

WITNESS STATEMENT

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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME MANSELL, Charles Hersley	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE CW2
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS Air Cav Troop, 5th Armored Cav Reg, Fort George Meade, Md 20755			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Charles H. MANSELL,

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

- Q: Mr MANSELL how long had you been in Vietnam?
- A: I was in Vietnam from November 1967 to September 1968. During the month of March 1968, I was with Company B, 123rd Aviation Bn, Americal Div, APO San Francisco 96374.
- Q: Do you recall being on a mission in pinkville during the middle of March 1968?
- A: Yes sir, I was on several missions during that time.
- Q: Do you remember any one mission that stands out in your mind? If so, why?
- A: The only thing that I can remember was at My Lia (4) area. I remember only seeing a great amount of dead bodies, primary women and children of all ages.
- Q: Do you know what cause the death of the people?
- A: It's my opinion that they had been shot.
- Q: Do you know who shot the people?
- A: No, I didnot see any of them shot.
- Q: The bodies that you saw where they in groups or singlerly?
- A: Both.
- Q: How many bodies did you see in groups?
- A: the largest group I saw was about 3 or 4 bodies.
- Q: Did you see any US Forces standing over or by the bodies?
- A: I don't recall seeing any troops.
- Q: When you were flying over My Lia (4), were any of the homes burning?
- A: Yes they were burning.
- Q: Did any of your gunships fire upon VC and/or the villege My Lia (4)?
- A: Not that I know.
- Q: Do you know how many aircraft were involved in this operation?
- A: No sir, I don't remember.
- Q: Can you identify any of your crew members?
- A: No sir, I can not.
- Q: What type of air craft did you fly?
- A: UH-1B gunship.
- Q: During that operation did you land in or around My Lia (4)?
- A: No sir.
- Q: Do you know the names of any other pilots on that mission?
- A: No other then WO Hugh THOMSON.
- Q: Do you know what type aircraft he was flying?
- A: Yes sir, he was flying OH-23.
- Q: Did you see THOMSON land his aircraft at any time durning the operation?
- A: I don't remember.
- Q: Did you observe any heavy weapons firing while you was in the area?
- A: I didn't observe any weapons being fired, in the immediate area of My Lia (4).
- Q: Did you have an occasion to fly over My Lia (4) at a later date?
- A: Yes sir.

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Q: What did you observe on these flights?

A: I believe it was the next day when I flew over the area I still observed a large amount of dead bodies^{lying} about. It appeared that none of them had been moved.

Q: Do you recall any instructions or orders about reporting this type of incident?

A: No sir.

Q: Did you report this incident?

A: No sir.

Q: Do you have any information or know of anyone who tried to suppress an investigation into the allegations concerning My Lia (4)?

A: No.

Q: Do you have anything to add to this statement?

A: No sir, not at this time? *6/9/77*

////// END OF STATEMENT //

AFFIDAVIT

I, Charles H. MARNEILL 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.

WITNESSES:

Jack P. Brown
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Det A, 12th MP Gp (GI), Ft Meade, Md
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EXHIBIT G1

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

CPM

Charles H. Marneill
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 3d day of December, 19 69 at Fort George Meade, Md

Raymond E. Miller
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

RAYMOND E MILLER
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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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