

RACISTS RIOT AT MILLINGTON

On the night of July 21, 1969, white MP's at Millington saw a group of Black marines sitting around drinking and talking. That had to mean trouble. The MP's got ready by putting extra men on security detail and by making extra clubs. When the Black Brothers started into their barracks to go to bed, they were attacked by 15 club-swinging white MP's. The brothers defended themselves.

Pfc. Charles L. Nickson, 19, of Memphis

Lance Cpl. Terry Backstrom, 21, of Lauderdale, Miss.

Pfc. Arthur McCall, 20, of Birmingham, Ala.

Pvt. Oscar Terry, 19, of Paducah, Ky.

They all fought and were wounded in Vietnam. Now they are facing charges of rioting, conspiracy to riot, and assault. When their trials begin November 17th, they could each receive sentences of up to 86 years.

Why? Because of racism. Millington is just like Camp LeJeune. Just like Memphis, Black men get together and they must be planning to riot. Black men defend themselves against racist attacks and they are charged with rioting and assault.

As concerned citizens we must act. We must extend our fight against racism and for justice to include Millington too. These Black Brothers need our help.

Our first step will be to let the brass at Millington know that we are watching. YOU CAN HELP. SIGN THE LETTER ON THE BACK AND MAIL IT TO ADMIRAL CHRISTENSEN AT THE ADDRESS AT THE TOP.

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