

I, Petty Officer Third Class [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) 8404 make this statement voluntarily and of my own free will.

On 3 July 2006 I was the second man on a security patrol in Eastern Husaybah, Iraq traveling east on [redacted] (b)(6) Road. At or around 1045 I heard several shots fired from the rear of the patrol. I immediately took cover behind a pile of rocks on the southern side of the road, covering my sector to the southeast. Seconds later I heard more shots fired from the rear so I turned around to see what was happening. As I turned around, I saw Lance Corporal [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) and Lance Corporal [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) engaging a [redacted] (b)(6) vehicle that was approaching the patrol. I saw the vehicle stop near LCpl [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6). I stood up and ran towards my squad leader, Corporal [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) for further guidance. At this point Cpl [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) ordered Lance Corporal [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) Lance Corporal [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) and me to search the vehicle. As I approached the vehicle and examined the body, I found that the driver had two gunshot wounds to the right side of his chest and one to the center of the head. I informed Cpl [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) that the driver was dead. I then assisted the other Marines with the search of the vehicle. There were vegetables in the back seat of the vehicle.

Minutes later I saw the ambulance approaching the intersection of one of the north-south roads and [redacted] (b)(6) Road to the west of our position. As soon as the ambulance made its left turn onto Train Road, I used hand and arm signals to signal the ambulance to stop. When it stopped, the ambulance was approximately 150 meters away from the patrol. The ambulance driver got out of the vehicle, approached my position and presented me with his identification card. After I informed Cpl [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) that the driver had proper identification, I guided the ambulance to the site. At this point, the Mobile Assault Platoon (MAP) section, traveling west on [redacted] (b)(6) Road, passed our position. After the MAP section had passed, the ambulance approached the vehicle. The medics loaded the driver onto a stretcher and placed the stretcher inside the ambulance. After the driver was loaded inside the ambulance, Cpl [redacted] (b)(3), (b)(6) ordered me to resume the patrol along the original route.

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I, Lance Corporal (b)(3), (b)(6) 0311, make this statement voluntarily and of my own free will.

On 3 July 2006 I was a team leader on a security patrol in Eastern Husaybah, Iraq. At or around 1045 I heard my squad leader, Corporal (b)(3), (b)(6) give an order to stop a vehicle. I was the fourth man in the patrol, so I continued to cover my sector to the southeast. After a few seconds I heard two shots. I immediately sought cover and began scanning to the southeast, unsure of the shots' origin. Shortly thereafter I heard more gunfire to my rear and turned around to the west. I saw Lance Corporal (b)(3), (b)(6) fire several shots into the grill of a blue car to the rear of the patrol. At this time I moved further south off the road behind a rock pile to seek better cover, assuming the vehicle was about to explode. I turned west again to see the blue car stopped near LCpl (b)(3), (b)(6) several seconds later, Cpl (b)(3), (b)(6) ordered me, Lance Corporal (b)(3), (b)(6) and HM3 (b)(3), (b)(6) to search the vehicle. Inside the vehicle we found a male in the driver's seat and groceries in the back seat. The male appeared dead. While I was searching the vehicle, an ambulance arrived traveling from the west. I moved away from the vehicle to the north side of the road to assume a covered position and covered my sector to the north. Several minutes later, my squad leader, Corporal (b)(3), (b)(6) ordered me to resume the patrol along the original route.

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INTERVIEW NOTES:

Lt (b)(3), (b)(6)

CAPT (b)(3), (b)(6) BAKER COMPANY COMMANDER:

- Capt (b)(3), (b)(6) Platoon Commander, and 1st Sgt visited with the family of the EOF victim and said that the family was not surprised and they had told the victim not to drive many times. His eyesight and hearing were too bad to be driving and had been forbidden to drive.
- The car that the victim was driving was involved in an EOF a year ago where the victim's brother was also killed in an EOF.
- Deceased's family was told to go to the AQCMOC on July 5th for condolence payment.

- (b)(3), (b)(6)
(b)(5), (b)(2) High
- (b)(2) High, (b)(5)

CPL (b)(3), (b)(6) :

- (b)(2) High
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- When vehicle did not stop he believed it was an SVBIED.

LCPL (b)(3), (b)(6) #6 MAN IN PATROL (INITIATED THE EOF):

- Explained EOF sufficiently to ensure that he knew the procedures and attempted to follow them.
- Was attempting to retrieve his flash bang to initiate PYRO but did then assessed he did not have time—vehicle was closing too fast.
- When he first observed the vehicle he could tell that there was only one person in the vehicle. The driver was wearing white and stood out in the vehicle.
- (b)(2) High
- Has never had a pen flare.
- Understood that they were going to set up an OP for something but didn't know that the Al Anbar Governor was coming or that he was in a higher state of security.

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LCPL (b)(3), (b)(6) #5 MAN IN THE PATROL (FIRED THE SAW ROUNDS IN EOF)

- Stated that all the pen flares are (b)(2) HIGH, (b)(1)1.4 Compilation

- (b)(3), (b)(6)

(b)(2) High

- Understood that they were going on a patrol to set up an OP.
- Knew that there was a higher state of security but did not know why they were setting up the OP except that CAAT (b)(2) HIGH, (b)(1)1.4 Compilation was going to be coming through.

HM3 (b)(3), (b)(6) CORPSMAN:

- Did not see any of the events until called up to assess the victim.
- He thought they were being hit by an SVBIED.
- When he assessed the driver he found 2 gunshot wounds to the right chest of the driver and 1 gunshot to the head.

(b)(6)

- No 1st aid was administered due.
- Civilian ambulance arrived soon after gunshots. Doc assumes that the locals had called the ambulance since the response was so quick.

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