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SECOND WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION:

D.143 Cpl De Bartok, 2/7 Cdn Recce Regt CAOP, having been duly sworn, is examined by the Prosecutor:

- Q.121a Corporal De Bartok, what is your present unit?
A.121a 2/7 Recce Regiment.
- Q.122 And when were you first posted to 2/7 Recce?
A.122 In June, 1945.
- Q.123 June, 1945. And have you been with your present unit from that date - June, 45 up until the present time, without a break?
A.123 I was six weeks on a NCO's course. That's the only break.
- Q.124 When was that?
A.124 I left right after Christmas - right after New Years.
- Q.125 New Years, 1946?
A.125 Yes sir.
- Q.126 And when did you return from this course?
A.126 Eighteenth of February I think.
- Q.127 Would it be any sooner or any later than the eighteenth?
A.127 I don't remember quite the exact date when.
- Q.128 What squadron were you posted with?
A.128 B squadron.
- Q.129 B squadron.
A.129 That's right.
- Q.130 Who was your squadron Sergeant-Major?
A.130 Sergeant-Major Morris.
- Q.131 Was he your squadron Sergeant-Major in February, February of this year?
A.131 There was one time it appeared that Sergeant Wilson was acting.
- Q.132 Do you remember what time that was?
A.132 I don't remember the exact date sir.
- Q.133 Who was your squadron OC?
A.133 I believe it was Major Bault-Francis, I think.
- Q.134 I see. Is there any reason for hesitating?
A.134 Yes sir. I very seldom saw him around.
- Q.135 I see. And who was your 2ID?
A.135 Captain Jessop.
- Q.136 Now then, Corporal De Bartok, during the last - somewhere around the last week in February, did you have occasion to be away from your unit?
A.136 Yes sir.
- Q.137 You did?
A.137 Yes sir.
- Q.138 With or without leave?
A.138 With leave sir.
- Q.139 With leave?
A.139 Yes sir.
- Q.140 I wonder if you would tell the Court in your own words what transpired immediately before you were absent with leave, while you were absent with leave and upon your return from