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jaw and it takes between four to six weeks for union to take place. It is necessary to have X-Rays and I might say, in civilian life these patients might be allowed to go home and be treated there, but in the Army it is the practice to keep them in the hospital due to the length of time it takes for the fracture to heal.

Q.201 How long in civilian life would it take in the hospital for a fracture of this type?

A. You might keep him in the hospital for a week or two.

Q.202 Would you say the maximum was two weeks?

A. Yes.

Q.203 Why do they keep them longer in the hospital in the Army? Is it a matter of convenience?

A. One thing is the special diet. It is necessary to see that the mouth is kept clean and he was getting daily irrigations of the mouth by myself or someone else. In civilian life it would be looked after at home, but in the army he would have to go on parade. In all the cases I have treated they have all been detained in the hospital for the full period of treatment.

Q.204 Can you say how long he was hospitalized?

A. I couldn't say.

In the opinion of the Court it is not necessary to comply with R.P. 93(B).

The witness withdraws.

At 11:15 o'clock A.M. the 7th day of July 1944, the Court adjourns until 2:00 o'clock P.M. the 7th day of July 1944.

At 2:00 o'clock P.M. the 7th day of July 1944, the Court re-assembles pursuant to adjournment. Present the same members as when adjourned.

Seventh witness for the prosecution. Capt. I.D. Ruttle, RCAMC, attached Petawawa Military Hospital, Petawawa Military Camp, having been duly sworn, is examined by the prosecutor.

Q.205 What are your qualifications as a medical practitioner?

A. I am a licensed practitioner in the Province of Ontario.

Q.206 Do you know the accused in this case?

A. Yes. (indicates accused).

Q.207 Do you remember seeing him at Petawawa Military Hospital?

A. Yes, sir.

Q.208 When?

A. He came in the night of March 11, 1944, I believe a Saturday night.

Q.209 Did you examine him at that time?

A. Yes. I admitted him. I was Orderly Officer.