

**SWORN STATEMENT**

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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1. LOCATION COP Keating, Kamdesh, Afghanistan	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2009/10/03	3. TIME 0600	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(6)		7. GRADE/STATUS E-7, Active Duty
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS B Troop, 3-61 Cavalry, 4BCT, 4ID			

9. I, SFC (b)(3), (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

On October 3rd, around 0600 hrs, I was awakened by RPG fire and PFC Thomson, who was on radio watch at the time. I immediately got up and got on the radios, requesting a target from the FSNCO. I told him that we were possibly receiving small arms and RPG fire from the ridgeline to our southwest. At that time, SG (b)(3), (b)(6) and myself were both up, getting the FDC gear ready to go out to the pit. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) was down at the aid station, and, once we made contact, was making his way back to the pit as per our SOP. PFC Thomson geared up and moved out to the pit, moving to the 60mm mortar. Just a few seconds after PFC Thomson left the bunker, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) stuck his head in and told me that PFC Thomson was down. This was around 0605 hrs. I told SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) to check out PFC Thomson and render aid if possible. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) went back out to the pit, checked PFC Thomson's vitals, stuck his head back into the bunker and informed me that PFC Thomson was KIA. At that time, I called up Black (b)(2)High and informed them of our KIA and gave them PFC Thomson's battle roster number. We started receiving a high volume of small arms fire from AK-47s and RPKs. As SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) was climbing back into the secondary entrance of the bunker, we received an RPG that hit on top of the 120mm mortar shack. The concussion from the RPG blast threw SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) back into the bunker. We waited a few minutes to see if the enemy fire would slow. When there was a small lull, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) looked out the secondary exit, where PFC Thomson's body had fallen and tried to pull him back in, but to no avail. We then started to move out into the pit in order to lay some suppressive fire with the 60mm and 120mm mortars. SG (b)(3), (b)(6) was going out of the main exit, while SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and myself were attempting to leave from the secondary exit. Each attempt failed due a high volume of accurate machinegun fire from the ridge to the southwest of our position. Some time later, there was a longer lull in the small arms fire, so we attempted to retrieve the 60mm mortar and some 60mm ammunition in order to afford the Troop some sort of indirect fire asset. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) ran out to the 60mm pit while SG (b)(3), (b)(6) and I placed small arms fire up towards the southwestern ridgeline, covering his movement out to the mortar and back into the bunker. After retrieving the 60mm mortar and some HE ammunition, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) fired from the secondary exit of the bunker onto the ridgeline to the north, in the vicinity of target (b)(2)High in order to suppress enemy fire that was coming from the area down onto the COP's entry control point. After exhausting that ammunition, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) went back to the 60mm ammo shed and retrieved some white phosphorous rounds. SG (b)(3), (b)(6) and I again covered his movement while the mortar pit received more enemy small arms fire. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) then fired some white phosphorous rounds at (b)(2)High. When firing one of these rounds, an RPG explosion caused the 60mm mortar to kick back and injure SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) leg. We moved the mortar to the primary entrance of the bunker because we began receiving heavier small arms and RPK fire from the ridge to the southwest, and we were trying to suppress those enemies with WP rounds as best we could while still staying covered. We fired an entire box of ammunition up to the northwest, then moved the gun back to the secondary entrance. SG (b)(3), (b)(6) and I moved to the 60mm ammo shed to grab two more boxes of ammo each. We returned fire from the secondary bunker entrance, back towards the northern ridgeline. We received two more RPG rounds into the mortar pit, the second one landing fairly close to the secondary entrance, again blowing SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I back into the bunker. After that, the enemy fire began to slow and we started to hear enemy fighters talking. It sounded like they were either on top of the roof of our bunker or behind a large boulder directly behind the mortar pit. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) asked me about blowing the

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