

Information about the poem Song My (My Lai).

### ***Song My March the 16th 1968***

The lots of death in Song My March the 16<sup>th</sup> 1968 arouse a big outcry by the world around and undermined the American support for the war in Vietnam.

504 - mostly women and children were killed.

After more than 40 years an American officer asks for forgiveness for the massacre in the South Vietnam's local authority of My Lai, 1968.

\* Not a single day pass without feeling pangs of conscience for what happened that day in My Lai, said Calley in a speech at a close meeting in Georgia on Wednesday.

\* I have a bad conscience for the killing of the Vietnamese's and for their families and for the American soldiers who took active part in the act of killing. I am very sorry, said William Calley.

Calley's closest superior captain Ernest Medina was cleared from all the suspicions because of a clever lawyer.

One of them who survive the massacre of Song My - Pham Thanh Cong - is today the head of the Museum at memorial for the massacre.

The Vietnam war ended April the 30<sup>th</sup> in 1975.

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