

TWO SAILORS CONVICTED OF ASSAULT IN CAMDEN

Four Other Bluejackets Acquitted on Charge of Attacking Patrol- man Louis Shaw

Two of six sailors, who have been in the Camden prison since November 20, were convicted yesterday by Judge Kates at a special session of Criminal Court on a charge of assault and battery on Policeman Louis Shaw. Those found guilty are Joseph A. Grainer and Thos. J. Percival. Elmer R. Baban, Roy Smith, Harold Cummings and Harold Norstedt, acquitted, were remanded to the custody of an officer from League Island.

Shaw was attacked by a group of sailors at Second and Walnut streets when he warned a negro against buying liquor for the bluejackets. He was knocked down and repeatedly kicked about the face and head, his nose being broken and his scalp badly torn.

Shaw was positive that Grainer led in the attack. Detective Moffett testified that after being arrested Percival admitted that he punched the officer. Denying the assault, Grainer said he was drunk when he came to Camden. Percival said the only knowledge he had of the fight was when he was struck on the head by Shaw's blackjack.

In deferring sentence until next Monday Judge Kates told Grainer and Percival that they need not expect persons to respect their uniforms if they did not respect themselves.