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**MAN INDICTED**

Private George S. Knapp, 38, white soldier and a bandmaster at Camp Swift, was indicted last week for the murder of the 8-year-old child who was found in an unconscious condition 1½ miles north of Bastrop Wednesday of last week. He was arrested in Austin after driving an automobile which was stolen and belonged to one of the officers at the camp. He drove away after obtaining gasoline at a filling station in Austin and not paying for it. The commanding officer of the camp ruled that since the U. S. A. is at war, trial in the case will be military instead of civil. Knapp was arraigned in a court martial trial Sunday a. m. which lasted only a few minutes as camp physicians began an examination to determine Knapp's sanity at the time the crime was committed.

The accused was from St. Paul, Minn., had previously been an inmate of an asylum from which he was later discharged. He also had a criminal record.