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First Witness for Defence (The Accused).

A. I don't think so, sir. It was more in self-defence.

Q. You didn't just push him?

A. No, sir. I didn't just push him. I hit him, because if he had hit me first I don't know what would have happened then. I probably would have taken the worst of it then.

Q. He made no other movement other than to raise his arms to his waist? (At this point Captain Embury objected, complaining that this was a leading question. The objection was upheld and Major Tow continued.)

Major Tow. I correct my statement. He followed you and raised his hands to about the level of his waist?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What caused you to ~~swing~~ swing around?

A. When he shouted at me, 'I don't have to take rats like you outside'. I took it that he wanted to settle the matter there and then.

Q. Where was he standing when you hit him?

A. About the centre of my bed.

Question by Colonel Slessor.

Q. How long after Reveille was the first blow struck?

A. I would say about four minutes.

Rule 8j(b) has been complied with.

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