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PANEV, N.

Submitted Decision of Committee I -

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

JUGOSLAV CHARGES AGAINST BULGARIAN WAR CRIMINALS

CHARGE No. R/B/36 *

Name of accused, his rank and unit, or official position. (Not to be translated.)	- 1. N. PANEV, Lieutenant of the "PLEVLE" division. F.1441.
Date and place of commission of alleged crime.	- July 1942 at JOSJE
Number and description of crime in war crimes list. References to relevant provisions of national law.	- XIII. Pillage. XVIII. Wanton Devastation and Destruction of Property. III. Torture of Civilians. - Violation of Articles 23(g), 46 and 47, Hague Regulations 1907, and Article 13, Yugoslav Military Courts Act, 1944.

SHORT STATEMENT OF FACTS.

A Bulgarian unit under the command of Lieut. PANEV entered the village of JOSJE in July 1942. Some persons reported to Lieut. PANEV that Serafim MILENKOVIC was supposed to be the treasurer of the local partisan organisation, and although this statement was false PANEV issued an order to the Bulgarian soldiers to search MILENKOVIC'S house. 100,000 dinars were found and the accused was taken to STALAC, KRUSEVAC and lastly to CURPIJA prison, where he was kept for 14 days and was tortured in the hope of extorting a confession from him that the money belonged to the partisan organisation at JOSJE. In spite of all efforts it could not be proved and the victim was set free, though his money, which indeed was his personal property, was withheld. The victim suffered bodily injuries and material loss.

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27th August, 1945.

PARTICULARS OF ALLEGED CRIME

PARTICULARS OF EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT

The evidence was given by the victim himself and by Kosta STOSIC from JOSJE and Cedomir ILIC from DJUNIS.

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NOTES ON THE CASE

(Under this heading should be included the view taken as to (a) the degree of responsibility of the accused in view of his official position, e.g., was offence committed on the offender's own initiative, or in obedience to orders, or in carrying out a system approved by authority or a legal provision ; (b) the probable defence ; (c) whether the case appears to be reasonably complete.)