

STATEMENT BY MARK STEVEN ROGERS

27 ^{April} ~~March~~ 1981

I, Mark Steven Rogers, former PFC, USMC, 330 42 6264, wish to make the following voluntary statement to AN, who has identified himself/herself to me as a Special Agent w/NIS. It is made without any promises or threats having been received. For purposes of further identification, I am currently residing at

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making this statement based upon my knowledge of a death caused by PFC Robert R. Garwood, USMC, of a marine on guard duty at Camp Book on Thanksgiving Day in November 1967 while Garwood was aiding the enemy.

My service number was 330 42 6264. I enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on 9 August 1965 and was discharged 12 February 1969. I served in Vietnam from May 1967 to March 1968. In November 1967, I was assigned to Supply Company, Supply Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment, FMF, Camp Book, Red Beach, Danang, RVN.

On Thanksgiving Day ¹⁹⁶⁷ ~~1976~~, I was the .50 caliber machine gunner in the lead truck of a convoy leaving the main gate at Camp Book, Red Beach. I remember that day because Miss America was visiting Camp Book and I had the opportunity to sit beside her before I was informed about my duty on the convoy. The MP at the gate told us to hold up until he checked a convoy of Vietnamese (ARVN) coming through the gate. The convoy consisted of three 3d Marine Division 6-by trucks with what appeared to be ARVN troops in each vehicle. The trucks were unusual because there were too many Vietnamese riding in the truck for a supply pickup and marine officers did not ordinarily drive for ARVN's. Furthermore, the officers were wearing khaki uniforms which was unusual during this period. A Caucasian male, I later identified from a list as PFC Garwood, was riding in

the cab of the first truck. At the time, he was wearing silver bars. He was dressed as a Marine Corps captain. He had a tan, brown hair, a high and tight hair cut, medium build, a pack, no moustache and carried a .45 caliber pistol. He was about 68" tall. In the rear vehicle, there was another Caucasian male, whose name and description was also on the list. He was dressed as U. S. Marine Corps captain.

The MP came out of the gate bunker shouting the convoy was comprised of North Vietnamese soldiers (NVA). We immediately opened fire. My rifle grenade ~~hit~~ the first truck and resulted in substantial damage. The Caucasian leaped from the truck almost simultaneously and shot the MP with the .45 caliber pistol and ran across the road to the SeaBee camp approximately 75 feet away before I could hit him in all the confusion. The Caucasian in the second truck was killed. Because of the explosives carried by the Vietcong, which detonated, the body count was quite high. The body count was somewhere between 20 and 36 enemy killed in action.

^{ONE} Both marine MP's ^{Supply Co.} were killed in the action and one marine was wounded.

I was debriefed by the CO of the ^{Supply Co.} Supply Battalion, 1stFSR and officers from a G-2 Detachment at Red Beach from 1st Marine Division. I and a number of others identified Garwood from a document listing six Americans "suspected" of working for the enemy. The individual I observed in the lead truck fit Garwood's description perfectly except his hair was closely cut, almost shaven. I also recall the list contained the name and description of the other American we killed. The list also contained the name of an U. S. Air Force major and U. S. Navy officer. However, I understand the officers came back as POWs and were cleared. The document did not include any pictures.

Sergeant McLocklin informed me soon thereafter that he was informed that I had identified Garwood. Since that time, I did not see Garwood again until I saw him on the NBC news on 22 March 1979 upon his return to the United States.

He is the same person I saw at Camp Book except he had more weight and more hair. Two other persons who should be able to identify or place Garwood are Sergeant Hugh Farwell, USMC, from Washington State who served in RVN from June 1965 to 1968 and the convoy commander, Staff Sergeant McLocklin, USMC. He was in my company and attached to Salvage 13 Detachment. I am certain that Garwood and the other American were assisting the enemy in a planned attack upon Camp Book.

This statement was prepared based on information I provided to First Lieutenant Phillip S. Banks, III, USMCR, on 16 March 1981. All changes and corrections have been initialed by me.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
7th day of April 1981

Mark S. Rogers
MARK STEVEN ROGERS

27 April 1981
Date

Special Agent, Naval Investigative Service
h: SECNAV INST 5520.1A of 10 Sep 73.

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STATE OF
COUNTY OF

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19__

at the _____

Notary Public

My commission expires _____

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I, AN followed the aforementioned procedure in presenting the photographs to Mark Steven Rogers on 27th day of April 1981.

I, Mark S. Rogers, followed the aforementioned procedure in making an identification of the person I saw assisting the enemy on Thanksgiving Day in November 1967.