

HIEN

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam	DATE 15 Mar 70	TIME 1130	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WEISS, COY TEE	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE CW2
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Coy L. WEISS

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Between 1000 - 1040 hours, 14 Mar 70, I interviewed Le Thi HIEN, in the presence of SFC Raymond O. WALDEN, acting as interpreter. Personal data of HIEN is as follows:

NAME: Le Thi HIEN
 ID#: Unknown
 ADDRESS: Co Phu hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
 DOB: 1898
 POB: My Hoi sub-hamlet, Co Luy Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 OCCUPATION: Fisherman - houseworker
 EDUCATION: None, can not read or write

HIEN stated substantially as follows: The day the Americans came and killed the women and children was the 18th day of the 2nd lunar month, 1968. At about 1000 hours when the sun had been up about 3 1/2 hours, she saw the Americans coming across the bridge near My Khe. Villagers from My Khe were fleeing in front of the soldiers and warning the people of My Hoi to hide that the Americans were killing everyone and burning homes as they came. The people from My Khe said that the soldiers were dragging people from their homes and bunkers saying "You VC, you VC" and killing them. She saw houses being burned and saw fires in the sky. She took three children into a bunker near the sea and hid with them. She kept peeking out from where she was hidden and saw that homes were being burned and also crops. She saw one group of American soldiers, five or six all white skinned. She remained hidden in the bunker undiscovered until three or four hours after mid day. When she emerged from hiding, she discovered many bodies, seeing in all about 22 bodies. She saw also that all the homes were destroyed, and the crops. She had lived with her son and his family, her son had been out fishing at the time and was spared, however her daughter-in-law went into the family bunker with all the family children and was killed. The following members of her family lost their lives that day: Ngo Thi NGAM, 32 years, daughter-in-law; Nguyen Thi Thi, 12, granddaughter; Nguyen KHAI, 10, grandson; Nguyen KHAI, 8, grandson and Nguyen Thi KIANG, granddaughter, 6 years old. They had been killed by having a grenade thrown in to the bunker where they were at, and also by having rifle fire directed into this bunker. She helped to bury the bodies of her daughter-in-law and grandchildren and then went to the refugee center along with everyone else. There was haste to leave before the soldiers came back. In addition to her family, she knew that Le HO, 16 year old girl was burned on the face from the fires but did not die and that Le THI a 12 year old girl had been killed. She did not know the names of any other person who died that day at My Hoi, ~~however~~ however after they had gathered together in the area of Son My Village in a refugee center, some officials made a count of persons killed there that day, and she was told that 97 persons were killed at My Hoi. HIEN

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could offer no additional information except that she now lives with her son at Co 10th and has been there almost two years. She affirmed that her statement was the truth to the best of her knowledge and memory. *clw*

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I, Coy L. Wells

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:

Raymond O. Walden
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INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

Coy L. Wells
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 19 70 at Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam

Thomas J. McGreevy
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGREEVY

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Criminal Investigator, Art 136b(4) UCMJ

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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