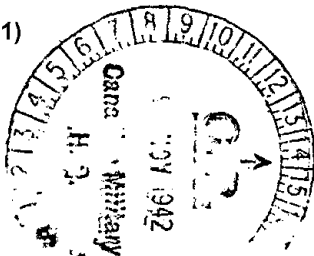
Hastings & Prince
Edward Regiment.

Slurcham-by-Sea.
West Sussex.
29 Apr 42. ✓

R.C.E., formerly
attached C.M.H.Q.
now attached 1 Cdn.
Engineer Reinf. Unit.

Not available
at present. ✓

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Beard
(P. Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Can. M. H.Q.

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Date.....

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(Pay 2c)

Chief Paymaster's Office.
6 Nov 42.

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D.A.G. (A.G.5).,
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

20/ Bigamous //
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1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/2 Nov 42, regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following information, regarding an additional bigamous marriage contracted in the United Kingdom by a member of the Canadian Army Overseas, is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		Royal Cdn. Regiment.	Fylde, County of Lancaster. 22 Jan 42. ✓

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for
(P. Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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Can. Mil. H.Q.
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Date <i>30 8 47</i>

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D.A.G.(A.E.5)
C.M.H.Q.

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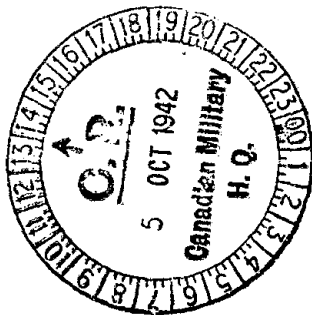
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Attention Capt.Edmison.

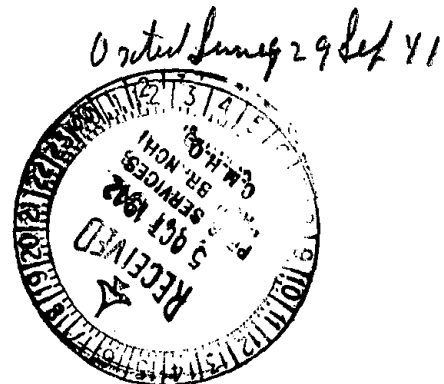
1. Further to my letter numbered as above d/28 Sep 42, regarding the m/n subject.
2. The following is a further list of personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom and is passed to you as requested;-

No.	Name.	Unit.	Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.
		8 Cdn.Recce.Reg't.	Clapham, London.S.W.4 2 Feb 42.
		3 Group. 1 Cdn.Div. Ord.Workshop.RCCO.	Christ Church, Epsom, County of Surrey, England. 11 Jun 41.

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P. Kelly
(P.Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas



CENTRAL REGISTRY	
Can. Mil. H.Q.	
Last Trace.....	<i>Per</i>
Date.....	<i>30/7/42</i>

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D.A.G. (A.G.5).,
C.M.H.Q.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

26/ Bigamous
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Attention Capt. Edmison.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, d/11 Sep 42,
regarding the m/n subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel of the
Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous marriages in
the United Kingdom, and is passed to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		4 Cdn. Recce. Bn.	Croydon, Surrey. ✓ 22 Apr 41.
		1 C.A.S.C. R.U.	Mersham, Surrey. ✓ 26 Jul 41.
		12 Cdn. Fd. Regt.	Scotland. ✓ 10 Feb 42.
		4 Fld. Amb.	Not known. ✓ 2 Apr 42.
		4 Lt. A.A. Regt., RCA.	Hendon, Middlesex. ✓ 17 Sep 41.
		1 Cdn. Div. Pet. Coy. (2 Coy).	Shaw's Corners, Redhill, Surrey. ✓ 17 Mar 42.

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P. Kelly
(P. Kelly) Colonel.,
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.



CENTRAL REGISTRY	
Can. Mil. H.Q.	
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Date...	<i>30/8/42</i>

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A.G.5a

15 Sep 42

M E M O R A N D U M

To:
A.A.G. (Pers)

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES IN U.K.

1. At folios 3,4, and 5, are listed the names of 20 soldiers who are known to have committed bigamy in the U.K. This list is by no means complete. (Off hand, I know personally of five additional cases). C.P.M. advises at Para-2 of letter at folio 3 that this Branch is to be informed of any future cases coming to light through Pay channels, although no such record has been kept in the past.
2. Disclosure has almost invariably come through the woman or her relatives going, or writing, to Acton or Lancaster enquiring why D.A. has not been paid. She has been informed that her "husband" has a legal wife in Canada and the file has been marked "P.A.". Paymasters in the Field have also given such information. Hence the number of actual cases would be much greater than indicated in Para 1 above.
3. I consider such bigamous marriages to fall roughly into three classifications -

(a) Where the soldier either through ignorance or erroneous information believes his previous marriage to have been dissolved.

