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Q.99 What was your rank early in March 1944?

A. I was an N.C.O., a full Edr.

Q.100 Do you know the accused in this case?

A. Yes, sir.

Q.101 Do you see him here this morning?

A. Yes, sir. (Indicates accused).

Q.102 Do you recall having seen him early in March of this year?

A. Yes, sir.

Q.103 Do you remember the date?

A. The 10th March.

Q.104 The approximate time?

A. 2100 hrs.

Q.105 Could you describe to the Court the circumstances under which you saw him then?

A. I saw him in L.11, sitting over at one side of the kitchen at approximately 9:00 o'clock.

Q.106 What was the accused doing?

A. The accused, when I went in, was sitting over there, and I went out for a minute and came back and walked into the centre kitchen. I heard a scuffle and he and Richmond were scuffling outside and I noticed him again.

Q.107 Can you describe more fully what the accused and Cpl. Richmond were doing when you saw them the second time?

A. I saw Gnr. Lecompte and Cpl. Richmond in a scuffle in part of L.11 kitchen, the main part of L.11 kitchen. I then saw Gnr. Lecompte grab Richmond by the shoulders and slam him against the water tank. He still had hold of him when he hit the tank. I then saw him take Richmond and stand him up against the stove and strike him a couple of times in the face. From there they got into a scuffle again and both fell on the floor. Lecompte was on top on the threshold going into the other section of the kitchen. I walked over to Lecompte and asked him to stop but he didn't seem to pay much heed to me, and from there they proceeded, the two of them, Richmond and Lecompte, into the "H" Bty kitchen on the other side, not the centre section. There are three sections in that kitchen. I was in the centre section when they passed through and I heard them still arguing in there, and the next time I walked in "H" Bty kitchen, Edr. Daniels had a hold on Gnr. Lecompte and he, Edr. Daniels, struck him a couple of times. From there they proceeded into the ration room of "H" Bty kitchen, Edr. Waterfield, Daniels, Richmond and Lecompte, they all proceeded into the ration room. I was in the doorway. Edr. Waterfield told Lecompte that if he didn't stop fighting they would have to take him to the Guard Room, and at that Lecompte tried to strike him, I don't know, maybe he struck him, he made a pass at him, to Edr. Waterfield. The three then proceeded out to the centre of the kitchen and Lecompte was hanging on to Waterfield and Richmond was also. They were walking