

DEFENSE TRIAL JUDGE LEONARD'S OFFICE
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UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAL THEATER

21 February 1947

UNITED STATES

vs

Case No. 12-1595

Ludwig SOBELTOW,
a German National

VIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. TRIAL DATA:

ACCUSED

Trial at Dachau, Germany
Date: 3 January 1947
Intermediate Military
Government Court
Sentence: Confinement, two
years (commencing from 6
June 1945)

Married, three children
Age 45
Engineer by occupation
Nazi Party since 1927
Burgmeister of Lechheim
since February 1942 and
Ordnungsbeauftragter of
Lechheim since 1935

Place Findings

CHARGE: Violation of the
Laws of War

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FACTS: In that Ludwig
SOBELTOW, a German national,
did, at or near Lechheim,
Germany, on about 27 August
1944, wrongfully commit an as-
sault upon Lt. William O.
LITTLEWOOD, a member of the
United States Army Air Force,
who was then an unarmed, dis-
armeded prisoner of war in the
custody of the then German Reich,
by hitting him with his fists and
kicking him.

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the findings and sentence be ap-
proved.

3. EVIDENCE:

For the Prosecution. It was shown that Lt. William O.
LITTLEWOOD, a U.S. Army Air Force Officer (P-3, R 7; P-5, R 8),
a surrendered prisoner of war in the custody of the then
German Reich was assaulted and kicked (P-2, R 7; P-5, R 9; P-6, R-9;
P-7, R 10) by the accused, a Burgmeister and Ordnungsbeauftragter

(P-5, A 9; P-6, A 9, P-7, A 10). This was admitted by the accused (P 4).

For the Defense. The accused took the stand and denied any assault or mistreatment of the personnel; however, on cross-examination admitted having food and maintaining the prisoners (P 20).

4. JURISDICTION: The Court was lawfully constituted and had jurisdiction of the person of the accused and of the offense.

5. OBJECTIONS: Examination of the entire record fails to disclose any error or omission which resulted in injustice to the accused.

6. CLEMENCY: There are no Petitions for Review nor Petitions for Clemency.

7. CONCLUSIONS:

a. It is recommended that the sentence be approved.

b. A copy of action to accomplish this result is attached hereto, should it meet with your approval.

WILLIAM S. BROWN
and Lt.,
Post Trial Section

Having examined the record of trial, I concur.

C. A. S. WALKER, Colonel, JAGC
Deputy Director Judge Advocate
for the Corps