Ignorance of the law may be no excuse, but nevertheless it sometimes plays an important factor in determining the degree of 'mens rea' in individual cases. For instance, I can think of a case in the Field, of a soldier, uneducated and of poor understanding, whose wife deserted him, after two days of marriage, for another man and who was told by his priest that the marriage would be annulled. This soldier, unable to see the distinction between an ecclesiastical annulment and a civil one, contracted a second "marriage" in the U.K. Another soldier was sued for divorce in Canada and his wife was awarded a decree nisi. He heard nothing further except that after 7 months his wife had re-married. He had a newspaper announcement which I saw. He then married, in the U.K. - and was subsequently informed that his wife had not obtained decree absolute and that he himself was bigamously married. In cases under this heading, there is never any D.A. in payment to the first wife.

(b) Where the soldier has made the woman pregnant, and in desperation marries her.

There have been several "marriages" of this "shot gun" variety, undertaken to save the woman's name in the community, or to protect her from the wrath of her own family. In more than one such instance the woman well knew that the soldier was already married.

(c) Where the soldier, while assigning pay to a legal wife in Canada, misleads a woman into what she believes is a perfectly legal marriage.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS -

- (a) That every effort be made to list all Canadian soldier

cases of bigamous marriage in the U.K. I feel that should C.P.M. circularize all paymasters, that the number mentioned in Para 1. above would be at least tripled, or more.

(b) That cases be grouped into the three categories outlined in Para 3 above, or in additional categories, if resulting data so warrants.

(c) That prosecutions should not be undertaken in the cases mentioned in Para 3 (a) above, and that every such case should be studied for possible relief under D.A.B. provisions.

(d) That prosecutions should be undertaken in the cases mentioned in Para 3 (b) above only where the soldier has a bad army record, but that each case should be studied under the provisions of Article 88 (vi) F.R. & I. (Canada), with immediate applications for D.A. for the children concerned.

(e) That in all cases coming under Para 3 (c) above there should be prosecutions under Section 41 A.A., with recourse being made to the provisions of Article 88 (vi) F.R. & I. (Canada) if the woman concerned appears to be of good character.

5. This may not be the place to discuss sentences following F.G.C.M. convictions for bigamy, but I consider one of six months to be proper. Such a sentence would not penalize the innocent family in Canada, as D.A. and A.P. would continue for that period.

6. It is only my opinion, but I consider that the general official attitude in the U.K. to bigamy has at least not acted as a deterrent. Frequently are to be seen cases where bigamists get suspended sentences, or very short jail sentences, or even fines. For instance, last week, a woman bigamist was bound over to keep the peace for two years in the sum of £5.0.0. These cases make 'juicy' newspaper reading and the resultant trivial punishments are well publicized. *This identical sentence was given out in another similar case at the Old Bailey this a.m. 8.45*

7. It is to be noted that of the 20 cases mentioned at Folios 3, 4, and 5, only two have taken place during the current year. In other words, bigamy among Canadian soldiers is definitely on the decline, occasioned, I think, by (a) the stricter marriage regulations of Nov 41 (b) the reluctance of clergymen and registrars to marry Canadians who cannot produce official permission and (c) the publicity given to the sentence in the Coffey case.

II. ADAG (B) : Recommendations

(a) Reasonable efforts be made to complete over a statistical survey of such cases. (J.A. Edmison) Captain
A.G.5a
Canadian Military Headquarters

(b) Charges be laid in only the most flagrant cases

(c) Sentences be limited to maximum of 6 mos and average of 2 to 3 mos.

(d) There are a few other cases which should be carefully considered to ensure they are treated at least as strictly as OR's

(e) They show the benefit of your views please

16 Sep 42

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14 Sep 42.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

The following is a further list of personnel of
the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted bigamous
marriages in the United Kingdom.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		Cam.Highlrs.of Can.	Dundee. 27 Dec 41. ✓
		32 Coy. R.C.A.S.C.	Northampton, 28 Nov 40. ✓
		13th Fld.Coy.RCE.	West Pelton,Co.Durham. 25 Feb. 41. ✓
		2nd Fld Pk Coy RCE	Croydon. Apr 5 1941 ✓

It is alleged that the following O.R. contracted
a bigamous marriage in Alberta Park, Province of Alberta,
on 1 Mar 40:-

X

	2 Anti-Tk.Regd.RCA.	Alberta, 1 Mar 40.
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D.A.G. (A.G.5.)
C.M.H.Q.



PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c)

Chief Paymaster's Office.

