

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Pasadena, Texas	DATE 21 Feb 79	TIME 0010 hrs	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME GRIMES, Joe (NMN)	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE Civ
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Joe (NMN) GRIMES

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Q-Mr GRIMES, I would like to ask you some questions concerning the operation that you were on while a member of Company C, 1st Bn, 20th Inf, Americal Division. This incident occurred on 16 Mar 68, while your company was attached to "Task Force Barker". Are you willing to answer further questions about this incident?

A-Yes.

Q-Did you know a man named T'SOUVAS?

A-Yes. He was a machine gunner and I believe that he was in my squad.

Q-Did you see or hear about T'SOUVAS killing any Vietnamese civilians on 16 Mar 68?

A-No.

Q-Can you give any information concerning T'SOUVAS' actions while he was on this operation?

A-Not that I can recall.

Q-Did you know a man named WILLIAMS?

A-Yes.

Q-What was his job in the platoon?

A-At one time he was a grenadier and I think he was during this operation also.

Q-Did you see WILLIAMS shoot a Vietnamese man and woman that were running down a trail?

A-No.

Q-Can you give any information concerning WILLIAMS actions while he was on this operation?

A-No.

Q-Did you know DOHERTY and TERRY?

A-Yes.

Q-Did you see either or both of these men kill some wounded Vietnamese civilians?

A-No.

Q-Did you see either or both of these men kill anyone while on this operation?

A-No. The only ones that I saw them shoot at was four or five Vietnamese that we shot at when we got off the helicopter. We did not hit these people.

Q-With all of the shooting that was going on how is it that you did not see anyone shoot and/or kill anyone?

A-I really don't know. My squad was not all together. They were all spread out and I guess that I was not where it was all going on. I did see alot of dead people, but they were already dead by the time that I got to where they were.

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Q-Who was "Jake" SMITH?

A-That was R.D. SMITH. "Jake" was his nickname.

Q-Did you see him kill anyone?

A-No.

Q-During this entire operation did you see anyone kill Vietnamese civilians?

A-No.

Q-Is there anything about this operation that you can tell me that you have not already related?

A-No.

Q-Is there anything that you would like to add to or delete from this statement?

A-No.

////////////////////End of Statement////////////////////

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I, Joe (NMN) GRIMES

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:

Joe Grimes

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 21 day of Feb, 19 70 at Pasadena, Texas

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Richard E. Sherwood

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Richard E. SHERWOOD, Crim Inves

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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J.G.