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President -: were there many people in the room at that time?

Witness -: yes sir - several.

President -: what were they doing?

Witness -: some were playing cards, others were gathered around the piano singing.

President -: who were you playing cards with?

Witness -: I was with Pte. halawcette, Pte. Peneault, Pte. masson and Pte. Ouellette R.

President -: do you think any of them saw who hit you?

Witness -: I am positive they saw who hit me.

second witness for the prosecution E 57856 4/Corporal
Michael T. Royal was Regt. having been duly sworn

Prosecutor -: where were you between 2100 and 2200 hours on June 27th 1943?

Witness -: I was in the troops recreation room on promenade deck.

Prosecutor -: what were you doing?

Witness -: I was standing by the piano.

Prosecutor -: what happened?

Witness -: I suddenly heard a commotion in the next room. I went in and there I saw Private Plante holding Corporal Girard by the collar of his tunic and I saw him strike the Corporal with his fist.

Prosecutor -: How far away from Corporal Girard were you standing?

Witness -: seven or eight feet away.

Prosecutor -: was anyone else close to Corporal Girard?

Witness -: yes there were other men standing around.

Prosecutor -: then what happened?

Witness -: when Corporal Girard fell down I saw him getting up and turning to see who had hit him. Private Plante then ran out of the room.

Prosecutor -: Did Private Plante run away before Corporal Girard got up?

Witness -: He ran away as he turned as was getting up.