11 Sep 42

Attention Capt. Edmison.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

1. Further to my letter numbered as above, dated
28 Aug 42, regarding the marginally named subject.

2. The following is a further list of personnel
of the Canadian Army Overseas who have contracted
bigamous marriages in the United Kingdom, and is passed
to you as requested:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		14 C.A.T. Bn.	Edinburgh, Scotland. 11 Jul 41.
		Royal 22e Regt.	Alton, Southampton, England. 11 Oct 40.
		Seaforth Highlanders.	Unknown. 9 Jan 42.
		W.N.S.R.	Sidmouth, Devon, Eng. 28 Nov 40.
		Edmonton Regt.	Netley Marsh, Southampton. 1 Feb 41.
		1 C.M.G.R.U.	Icklesham, Rye, Sussex. 6 Nov 41. (Ret.Can. XUK.30B).
		1 Cdn.Div.Sup.Coy.	Hendon, Middlesex.
		3 Coy. R.C.A.S.C.	13 Dec 41.
		3 Cdn.Mobile Laundry & F.W.Unit, R.C.O.C.	Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. 23 Sep 41.

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J. H. P. Kelly
(P. Kelly), Colonel.
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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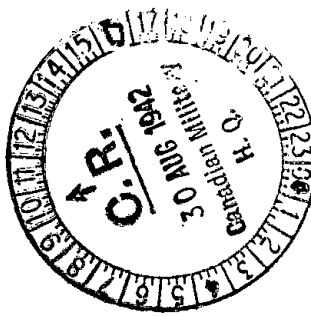
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PT/12/BIG.MARRIAGES/1 (Pay 2c).

Chief Paymaster's Office.

28 Aug 42.

D.A.G. (A.G.5),
C.M.H.Q.



Attention Capt. Edmison.

Bigamous Marriages in
the United Kingdom.

1. Reference telephone conversations (Capt. Edmison - Capt. Rogers of 19 Aug 42 and Capt. Edmison - Capt. Leggatt of 28 Aug 42) in connection with the proposed compilation of a record of all bigamous marriages contracted in the United Kingdom by personnel of the Canadian Army Overseas.

2. Heretofore no record as such has been kept in my office of bigamous marriages contracted in the United Kingdom, but the undermentioned personnel are a partial list of cases known and reported. Future cases will be reported to you immediately they come to my attention:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Place and Date of Bigamous Marriage.</u>
		61 Cdn. Gen. Tpt. Coy. RCASC.	Not known. 5 Jul 41. ✓
		Les Fusiliers Mont Royal.	Birmingham, 14 Feb 42. ✓
		Seaforth Highrs. of Canada.	Nottingham, 1 Apr 41. ✓ (Ret. Can. Jul 42).
		Cdn. Training School.	Edinburgh, 8 Jan 41. ✓
		H.Q. Cdn. Reinf. Units.	Deptford, Kent. 24 Dec 40. ✓
		48th Highlanders of Canada.	Not known. 18 Oct 41. ✓
		1 Cdn. Div. Pet. Coy. (2 Coy) R.C.A.S.C.	Brighton. 8 Nov 41. ✓

Ascard, Major
for
(P. Kelly), Colonel,
Chief Paymaster,
Canadian Army Overseas.

FRIDAY, The Daily Mail, JULY 10, 1942.

BIGAMY IS WAR CRIME No. 1

Britain 'Worst Nation'

By CYRIL MARTIN

B RITAIN'S judges, alarmed at the growing number of bigamy cases, are imposing sharp sentences. Mr. Justice Charles, at Hampshire Assizes yesterday had 18 cases on the list.

He commented that substantial sentences would have to be given, and the first sentence he imposed was one of 12 months' imprisonment. At Manchester a man described by the police as a "professional bigamist" was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Twelve of the 18 cases before Mr. Justice Charles concerned Service men, and in each case an officer spoke of the man in the highest terms. "Evidently a good soldier but a bad civilian" was the judge's comment in one instance.

Mr. Justice Stable referred, at Liverpool Assizes recently, to what, he said, "seemed to be a popular impression that, provided a person was in uniform, bigamy did not much matter.

"I take a different view," he said. "Bigamy can be a very serious offence indeed, and in many cases I give long sentences.

Peak Figure

"I think that if the information was more widely disseminated that bigamy can carry a sentence of seven years' penal servitude it would, perhaps, have some restraining effect."

It will surprise many people to learn that this country has the worst record for bigamy of any European nation.

Although official figures are not available, it is estimated by legal authorities that more cases will come before the courts this year than at any time in the history of law.

Bigamy began to increase during the last war. In 1914-18 and the five post-war years, bigamy cases averaged four times the number in any year before 1914. Figures then decreased, but have never come down to the pre-1914 figures.

A well-known barrister told me last night that the ease with which it was possible to marry in this country was a contributory factor to the increase in bigamy, apart from the stress of war.

