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Captain Jessop, you are the accused in this case?
Sir.

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You have heard the evidence of Lance-Corporal Tengum and the evidence of Corporal De Bartok in connection first with - that on the Twenty-Seventh of February 1946 they went to Gronigen - going first to the orderly room and making arrangements with you to take a vehicle to take wedding presents down to Holland. Now, in your own words tell the Court please whether or not that incident ever took place.

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Sir, Corporal De Bartok had his fiancée in Gronigen and he was planning on marrying this girl. His troop officer, Mister McKay had approached me at one time, I don't remember the exact date - and asked me if Corporal De Bartok could have transportation to take wedding presents to his fiancée in Gronigen. I informed Mister McKay that I would grant this permission. On the Twenty-Fifth of February, on Monday morning, right after the squadron parade, which was held at nine o'clock, Corporal De Bartok approached me on the parade square after the Sergeant-Major had broken off the parade, and asked me if he could obtain this transport for the following Wednesday. I told him that he could have this transport and at the same time I told him to contact Lance-Corporal Tengum and that Tengum would drive him down. We didn't have a jeep driver in the squadron, nor did we have any other jeep available than this jeep which Tengum was in charge of and as he was the senior fitter at that time in the squadron. I had also asked Corporal De Bartok if when he went into Gronigen, if he would reserve three rooms at the Frigia Hotel for myself and two other officers for the following weekend which was the second and third of March. After this discussion took place, I wasn't feeling well and went over to the mess. I laid around the mess all day until shortly after dinner which was served at six o'clock and then I went to bed. The MO came up to see me that evening and he told me that I had a slight touch of the flu and he told me to stay in bed for the remainder of the week, which I did. Corporal De Bartok and Lance-Corporal Tengum came up to my room on Thursday morning, the Twenty-Eighth at approximately nine o'clock. Mister Coates was in my room when these two entered. The only discussion that took place in that room was that Corporal De Bartok had reserved these three rooms for me. There was no question of tires - there was no money - there was no mention of anything in the nature of this charge. And that, gentlemen, sums it up.

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Now, Captain Jessop, where were your tires - I mean your squadron tires?

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The squadron tires were kept in a portion of this large building which was our squadron vehicle lines and also housed our squadron garage. This particular portion of the building where the tires were kept - the building itself, I mean, was pretty well bomb-damaged. There was no roof on it - just the four walls. It was in the same portion of the large building in which was our garage and Tech Stores.

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How many tires would there be at that time - approximately? Just four?

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No, the place where the tires were stored, there would be approximately twenty tires of all types.

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Yes. So that if as one of the witnesses for the Prosecution has said those four tires were together in some room and there didn't appear to be any other tires around, would you know anything about that - or tell me anything you know about that.