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representative of the South-Methodist University School Law, Dallas, Texas, will be campus 3:00 p. m., Tuesday, rember 9, 1969, Room 204 gle Hall, to talk with inter-ictudate chout admission students about admission rements and financial asmakements and financial as-stance. For information and make appointments, see Dr. M. Nance, Dept. of History, Nagle Hall. Cafeteria



HORNS A-PLENTY

Mrs. Kathryn Morse, in behalf of the citizens of Manning, Canada, presented a set of mounted, polished moose antlers to Dr. O. D. Butler, head of the Animal Science Department. The rack measures about 50 inches across and comes from a moose that weighed from 1,300 to 1,400 pounds. Mrs. Morse made the presentation at A&M's recent Horse Short Course.

sonian, Nance said. Ph.D. PROGRAM

(Continued from page 1) nears completion of all course work, he must pass written and oral qualifying examinations in four fields of history, three of which are in American history.

> any recognized field of American history, such as colonial, Old South, early national, or Jack- tory Department.

The student will present a minor area of concentration outside the history department in some other field of study in social sciences, humanities or education.

Nance added that students interested in pursuing graduate work in history should contact the graduate advisor in the His-



Friday, December 5, 1969

AP News Analysis

Alleged Massacre by GIs:

of dead GIs is common. In Vietnam the killing of civilthe United States. How could it happen? is the most frequently ians was a practice established asked question. In the following by the Viet Cong as a major analysis, John T. Wheeler, who part of the war long before the first U.S. ground troops were reported the war in Vietnam for the Associated Press for committed in March 1965. several years, gives an insight By official count, more than into the conditions of a strange

war in which anything can hap-

To try to understand the al-

feel they are as much at war

While the communiques speak

of battles involving companies

and battalions-the clash of pro-

fessional soldiers doing their grim

job—each GI carries with him

the certain knowledge that in any

village there may be men, women,

and even children who are also

the enemy, waiting for the time

against Vietnam as for it.

By John T. Wheeler

Associated Press Writer

pen.

20,000 civilians had been murdered by that time in enemy executions aimed at so thoroughly terrorizing the countryside that none would resist. The total now is more than 40,000 including more than 3,000 killed by the enemy in Hue when they held part leged massacre by American GIs of civilians at My Lai it is of that city for 21/2 weeks. At necessary also to understand the Hue, the victims were predomiatmosphere of a war which has nantly civilians of all ages. led many U.S. fighting men to Many were killed simply by tybacks, shoving them into a trench and burying them alive.

It was into this conflict that the American troops were plunged. They had been told to kill the Viet Cong who were bad and woo the peasant who only aided the enemy because he had no choice. Given a chance, the official line went, Vietnam wanted to be free and democratic just like America.

But the GIs found a war of sundered families, and divided allegiances to any regime, either Viet Cong or Saigon.

There is no front in Vietnam, no rear, no safety. To the GI of

fear:

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it falls into combustible mate-Vietnam. Even the disfigurement and booby traps. The major cause of casualties in Vietnam are mines and booby traps. Snipers also are a major factor. The three are all the more hated because each is hidden and after the damage is done, there usually is no chance for the American infantrymen to even the score

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because no enemy can be found. Often intelligence will pinpoint a village as the source of the mine and booby trap makers and snipers. Repeated sweeps through the hamlet turn up little or nothing except more casualties. And hatred builds up for the villagers who know the snipers and know where the hidden traps are but don't tell. Then one day something snaps in one or more men. The frustration and fear drives them across that line of civilized conduct that in combat zones is a hazy mark at best.

There are indications that these things might have been at work on the men who are accused of massacre in My Lai last

The U.S. Command's position has been from the beginning that civilians are not to be harmed. But the case for the sanctity of civilian life is weakened by the knowledge that there are South Vietnamese assassination teams -sometimes led by Americansoperating in the countryside killing enemy officials, as opposed to soldiers, often in their beds at home, Viet Cong style. And have done their work cannot help

what he thought had motivated the Americans involved, all found

he had handled involved villagers in Viet Cong held areas. When the pressure of fear or hate or some combination of sort of combat fatigue that end-

who have had to stand trial for killing civilians have helped support Vietnamese orphanages or become involved in unofficial relief operations for families made

than real. The capacity for great violence rises to the surface, but so does a capacity for great compassion," an Army doctor said. "Remember, part of the brutaliz-

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