

Q.272 But the nature of your sickness was not such as to prevent you, should the occasion arise, should you have reason to do so, from getting up, leaving your bed and going anywhere - in other words it was not such a sickness as might have kept you immobile - like a broken leg - or - could you get around?
A.272 I never got around for approximately the first four days.

Q.273 I'm not asking you whether you did. You have just told the Court that the MD diagnosed it as a slight case of flu. I believe that those were his words.
A.273 That's right. I wasn't feeling such that I would want to get out of bed.

Q.274 Yet it would have been quite within the realm of possibility?
A.274 It was possible, yes.

Q.274 I see; yes. Now, you say there were no other jeeps in the squadron available to send De Bartok and Tengum down. Is that correct?
A.274 That's correct.

Q.275 In other words when De Bartok and Tengum left for Gronigen, no jeeps were left in the squadron.
A.275 No. There was one jeep left in the squadron.

Q.276 You said there was no other.
A.276 I said there was no other available for the trip.

Q.277 What was the other jeep?
A.277 That was a jeep which I drove myself and which I would not let anybody else drive.

Q.278 There were two jeeps then?
A.278 There were two jeeps. I might add - at that time.

Q.279 Now then, you stated that on Thursday morning when Corporal De Bartok and Corporal Tengum returned from Gronigen, they attended at your room. Is that correct?
A.279 That's correct.

Q.280 You also stated that there was a third party present, or should I say a fourth party, Lieutenant Coates.
A.280 That's correct.

Q.281 Was Lieutenant Coates there already when De Bartok and Tengum arrived?
A.281 Yes, he was.

Q.282 He was there when they arrived?
A.282 He was there when they arrived.

Q.283 And did he remain until after they had gone?
A.283 Yes. They were only in my room for a matter of a couple of minutes.

Q.284 I see. But he was there before they arrived and remained there until after they had gone, is that right?
A.284 Yes, certainly.

Q.285 Now then, you heard Corporal De Bartok tell me this morning - you heard his evidence in which he said that you had allowed him to go down to Gronigen with Tengum and that ostensibly he was supposed to go down to bring wedding presents and he stated further that he was to go down with Tengum to dispose of the tires and having disposed of the tires that he could have a pass again the very next day.
A.285 Will you repeat the question. I don't just understand it.

Q.286 I just repeated what De Bartok said this morning. The explanation is this: Was De Bartok given leave of absence himself from the unit, the following day?
A.286 Not to my knowledge.