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Kent Bullets Are Ruled Guard Type

KENT, Ohio, May 18 (AP)—Portage County Coroner Dr. Robert Sybert said today the wounds that killed four Kent State University students May 4 "were caused by bullets similar to .30-caliber military ammunition."

National Guard officials had said there was evidence that some of the four dead and nine wounded were hit by non-military bullets.

Sybert said in his autopsy report that whether the deaths "are accidental or homicidal is undetermined and under continuing inquiry at this time."

Sybert gave no indication in his two-sentence report what he meant by the phrase "similar to," and he was not available for further comment.

Lt. Col. J. E. P. McCann, administrative aide to Adj. Gen. S. T. Del Corso, said the National Guard had not seen the report and would not comment until it had an opportunity to review it.

"I think we have established that there was another weapon fired," McCann said. He cited a physician's statement concerning an injury suffered by one of nine students wounded during the shooting.

A medical examiner has said that the size and design of one student's wounds indicated he was struck by something other than a military projectile. The medical examiner had said a military bullet would have done more damage than the student suffered.

The four students died during a confrontation between Ohio National Guardsmen and demonstrators who had defied

a guard order banning assembly. (Students were permitted to return briefly to the campus to gather belongings. United Press International reported. Students were allowed to enter the campus only through certain streets and had to be off the grounds by 5 p.m.)

(One building was designated as a center for handling special problems created by the abrupt closing of the university. Buses were provided to transport students to the building. The school officially will reopen for the summer session June 22.)