

FIRST WITNESS FOR DEFENCE (CONT'D)

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Q.52 Private Laplante, how long have you been in the Service?

A.52 Since -- eighteen months now, Sir.

Q.53 That would be in 1948?

A.53 Yes, Sir.

THE DEFENDING OFFICER DECLINES TO RE-EXAMINE.

QUESTIONED BY THE COURT

Q.54 You have eighteen months service -- is that what you said?

A.54 Yes, Sir.

Q.55 Now when you enlisted did you have one made up -- this 800?

A.55 Yes, Sir. I saw one at Longue Pointe when I was issued with equipment.

Q.56 You saw one then?

A.56 Yes, Sir, for we gave it back after basic training was over; all my web equipment and pack except my small pack.

Q.57 It is only since last summer, 1948, that you were issued with web equipment and pack?

A.57 Yes, Sir.

Q.58 Are you married?

A.58 No, Sir.

Q.59 Do you live in town or do you live in this place?

A.59 In town, Sir.

Q.60 You are on subsistence?

A.60 Yes, Sir.

Q.61 Where do you keep your equipment?

A.61 Where I had a room and boarding house on 58 Guigues Street.

Q.62 That was about four months ago?

A.62 About six months ago.

Q.63 And you had your equipment there?

A.63 Yes, Sir.

Q.64 After that you went absent?

A.64 Yes, Sir.

Q.65 And when you came back, did you go back since?

A.65 No, Sir.