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Otto von Bolschwing; Ex-Captain in Nazi SS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 9 (AP) — Otto von Bolschwing, a former German SS captain who voluntarily surrendered his United States citizenship last year after a Justice Department investigation of his Nazi past, died Sunday in a Sacramento hospital. He was 72 years old.

Mr. von Bolschwing had been suffering from progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare and incurable brain disease.

Mr. von Bolschwing, who emigrated to the United States in 1954 and became a naturalized citizen in 1959, had contended that he was a double agent in World War II, aiding American Army intelligence units while holding sensitive high-ranking posts in the Sicherheitsdienst, the elite SD foreign intelligence arm of the SS, a quasi-military unit of the Nazi Party.

Because of Mr. von Bolschwing's deteriorating health, the Justice Department agreed to allow him to remain in the United States after he surrendered his citizenship last December.

After becoming a United States citizen, he had a wide-ranging business career. He served as a high-ranking official in international marketing at the Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Company and served as an international business consultant to TCI, an advanced technology concern in the Sacramento and San Jose areas that went bankrupt in 1971.