

(As of 19 Aug 71)

200. OSTRENGA ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Murder of unidentified VN.  
2. Refusing to render medical treatment to wounded VN and PW's.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified LT and CPT (CO), D Co, 2/12th Inf, 25th Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Pat Ostrenga, formerly of D Co, 2/12th Inf, 25th Inf Div, Feb - Dec 68.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Ostrenga testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Ostrenga alleged that he observed an unidentified LT in his company shoot and kill an unidentified VN male for no apparent reason. Mr. Ostrenga also alleged that on one occasion he attempted to administer medical treatment to wounded VN civilians; however, his CO ordered him to stop. This same policy was used regarding wounded PW's, according to Mr. Ostrenga.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

Mr Ostrenga was interviewed by CID on 1 Aug 71. He refused to provide any information concerning his allegations because he said his friends were involved, and he did not want to embarrass their families.

WITNESSES: Not identified.

INITIATED BY WHOM: AGC; WSI material is contained in the Congressional Records of 6 and 7 Apr 71.