

the units manning the isolated outposts, or forward encampments which were operated by "A" Detachments.

3. In 1965, the USSF A-Detachments were manning these outpost types of encampments that it had established, as a part of its mission, in the forward areas of South Vietnam in an effort militarily to support the ARVN in its defense of its country, as well as furnish infra-structural support to the civilian populations located within their operational areas. One such encampment, A-424, located at A Phu and commanded by Defendant Captain Marvin, was under the command of Plaintiff Lieutenant Colonel William B. Tuttle, commander of C-4. A-424 manned and operated its camp in a village known as An Phu, along with indigenous mercenaries whom USSF trained, equipped, housed and paid. There were usually in this camp, counterparts of the ARVN. An Phu was located in Chau Phu province, South Vietnam. It was located along the Bassac River, whose estuary was the border dividing South Vietnam and Cambodia. It also was a few miles outside of the provincial capital of Chau Duc, a town located at the confluence of the Bassac and Mekong Rivers.

4. In December, 1965, Defendant Daniel Marvin and all of the Plaintiffs were members of USSF, Defendant Marvin holding the rank of Captain. He was assigned as commander of A-424 and began his assignment by being transported to An Phu where several of the Plaintiffs were already serving.

5. He served as commander of A-424 until June, 1966. During this period of time, the mission of USSF was undergoing a change. The A-Detachment camps were being closed down and being restructured by turning their operations over to conventional U. S. Army and ARVN units. Pursuant to the new missions of USSF, An Phu was closed as a USSF function, and its operation was turned over to the ARVN in June, 1966. All of the Plaintiffs, except William B. Tuttle, served in A-424 at some period of the tour of Daniel Marvin. Lieutenant Colonel William B. Tuttle, during the entire referenced period, served as commander of C-4 which was the headquarters command for all "A" units in the IV corp. As such, he had assigned Marvin to A-424, and Marvin served under his command and direction during the entire time Marvin was with A-424. Marvin, at all times, was responsible and answerable to Lieutenant Colonel Tuttle. Marvin and all the members of A-424 were bound by