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(As of 16 Sep 71)

187. PERRY ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Indiscriminate use of fire power.
2. Mutilation of corpses.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified members of Co A/1/506th Inf, 101st Abn Div and supporting troops.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Bill Perry, former PFC, Co A/1/506th Inf, 101st Abn Div, Nov 66 - Aug 68.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Perry testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Perry alleged that on 5 Mar 68, in the village of Son Be, Phuoc Long Province, as a result of an ambush within the village, his platoon called for and received artillery and air strike support for approximately five hours which resulted in the destruction of the village. Upon completion of the support fire, his platoon and unidentified reinforcing troops swept through the village, systematically destroying bunkers without concern as to the status of their occupants. Mr. Perry also alleged that in mid-Jul 68, in the vicinity of Mui Ba, unidentified members of his unit mutilated an undetermined number of unidentified bodies by cutting patches or numbers on them.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

During the period 8 Jun - 17 Aug 71, efforts by CID to locate Mr. Perry disclosed that he is somewhere in Europe, and the expected date of his return to the US is unknown. In the event Mr. Perry is located, a supplemental report will be submitted.

WITNESSES: Not identified.

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

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC has been notified of review and evaluation.

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