

Army Studies Charges Of Killing of 24 Civilians

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP) — The Army said today it was investigating charges that United States airborne troops killed 24 to 40 Vietnamese women and children on a beach near Bongson in September, 1968.

The charges that the civilians had been killed by a company of the 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, were made by William E. Marhoun, 30 years old, of St. Paul, according to an article in the Chicago Sun Times.

He said the incident occurred after an amphibious assault on a beach east of the brigade base camp, Landing Zone English, at Bongson in Hoainhon district of Binh-dinh Province.

Mr. Marhoun, a former soldier, first discussed the incident in September at a war crimes hearing in Minneapolis.