

WITNESS STATEMENT
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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WIDMER, Frederick Joseph	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE Civilian
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SWORN STATEMENT

FW Frederick J. WIDMER, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

In addition to my statement of 8 Oct 69, I wish to make the following statement in the presence of CPT Gary R. MYERS, , Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, DC, who is acting as my legal counsel.

Concerning my actual location in and route through MyLai(4), I choose only to say that after landing to the west of the village, I entered the village with the command element. Somewhere in the south west corner I observed a dead military age male outside a house. This man was approx 30-35 years old. I believe he was shot by small arms fire. At any rate, it was here that I became separated from CPT MEDINA, who must also have seen the body because we walked right over it. I continued through the village and exited at the junction of a north-south and east-west trail at the south side of the village. MEDINA and I arrived there about the same time. I do not care to comment further on what took place there, my subsequent route through MyLai(4), or what I observed.

Concerning the interrogation of the old man in white mentioned in my previous statement, I wish to add that this interrogation was conducted jointly by CPT MEDINA, CPT KOTOUC and the Vietnamese National Police I witnessed KOTOUC cut off the tip of one of the man's fingers by placing the man's hand on a board. MEDINA was standing next to KOTOUC at the time, and in fact, MEDINA threatened to cut off one of the man's ears by putting a knife to his head or making gestures. Later this prisoner and no other was shot by the Vietnamese Police. I do not recall any of the conversation between KOTOUC or MEDINA. I believe KOTOUC and the Vietnamese Police were in charge of the interrogation. About 20 minutes later, after the cutting of the finger, the Vietnamese Police shot that prisoner and one other. The second was dressed in black pants and a maroon shirt. I did not see them killed, but heard the shots, saw the Vietnamese Police walking away and later saw their bodies in a little gully. I believe LT ALAUX and Louis B. MARTIN were there. This occurred during the early evening of the first day, someplace east of MyLai(4).

On the 2d day, a man was captured on a little island in the Tra Khuc River. I saw CPT MEDINA questioning a prisoner who was placed against a tree. MEDINA was shooting into the tree above his head. He fired three shots, each time getting closer until the man talked. This prisoner was evacuated along with three other captured with him.

Having been asked to identify a photograph depicting two soldiers, photo initialed and dated by me, I identify the man on the right holding a .45 cal. pistol as TERRY and the man on the left pouring something from a basket as Franklin WILLIAMS, also called "Chief".

Sometime during the first night, PAUL, one of the other RTOs told me that MEDINA had shot a Vietnamese female. I as recall, this was supposed to have occurred near the south eastern edge of the village. I did hear a shot in that vicinity. No further comment on this subject. *FW* X X X X X X X END OF STATEMENT X X X X X X X X X X X X

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STATEMENT (Continued)

...I have read the statement and have made corrections as indicated. 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.

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I, Frederick J. Widmer 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: Harry R. McGee Frederick J. Widmer
(Signature of Person Making Statement)
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 11th day of March, 19 70
at Pittsburgh, PA

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS - JAMES BUGLIO
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