

# Killings by Copters Told at Calley Trial

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FT. BENNING (Ga.) — (AP) — A former helicopter pilot said today he saw large U.S. gunships mow down fleeing Vietnamese along a highway at My Lai during the assault on the village in 1968.

Brian W. Livingston, 26, now an investment counselor of Killeen, Tex., testified under cross-examination at the court-martial of Lt. William L. Calley Jr., that he saw the "Sharks," big helicopter gunships, attack the people along the road.

"I saw bodies falling left and right off the road," he said.

Livingston said he was piloting a helicopter over Highway 521 at the time.

## Bodies in Trench

He said he made a low run over the village and saw people coming out onto the high-

way, and that the gunships then attacked them.

Earlier, on direct questioning, Livingston told an Army prosecutor that he saw between 35 and 50 bodies in a horseshoe shaped trench in another sector of the village.

He described it as "a trench line, horseshoe shaped ditch that goes around the road."

It was something that stuck in my mind," he said. "I saw bodies. I saw blood."

"What was in the ditch?" he was asked.

"A red type of liquid," he replied.

Livingston said he saw no hostile fire and encountered no enemy resistance.

## Bodies Everywhere

Another helicopter crewman, Calvin D. Hodde, 22, of Ft. Hood, Tex., said he was in another helicopter and that bodies were everywhere.

"We saw bodies lying all over," he testified. "We flew

all over the village seeing if anyone needed any help. Then, we realized what was happening."

He was asked where the bodies were, and said they were along a trail and at least 30 were in a ditch.

Another helicopter pilot, Dan Richard Millians, 23, Fort Worth, Tex., testified that he saw between 50 and 75 bodies in a ditch.

He said he "saw one colored NCO in the vicinity of the ditch . . . firing into the ditch with an M16."

He testified that one round was fired, "and I saw the impact into one body."

## 20th Witness

Millians also testified that he saw a gunship firing on Highway 521, and that the helicopter was shooting at the Vietnamese.

Millians was the 20th witness in the sixth day of testimony in the trial. None has connected Calley with any shooting at My Lai.

Millians also testified that he fired at what appeared to be a Viet Cong with a weapon as he piloted his helicopter on reconnaissance over the village. Another helicopter fired at "a couple of young males" on a highway south of the village, Millians recalled.

Millians said one of the features that "stands out in my mind" in the village terrain "was a north-south drainage ditch southeast of the village with 50 to 75 bodies in it. The bodies appeared to be non-combatants," he said.

The government charges Calley, or the men under his command at his behest, murdered more than 70 persons in a ditch. Calley is charged with the premeditated murder of 102 civilians.