

## Kent Guardsman Asserts Students 'Were Rushing Us'

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—A former Ohio National Guard man testified today that students participating in an antiwar demonstration at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, "were rushing us" just before guard troops fired at the demonstrators. Four students were killed and nine wounded.

William Perkins, 29, years old, one of eight guardsmen acquitted last year on charges of violating the civil rights of the dead and wounded students, testified in the Federal trial involving \$48-million in civil damage suits filed in connection with the shootings.

Mr. Perkins, under cross-examination by Joseph Kelner, an attorney for the plaintiffs, the parents of the dead and wounded students, said he had "felt unrounded" as guardsmen marched up a hill from which they turned and fired.

After the guardsmen began shooting, Mr. Perkins testified, the students "were diving on the ground and running down the hill taking cover."