

but I do not remember that. We were all out of sorts that day and I picked him up quick. The accused had irritated me that day and on previous days. He struck me with his closed fist in the face. The Lt H/Cpl La'Connell at least one glancing blow. I had checked the accused two or three times that afternoon on the route march about taking his hands out of his pockets.

The evidence is read over to the witness.

Second Witness for Prosecution:

B-89003 Pte Sanders, M.C. 4 CIRU,
sworn states:

I was employed as an R.P. on 20 Oct 43. I recognize the accused. On Oct 20 43 on coming out of the guard room around supper time, I saw the F.P. men forming up. Cpl Price was there. What drew my attention to this was when Cpl. Price ~~asked~~^{said} someone in the ranks to repeat what he had said. I didn't hear an answer. The Cpl. told me to get two escorts. I reported to the Sgt. ~~When I came back~~³⁴⁷ I heard a mess tin drop & someone whom I now recognize as the accused step out and hit Cpl. Price. This was when I was on my way to get the escort. I got the Sgt. of the R. P's. to get the escort. When I next saw the accused he was in a fighting position with his back to