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Q.287 Not to your knowledge. Could anyone have been authorized  
to make this - to grant this leave?

A.287 Yes sir.

Q.288 Who would that be?

A.288 Major Frances or in the absence of him, Lieutenant Wagner.

Q.289 Was Major Frances actually present with the unit between  
the twenty-fifth and thirtieth of February?

A.289 Yes, I believe he was.

Q.290 You believe he was?

A.290 Yes.

Q.291 Can you say definitely he was?

A.291 No, he was there during part of that time.

Q.292 And if Major Frances was not available, who?

A.292 Mister Wagner.

Q.293 Mister Wagner.

A.293 Yes sir.

Q.294 Now then, you now, I take from your statement already given  
that De Bartok and Tengum were going to proceed to Gronigen  
on the Wednesday. Is that Correct?

A.294 Right.

Q.295 And you knew that they were to proceed by jeep?

A.295 Yes.

Q.296 Who signed the Work Ticket for that jeep?

A.296 I don't know.

Q.297 Wouldn't it have been your business to know who signed the  
Work Ticket, in view of the fact that you were acting OC  
of the squadron in Major Bult-Frances' absence? Who signed  
the Work Ticket?

A.297 That particular Work Ticket which you refer to, I have no  
idea who signed it.

Q.298 Did you authorize anyone to sign a Work Ticket?

A.298 Standing orders in the squadron are that I sign the Work  
Tickets. All Work Tickets were to be signed by the OC or the  
2IC or in their absence by any other officer available.

Q.299 Any other officer available. And who would the other officer  
available have been?

A.299 Mister Wagner, Mister Coates, Mister MacKay, Mister Northrop,  
Mister Taylor. Any one of them.

Q.300 Can you tell the Court, Captain Jessop, how you expected  
Corporal De Bartok and Tengum to get past the border without  
this necessary authorization described in that Routine Order  
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A.300 This Div Order may have been in existence but it was never  
complied with either within the regiment or I might add  
in the CACF. These orders were never issued down to the  
border - to the people in charge of the border control and  
at no time were there ever any restrictions on regimental  
vehicles crossing the German-Dutch border, outside of having  
a Work Ticket, and the men must show their identification.

Q.301 So that to the best of your knowledge, everyone of the 2/7  
Recco Unit - in fact everyone in CACF - neglected that order?

A.301 Correct. That's so close to being correct that - I couldn't  
put it to every Canadian in the CACF but I might put it to a  
good ninety percent of them.

Q.302 Now, can you give me any reason why these four tires might  
have been stored separately in one small room, separately  
from the others?

A.302 No, I can give you no reason at all why.