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HEADQUARTERS, THIRD U. S. ARMY, Ft. McPherson, Ga. -- The Commanding General, Third United States Army, Lieutenant General Albert O. Connor, today announced the dismissal of court-martial charges in the case of one soldier and the referral for trial by court-martial of two offenses in the case of another soldier.

Charges against both soldiers arose from events alleged to have occurred at Son My, Republic of Vietnam, in March 1968.

The charge of premeditated murder in violation of Article 118, Uniform Code of Military Justice, against Corporal Kenneth Schiel has been dismissed. No further proceedings in this case are anticipated.

The allegation of assault with intent to commit murder and false swearing, both in violation of Article 134, Uniform Code of Military Justice, in the case of Sergeant Charles E. Hutto will be referred for trial by a general court-martial. The trial date has not been announced. The charges alleging murder in violation of Article 118, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and rape in violation of Article 120, UCMJ, have been dismissed.

These actions by General Connor were based on his review of the reports of the Article 32 investigations and the recommendations of his own legal staff. General Connor determined that there was insufficient evidence to warrant further proceedings with respect to the charges that he dismissed.