

# WITNESS STATEMENT

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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME BLACKIN, Harvey James	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE SP6 (N6)
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS Hq Co A, 4th Bn, School Bde, Ft Gordon, GA 30905			

## SWORN STATEMENT

I, Harvey J. Blackin, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I was assigned to Co C, 1/30 Inf, Americal Div, in Sep 66, while the unit was in Thailand. I went to Vietnam with the unit on 1 Dec 67. I suppose I should state that as a cook, I was assigned to Hq Co, and was attached to Co C. I don't recall being assigned to any specific Platoon or Squad in Co C. When Co C, was assigned to Task Force Barker I remained behind at Duc Pho in the capacity as 1st Cook and baker. Each day the Mess Hall prepared about 130 separate hot meals which we took to the chopper pad behind the Mess Hall and the meal was taken to one of the units in the field. No Mess Hall personnel went on the chopper to serve these meals because the meals were packed in disposable containers. During the time I was in Vietnam I never went out on any field exercises. I was aware of Task Force Barker, but the extent of my knowledge was from hearing the men in the unit talk about it.

Sometime following the Pinkville Operation, WEST, Charles, who is a friend of mine, came to the Mess Hall where I was working and was telling me about the Pinkville Operation. He told me that CPT MEDINA said to kill everything that moved and burn the village. I recall that West stated "we killed a lot of people", but I don't recall any of the details or how many he may have stated were killed. I'm sure that I ask WEST for more details about the operation, but I can not recall anything further that he told me. However, whatever it was that he told me, I'm sure that it did not leave me of the opinion that anything out of the ordinary occurred. I certainly never suspected that any massacre or mass murders occurred. My first knowledge of any such allegation was when I returned to the States and saw it in the news. And I might add, that I still don't think it happened.

Q: Do you recall any specific incidents that WEST told you that he participated at Pinkville or My Lai 4 ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Did West, or anyone else, tell you of any incidents that they witnessed or participated in, at My Lai 4 ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Did you ever go to My Lai 4, on or after 16 Mar 68 ?

A: No, sir never.

Q: Have you ever seen any photographs, or heard any tape recordings concerning the My Lai 4 operation on 16 Mar 68 ?

A: No, sir none.

Q: Was an investigation conducted of the My Lai 4 operation, within the unit or Task Force which you are aware of ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Do you know of anyone in Co C, using marijuana or other narcotic drugs ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Are you aware of any type of action being taken against in your unit as a result of the My Lai 4 Operation ?

A: No, sir.

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## STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: When did you depart Vietnam ?

A: I left Vietnam on 3 Jul 68, enroute to the hospital in Japan for a broken jaw and knee operation. It was about August 1968, that I left Japan and went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC. About September 1968, I was released from Walter Reed and sent to Ft Gordon, GA.

Q: Were you at LZ Dottie on 15 Mar 68, when CPT MEDINA briefed members of Co C concerning the followin day's operation into the Pinkville area ?

A: No, sir, I never was at Dottie.

Q: Did you ever discuss the Pinkville or My Lai 4 Operation with any person, other than WEST ?

A: No, sir; not that I can remember.

Q: Do you possess any knowledge of anyone being told, or directed not to discuss the My Lai 4 operation ?

A: No, I don't.

Q: Have you ever been questioned by anyone, prior to this interview, concerning the My Lai 4 Operation, on 16 Mar 68 ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Do you possess any further knowledge concerning the My Lai 4 Operation, and what transpired there on 16 Mar 68 ?

A: No, sir.

Q: Do you desire to add or delete anything from this statement ?

A: No, sir. *HJB*

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Harvey J. Blackie

HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATE-

MENT 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:

Harvey J. Blackie

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 18th day of January, 1970 at Ft Gordon, GA

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

James E. Mercer

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

JAMES E. MERCER, CTD

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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