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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME BROWN, Harold, (NM)	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE Sp-1
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Harold BROWN, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I was assigned to Company C, 20th Inf, 11th LTB, Americal Division on about 19 March 1968. Upon arrival, I heard about the operation at "Pinkville" from other men in the unit who had been on that operation. When the men talked about it, they stated that they had had orders to go through the village and kill everything in the village. I heard from TREVINO, TORRES, RODRIGUEZ, SCHIEL, DELGADO AND HOWER about how they had killed a lot of vietnamese. TORRES and TREVINO described one incident where they had gotten a group of vietnamese together and had killed them all.

Q: Did they say what type of weapons they had used?

A: M-16's and machine guns.

Q: Did they say where this had happened?

A: They only explained it as being behind a hootch in the village.

Q: Did they say how many they had killed?

A: I don't recall the exact number, but it was more than thirty (30).

Q: Did they speak about specific shootings where they shot vietnamese in the heads?

A: Yes. They did. HODGES was another of the men who talked about killing civilians. They were more or less breaking in the new men with their combat stories. DELGADO also spoke about his shooting of vietnamese. HOWER told of killing vietnamese with his M-60. He was a machinegunner.

Q: Can you recall any one of these persons explicitly stating that he had killed a Vietnamese or a group of Vietnamese?

A: Yes. I heard TORRES talking about a man who came running out of a hootch and he stated that he shot and killed him with his rifle. This I heard from TORRES own mouth during a conversation. He was not speaking directly to me, but I was there and overheard the conversation.

Q: Can you recall any specifics about SCHIEL?

A: No. He was the first one to tell me about the village and about what had happened, but he did not state that he had shot any particular persons other than he had been involved in the killing of everything that was in the village. He was a squad leader.

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Q: Did you know a sergeant HUCHANON?
 A: Yes. He got wounded shortly after I got there. It was on a hill. I remember seeing him on a stretcher.

Q: Can you recall what date that was that he got wounded?
 A: I think that it was in April or May, but I can't be sure. We were not on an operation at that time. We were just moving.

Q: Was there any type of investigation conducted into the operation at "Pinkville" while you were assigned to that unit?
 A: No. I did not hear anything about any investigation while I was there.

Q: Do you have anything further to add to this statement?
 A: No. I just know what I have told you and this I heard about after the actual operation.

END OF WRITTEN STATEMENT.

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HAROLD BROWN HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

I, Harold Brown (Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES: Robert B. Graham (Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 30 day of October, 1969 at Fort Jackson, S. C.

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS MAINT 10 (Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS ROBERT B. GRAHAM (Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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