

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai, RVN	DATE 19 Jan 70	TIME	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME THANH, Tuan Thien	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE C/2
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS BRACIDA, Task Force, Team 72 (HVN), HQ MACV, APO SF 96222			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Tuan Thien THANH, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

On 18 Jan 70, I was interviewed by me with SA Arthur D. HALL, 25th MID, APO SF 96225 acting as interpreter. At the onset of the interview it was evident that XI was afraid, confused and illiterate. This investigation's statement is the end result of the interview after XI had been repeatedly questioned on the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of XI is as follows:

NAME: Tuan Thien XI
 DOB: None
 ADDRESS: Trung An Refugee Camp, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 DOB: 20 Feb 54
 POB: Binh Tay sub hamlet, Tu Quang hamlet, Son Ly Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
 OCCUPATION: Farmer
 EDUCATION: Can read and write

In the 18th day, second month of the lunar calendar, in the early morning hours, (16th Mar 69), the Americans came to her sub hamlet. She had departed her house to get water and she heard the artillery shells hit in the vicinity of Tuan Yen sub hamlet. She saw the helicopters fly over and watched them drop troops at the edge of Tuan Yen hamlet. She returned to her home. She heard the small arms fire coming from the direction of Tuan Yen and she became afraid and fled from her home to Son Thanh village. In the afternoon, she returned to her house and found her father, NAME GEO, 50; her mother Myinh thi HUNG, 46; her sister, Pham thi DANG, 26 and DANG's daughter Do thi HUNG, 2, all had been killed in the intersection of the village path and the path leading to her house. DANG's husband QUAN (NFI) was in Saigon when the Americans came so he was not present. XI also found her aunt Do thi HUNG, 55; HUNG's son Tuan HUNG, 35; and HUNG's son Pham DUONG, 8 had also been killed at the same place as her family. In all there were 16 bodies in the intersection but XI stated that this was the only ones she knew by name. XI estimated that the number of people that lived in Binh Tay as over a hundred. She did not know the names of the VC men who were located in her hamlet. XI stated that HUNG's wife CUONG, age 35 (NFI) had been wounded in the left shoulder after being raped by the Americans. XI stated that CUONG had been treated at the Quang Ngai City hospital for her wounds but that she did not know any further details. CUONG presently lives in Son Thanh village, RVN. XI had no additional information pertinent to this investigation.

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I, Joel H. Poses

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:

ALAN D. HARRIS, SA2005 TTD, 136 37 93225

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Joel H. Poses
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 19 day of January, 19 70 at Quang Nam, RVN

Thomas J. McGraw
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGRAW, MAJ MC
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Art 136 (b)(4), FM, 1968

(Authority To Administer Oath)

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