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SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

The court martial at Camp Swift, after a six-day session, returned a verdict Saturday of last week of death by hanging for Pvt. George Knapp, 38, for causing the death of an 8-year-old daughter of the County Judge of Bastrop County. The girl was found in an unconscious condition after lying in a pasture for more than 24 hours during the heat of a day and chill of a night. Her head had been slashed.

When the verdict was read to him, Knapp's only reply was "When will the sentence take place?" The case will be reviewed by higher authorities and maybe at Washnigton. Then the time and place for the execution will be set, if any. Military executions are either by hanging or the firing squad, the former is considered the more disgraceful.