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Q.424 Did you mention anything to Captain Jessop when you first saw him on the Twenty-Sixth about going to bed and staying in bed?

A.424 I told him to stay in his room sir.

Q.425 But you didn't say to go to bed and stay there.

A.425 I ordered him to go to bed and take the pills that I gave him. He also had his meals there.

Q.426 You arranged for that, did you?

A.426 Yes sir.

Q.427 You made a statement where you said he was so ill and that you were supposed to go away with him on some weekend.

A.427 It was the weekend of that week.

Q.428 The same weekend, is that right? And you were supposed to go with him to the Hague?

A.428 I was going to the Hague.

Q.429 I didn't quite catch the purport of that statement and I wonder if you would give it to me again as you said it before. You said something about because he was so ill he either told you that that weekend as far as he was concerned was off. Is that correct?

A.429 Yes.

Q.430 Did he say anything - that he was too ill to go with you?

A.430 We had been discussing whether he was too ill to come or not.

Q.431 And what was the result?

A.431 He decided that he wouldn't come.

Q.432 And you told him to stay in bed for the remainder of the week?

A.432 Yes.

Q.433 I see. And that would be the weekend of the First and Second of March, would it?

A.433 I believe it is - the last of February - the First and Second would be the weekend.

Q.434 Approximately what time on the Twenty-Sixth did you visit him in the morning?

A.434 Between ten and twelve sir.

Q.435 On the morning of the Twenty-Sixth - Thursday - no, Tuesday.

A.435 The Twenty-Sixth, anyway.

Q.436 Now then, you made a statement a little while back in which you said I believe it was from your diary - Captain Jessop so and so, and 'doubt whether he will stay in bed'.

A.436 That was the Twenty-Sixth.

Q.437 What gave you the impression or what raised this doubt in your mind as to whether he would stay in bed?

A.437 When somebody is ill, that always arises. You have to order the man to bed in the army.

Q.438 Is that the only reason for your doubt?

A.438 That is, sir.

Q.439 Is it possible that you might have thought Captain Jessop was only slightly incapacitated so that if you didn't warn him to stay in bed he probably would be in bed and out anyway?

A.439 Well, I don't know, sir. Most men, unless they are told to stay in bed will not stay in bed, especially young men.

Q.440 I see. And with a slight cold or slight flu, whichever you wish to term it, it wouldn't cut his vitality to such an extent that he couldn't get around on his own two legs - in your own opinion?

A.440 Would you repeat your question please?