

J.B. Richmond Cpl. C/M
Resident D.C.M.

Summary of Evidence in the case of D-643104
Gunner Herve LECOOMPTE, A-1, Canadian Artillery Training
Centre, C.A., an NRMA soldier of the Canadian
Army placed on Active Service on the following charge:
"Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Military
Discipline".

FIRST WITNESS:

A-105003 Bdr. Waterfield, J.F.,
"C" Bty. A-1, CATC, CA, having
been duly sworn, states as follows:-

In returning from the Grenade
Theatre about 2245 hours, 10 Mar 44, I was passing L-11
kitchen with Bdr. Daniels. We heard a commotion inside
so decided to go in and investigate. We saw Gnr. Lecompte
and L/Cpl. Richmond causing the disturbance. Bdr. Daniels
and myself separated the two men who seemed to be very
serious in their argument. Whilst separating them, Bdr.
Daniels and Gnr. Lecompte got into a mix-up. I ordered
Gnr. Lecompte out of the kitchen but he didn't go. He
again started to wrestle and fight with L/Cpl. Richmond,
and this time they had moved into the vegetable room.
Again Bdr. Daniels and myself broke it up, and I told
Gnr. Lecompte, who had been drinking, that he was going
to the guard room. We got him out as far as the hall
and he hit me. I hit him back about four or five times
and he dropped to the floor. He had some blood on his
face and I thought he had a nose-bleed. Bdr. Daniels,
Bdr. Hughes, who had been there, and myself picked Gnr.
Lecompte up and carried him nearly all the way to the
guard room.

The accused cross-examined this witness:

- Q. When you tried to take me over to the guard room
did Cpl. Richmond try to stop you by saying that
he was boss in the kitchen?
A. No, he never said that as he was in the other part
of the kitchen at that time.
- Q. Did Cpl. Richmond push you around the stove?
A. No, that was before when we first came in and sep-
arated you.
- Q. Did you stop hitting me when I said I had enough?
A. Yes, I did.

J.F. Waterfield Bdr.
A105003 Bdr. Waterfield, J.F.

SECOND WITNESS:

B-45810 Bdr. Daniels, R., "D" Bty.
A-1, CATC, CA, having been duly sworn,
states as follows:-

Bdr. Waterfield and myself were walk-
ing past L-11 kitchen returning from the Grenade Theatre
about 2200 hrs. 10 Mar 44. We heard a commotion coming
from inside and we entered to see what the trouble was.
On arriving we saw Gnr. Lecompte pushing L/Cpl. Richmond
around the kitchen. We could see they had been drinking
but I do not think they were drunk as they seemed to know
what they were doing. Bdr. Waterfield and myself tried
to stop the fight. Bdr. Waterfield ordered Gnr. Lecompte
to be quiet and return to his hut. Lecompte then rushed
at me and threw me across the kitchen. I then grabbed
hold of him and put an arm lock on him. When I let him
up, he rushed at L/Cpl. Richmond and pushed him into the
ration room. Then Bdr. Waterfield, L/Bdr. Hughes and my-
self stepped in to stop the fight again. Bdr. Waterfield
placed Gnr. Lecompte under arrest then Lecompte hit Bdr.