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Army's Report Failed To Mention Civilians

QUANT NGAI (South Vietnam) — (UPI) — An official U.S. Army publication distributed the day after the alleged massacre at Song My reported 128 "enemy" killed there in an American attack supported by artillery and helicopters, it was learned today.

The newsletter of the U.S. Americal Division made no mention of civilian casualties and reported the attack as a mission against a Viet Cong stronghold.

"Jungle warriors (the 11th Light Infantry Brigade) together with artillery and helicopter support hit the village of My Lai early yesterday (March 16, 1968) morning," the newsletter said.

"Contacts throughout the morning and early afternoon resulted in 128 enemy killed, 13 suspects detained and three weapons captured."

My Lai is a hamlet in Song My village.

The newsletter made no reference to Lt. William Calley, who has been charged with murdering 109 civilians in the village.

Another edition of the mimeographed newsletter said the attack on Song My was part of a larger mission known as Operation Muscatine.

It said six Viet Cong were

killed in the area March 17 as troops from Task Force Barker pushed through rice fields around Quang Ngai City, eight miles from Song My.