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Wehrmacht soldier

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

United States

CHARGES AGAINST

German

WAR CRIMINALS

CASE No. 13

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Name of accused, his rank and unit, or official position.

(Not to be translated.)

A German Wehrmacht soldier in charge of the guards

Date and place of commission of alleged crime.

Enroute from STALAG III B, FURSTENBURG, Germany, to STALAG III A, LUCKENWALDE, Germany, on or about 2 or 3 February 1945.

Number and description of crime in war crimes list.

Murder.

References to relevant provisions of national law.

Breach of the Laws and Usages of War.

SHORT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

On or about 2 or 3 February 1945 during a march from STALAG III B to STALAG III A Staff Sergeant JOHNSON was slow in getting back into the column. He had either stopped to adjust his pack or to pick up his canteen. A German Wehrmacht soldier in charge of the guards in Sergeant JOHNSON's section of the column shot him through the temple and killed him instantly.

Victim: Staff Sergeant Carl JOHNSON.

SOURCE: War Crimes Branch of United States Forces, European Theater (War Crimes Branch, TRANSMITTED BY No. 12-429, SPERNBERAM (P)).

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