

DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE
7708 WAR CRIMES GROUP
EUROPEAN COMMAND
APO 178

1 May 1947

UNITED STATES

vs.

Friedrich HANSELMANN, a
German national.

Case No. 12-1119

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. TRIAL DATA:

ACCUSED

Tried at Dachau, Germany
Date: 14 February 1947
Intermediate Military
Government Court
Sentence: 2 years confinement
commencing 16 April 1945

Married, two children
Age 35
Civilian

Plea Findings

CHARGE: Violation of the Laws and
Usages of War.

NG G

PARTICULARS: In that Friedrich
HANSELMANN, a German national, did,
at or near HOF, Germany, on or about
8 April 1945, wrongfully commit an
assault upon a member of the United
States Army, S/Sgt. Edward SUPE,
ASN 13061570, who was then and there
a surrendered and unarmed prisoner of
war in the custody of the then German
Reich.

NG G

2. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the findings and sentence be approved.

3. EVIDENCE:

For the Prosecution: It was shown that during an air raid on
HOF, Germany, during April 1945, an American airman, S/Sgt. Edward
SUPE, ASN 13061570, parachuted to the ground (P. Ex 3, 4, R 7, 8).
He was beaten by the accused, a one armed German civilian, who
struck him on the head three times with a wooden club. He received
lacerations of the scalp and was rendered unconscious (P. Ex 4, R 8).
He was rescued by the Luftwaffe, received hospitalization and sub-
sequently returned to the United States. A fellow American, Sgt.
CORONIS, in an extrajudicial sworn statement testified to the extent

of the injuries (P. Ex 2, R 6). The accused in two extrajudicial sworn statements (P. Ex 5, 6, R 9, 10) admitted the beating, but claimed self defense. The flyer was an American (P. Ex 4, R 8). The accused is a German national (R 3).

For the Defense. Accused testified; he claimed that he beat the flyer in self defense and that he called upon the victim to surrender, and his order was not obeyed (R 14, 15) He further claimed the extrajudicial sworn statements of American flyer SUPE were false (R 15).

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

5. COMMENTS: 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. Legal Forms Nos. 13 and 16 to accomplish this result are attached hereto, should it meet with approval.

/s/ Robert J. Travis
ROBERT J. TRAVIS
attorney
Post Trial Section

Having examined the record of trial, I concur.

/s/ C. E. Straight
C. E. STRAIGHT, Colonel, JAGD
Deputy Judge Advocate
for War Crimes