

The accused, D.643104 Gunner Herve Lecompte, A.1 Canadian Artillery Training Centre, C.A. being duly sworn, is examined by the defending officer.

Q.226 Will you give your story to the Court?

A. On the night of 10 March I went down to the Wet Canteen and saw L/Cpl. Richmond, and I drank two glasses of beer with him. After that I went down to the kitchen and we were talking. About an hour and a half after, I don't know why, but an argument started. We started to wrestle together and after that Bdr. Waterfield and Bdr. Daniels came and went into the kitchen, and when I saw these two fellows together I thought maybe they would give me a bad party. When they came around me they were right in front of me and I know I lost my head. I didn't know what I was doing. I don't remember if I hit him first, but I remember when I fell on the floor I felt a pain about that high (indicating about 2 ft. from the floor). I tried to stand up and they grabbed my two wrists together and I don't remember when they brought me back to the Guard Room.

I would like to talk about the hockey game this winter. I was playing for "H" Bty team against "A" Wing and somebody knocked my four teeth in the front and they brought me in the M.I. Room and after that they told me to go back to the hut and I signed only a Report on Injuries. They didn't have a Court of Inquiry on that. Two or three days after my face was swollen and my eyes were practically shut.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTOR

Q.227 You have told the Court that an argument started between you and Cpl. Richmond.

A. Yes, kind of argument. We started playing and fooling around and things turned into an argument.

Q.228 At first you were joking and talking?

A. Yes, before that we started arguing.

Q.229 Do you know what started the argument?

A. No. Maybe I am N.R.M.A. and he is Active. It is always the same. I don't really know.

Q.230 What rate of pay do you receive?

A. \$1.50 a day.

Q.231 Were you receiving \$1.50 at the time?

A. Yes.

Q.232 Have you any dependents, that is, any wife or mother?

A. Just my mother but she doesn't get any money from me. I get all my pay.

THE DEFENDING OFFICER DECLINES TO RE-EXAMINE

QUESTIONED BY THE COURT