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Speed Up Army Judicial System

London, Ont., June 21. — New standing courts-martial, similar in operation to civilian magistrates' courts, are to go into effect across Canada on July 1, in a move to streamline the Canadian army judicial system, it was announced at district headquarters yesterday.

The courts will operate under standing orders and on a regular circuit schedule of military establishments within each military district. They will try all cases of desertion, A.W.L. and losing equipment by neglect. As in magistrate's court, the judicial powers will be vested in one court officer.

The new system is being instituted to speed trial of all personnel charged with any one of the three designated offences. Powers at present vested only in the district courts-martial will be switched to the standing courts-martial, it was explained by district legal officers.

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