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GUARDSMAN AT KENT:  
'NO REASON TO FIRE'

CLEVELAND, July 14 (UPI)—  
Capt. John Martin, the commander of a group of Ohio National Guardsmen who fired into a group of student antiwar

demonstrators at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, testified today that he "saw no reason to fire" during the demonstration.

Captain Martin testified in United States District Court here as the eighth week of a \$46-million civil damage suit trial began. The suit was filed

by the parents of the four students who were killed and by nine persons wounded in the incident.

The officer said he had commanded about 120 men at Kent State the day of the demonstrations. Under examination by an attorney for the plaintiffs, he said "about 14 of them"

fired their weapons.

"I saw no reason to fire and concern for my own safety never crossed my mind," Captain Martin said.

Before his testimony, Judge Donald Young overruled a motion by defense lawyers that attorneys for the plaintiffs be held in contempt of court.