

Instruction.  
The evidence of  
the witnesses  
for the de-  
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ing that of the  
accused, if he  
is a witness,  
will be taken  
here in the  
order in which  
they give evi-  
dence.

First witness  
for the  
Defence.

F34557, R.S.M. (W.O.II) Reeves, N. having  
been duly sworn, is examined by the *Defending officer*

Q-20 Were you R.S.M. of No. 6 District Depot in May of  
1941?

A-20 Yes, sir.

Q-21 Will you outline for the Court the procedure  
used by the soldiers in making voluntary transfers at that time  
back to their own Depots.

A-21 The normal procedure is that a soldier comes to me, and asks  
to be paraded before the Commanding Officer. He parades in  
front of the Officer Commanding, and he asks to be transferred  
back to his own Depot or unit. Sometimes he is asked if he has  
a furlough due. If such is the case, at odd times, the Colonel  
gives the man the Voluntary transfer to take back with him, to  
see if he can get it signed at his Depot or unit. If he is not  
going on furlough, usually it is mailed with a covering letter,  
and asks if the Officer Commanding the Depot or other unit will  
concur. This is about the routine that is carried out.

Q-22 Are these Transfer Forms signed by the Officer Commanding,  
No. 6 District Depot?

A-22 If he feels that the man's story is authentic, he signs. If  
not he has the other O.C. sign it first.

Q-23 Do you recognize the accused as Gunner MacDonald, J. M?

A-23 Yes, sir.

Q-24 Do you recall Gunner MacDonald asking at the time for a  
Voluntary Transfer?

A-24 I do not remember.

*The prosecutor declines to cross-examine the witness.*  
R.P. 83(b) is complied with. The witness retires.