

Ex-G.I. Says He Saw Calley And Mitchell Kill Civilians

Tells Court-Martial Screaming Women, Children and Old Men at Mylai 4 Were Pushed Into a Ditch and Then Shot

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FORT HOOD, Tex., Oct. 19—A former member of the infantry company that swept through the South Vietnamese hamlet of Mylai 4 in 1968 testified today that screaming women, children and old men had been pushed into a ditch and shot by S. Sgt. David Mitchell and Second Lieut. William L. Calley Jr.

Another former member said that he had observed both men standing at the edge of the ditch but had seen only the lieutenant fire.

One of the witnesses, a radio man with the infantry unit, said that he had seen Sergeant Mitchell, who is standing court-martial here on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, fire two magazines of bullets from his M-16 rifle into

the mass of people. The accusations came at the outset of testimony in the court-martial after several weeks of delay caused by a legal maneuvering and the selection of a panel of officers to hear the case.

The testimony today followed a brief opening statement by the trial counsel that the Government would prove that Sergeant Mitchell had fired into a group of "helpless, unarmed old men, women and children with short bursts of automatic rifle fire."

There was no mention of the proceedings of a House subcommittee investigating the Mylai 4 massacre.