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Designed to simplify and speed up the administration of justice in the Canadian army, the Department of National Defence has announced the formation of standing courts-martial in each of the military districts across the Dominion. These will start to function July 1, and are patterned somewhat after the Supreme Court of Ontario, in that the president, appointed by the adjutant-general, will travel on a regular circuit, officiating at the various camps in his area at stated, and frequent intervals.

The standing court-martial will expedite matters in so far as soldiers are concerned who are awaiting trial for absence without leave, losing equipment by neglect, or desertion, excluding those charges of deserting to avoid a particular duty, such as an attempt to miss an overseas draft.

The members of the standing court-martial for M.D. No. 2 as designated by the adjutant-general are Major W. P. McClemont, of Hamilton, and Major F. M. Reid, Simcoe.

Pilot Officer George A. Bevan, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bevan, 16 Garside Avenue, is serving overseas. He is a graduate of Delta Collegiate Institute and was employed by the Otis-Fensom Elevator Company before his enlistment in 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson, 38 Stinson Street, have been advised of the promotion of their son, L. D. (Denny) Wilson, to the rank of flying officer with the R.C.A.F. overseas. He is a graduate of Central Collegiate Institute and a former employee of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

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Tpr. C. G. Goodfellow, 29, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodfellow, Dunnville, and whose wife resides at 100 Cline Avenue South, is serving overseas. Two brothers are serving, Sgt. Cecil Goodfellow with the R.C.A.F. in Newfoundland and Pte. Victor with the R.C.A.

Paratrooper Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Sykes, of 107 Murray Street East, is serving overseas. A former student at Bennett School, he was employed by the National Steel Car Corporation as an electric welder, before enlistment. He won his wings at Camp Shilo, Man.


Sgt. L. Jack Hockenbury, of Hamilton, formerly of Niagara Falls, Ont., who received his training at Camp Blanding, Florida, and Medical Training School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is now serving in Italy. Before going to Italy, Sgt. Hockenbury was stationed for 17 months at a general hospital in Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hockenbury, 3 Balmoral Avenue South, Hamilton, Ont.