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MILITARY GOVERNMENT—GERMANY "  
SUPREME COMMANDER'S AREA OF CONTROL

**Extract**

RULES OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT COURTS

1. Construction of Rules

These Rules shall be read with and subject to the Proclamation and Ordinances of the Military Government.

PROSECUTORS AND COUNSEL

3. Prosecutors and Counsel

(1) Any officer of the Allied Forces, or any other person acceptable to the court, may act as prosecutor.

(2) Any lawyer not debarred from appearing by the Military Government or by the court, or any other person with the consent of the court, may appear as defending counsel. The court may appoint an officer of the Allied Forces, or with the consent of the accused designate local counsel, to represent the accused or assist in his defence if the nature of the case makes it desirable. Before a General Military Court, where a sentence of death may be imposed, and the accused is not represented, the court shall appoint an officer of the Allied Forces to represent him at his trial.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

6. Charges

(1) A copy of the charges shall be delivered to an accused or his representative as soon as practicable after arrest and in any event before trial. Where proceedings are commenced by service of a summons adequately stating the charges, no separate charge sheet need be used. A copy of any amendment to the charges shall also be given to the accused unless waived in open court by him or his counsel.