
GUARDSMAN FREED
IN KENT STATE CASE
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CLEVELAND, July 7 (UPI)— Charges against a former Ohio National Guardsman, who admitted firing two "warning shots" into the air at Kent State University more than five years ago, were dismissed today on a motion from attorneys for the plaintiffs.

With the dismissal of Richard B. J. Snyder as a defendant, charges in the \$46-million civil suit in the United States District Court now remain against 40 former and present guardsmen, Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio and Robert I. White, former president of Kent.

Mr. Snyder, a former member of Guard Company A, testified today "there was no need to fire" when four students were killed and nine others wounded by guardsmen during an antiwar demonstration on the campus on May 4, 1970.

Mr. Smith, under an hour's cross examination by Prof. David Engdahl, attorney for the wounded students and parents of those killed, said there had been times that day when he felt threatened. But, he said, he regarded the two shots he had fired in the air as merely warning shots, and had thought the same about a volley of fire from other guardsmen.