Effect of War

"In the majority of cases husbands and wives are separated for the first time in their married lives; they meet fresh people in different surroundings and give way to themselves," he said.

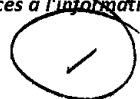
"In normal times they would not dream of such things.

"Of course, there are cases where a man or woman unhappy in their peace-time domestic life, have found their war-time separation a convenient means of ending their partnership and have met somebody to whom the attraction is mutual.

"That, however, is not an excuse for bigamy, because the law provides a legal procedure for dissolving marriages."

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

14 Apr 42

BIGAMY - General Policy

1. Discussed with A.A.G.(Pers) and the following general policy decided on.
2. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases which come to attention ^{of the Corps} in the case of Corps by request and by direction to units under command C.M.H.Q. Each case to be submitted to J.A.G. for detailed instructions as to evidence etc.
3. Report from both Corps and Units under command C.M.H.Q. to be submitted to C.M.H.Q. when disciplinary action completed.

(C.H. Walker) Major
A.G.5

Canadian Military Headquarters

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(C.A.S.F.)

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JUL 1 1943	21 Aug 43	B.F.	ALTA	Dis	70 29 pls	AGSA	24 4 43
JUL 2 1943	27 Aug 43	B.F.	ALTA	Dis	WITH PAPERS	C.R.	7 JUL 1943
	27 Jul 43	P.A.	ALTA	Dis	REQUISITION		
		P.A.	ALTA	Dis	WITH PAPERS	C.R.	24 JUL 1943
				AGSA	Folio 50 pls	AGSA	27 Jul 43
				AGSA	Folio 86 pls	AGSA	10 Aug 43
				AGSA	Folio 88 1/2	AGSA	21 Aug 43
29 SEP 1943	14 Oct 43	P.A.	ALTA	Dis	Returned per request	AGSA	24 Aug 43
				SIS	Request for return	AGSA	28 Sep 43
				H.G.S	Returned per Request	SIS	28 Sep 43
				Dis	WITH PAPERS	C.R.	2 OCT 1943
				AGSA	REQUISITION	C.R.	
				AGSA	Fol 96 please	AGSA	19 Nov 43
				AGSA	Fol 98 pls	AGSA	26 Nov 43
				DAg	Fol 105	DAg	9 Dec
				DIS	105	DIS	9
				DAg	for 113 please	DAg	20 Dec
				ADAG (B)	115	ADAG (B)	28
				DAg	Draft of an letter submitted	DAg	30 Dec 43
				DAg	Draft OK	DAg	31/1/44
4 JAN 1944				EDAG (B)	121	EDAG (B)	4
	1 Feb 44	P.B.F.	AGSA	DIS		AGSA	4 Feb 44
12 JAN 1944	12 Jan 44	PA	AGSA	Dis	REQUISITION	C.R.	12 JAN 1944
FEB 3 - 1944	12 Feb 44	P.B.F.	AGSA	Dis	REQUISITION	C.R.	18 Feb 44
	12 Feb 44	PA	AGSA	Dis	REQUISITION	C.R.	

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	10 Feb 44	B.F.	ABF	AB 5			FEB 10 1944
	21 Feb 44	PA	ABF	AB 5	REQUIRED		FEB 21 1944
	1 Mar 44	PA	ABF	AB 5	WITH		
	5 Mar 44	PA	ABF	AB 5			
				AB 5	WITH PAPERS		MAR 15 1944
				AB 5	126	B	16-
				AB 5	Number 3 for 100	ABF	17-
				AB 5	4	B	17-
				AB 5			
				AB 5		100m	29 Mar
				AB 5	127	B	3 Apr
				AB 5	per request	AB 5	27 Apr 44
				AB 5	request for return	AB 5	27 Apr 44
				AB 5	Returned. Thanks.	AB 5	27 Apr 44
				AB 5	Returned	AB 5	27 Apr 44
				AB 5	pls return	AB 5	6 Jun 44
				AB 5	Returned	AB 5	3 Jun 44
				AB 5	pls return	AB 5	13 Sep 44
				AB 5	returned Thanks.	AB 5	14 Sep 44
				AB 5	request for return	AB 5	2 Oct 44
				AB 5	Returned	AB 5	6 Oct 44
				AB 5	per request	AB 5	10 Jan 45
	23 Jan 45	PA	ABF	AB 5	Returned 127	AB 5	13 Jan 45
	25 Jan 45	PA	ABF	AB 5	WITH		
	5 Sep 45	PA	ABF	AB 5	WITH PAPERS		SEP - 5 1945
	13 Nov	PA	ABF	AB 5			
				AB 5			NOV 1945
				AB 5	Please Return	AB 5	18 Dec 47

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