

**SWORN STATEMENT**

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**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

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**DISCLOSURE:** Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2009/10/21	3. TIME 1420	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(3), (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS E5/ AD	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS TRP B, 3RD SQN-61ST CAV REGT, 4IBCT-4ID, APO AE 09354			

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

1. WHAT IS YOUR DUTY POSITION?  
I am the Bravo Troop Fires Support NCO

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY? HOW LONG IN COUNTRY FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?  
I have been in the Army for 4 years and 2 months.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?  
Yes, I Deployed to Iraq From August 2007 until November 2008.

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 OCTOBER 2009 AT COP KEATING?  
My Battle position was in the TOC controlling fires assets.

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT?  
When the initial round impacted on the COP, I immediately contacted the mortar team and tried to coordinate fires with them. There was a pause for a moment and then they called back saying they were receiving small arms fire and RPG fire and one of their guys was KIA (PFC Thomson). I then contacted both COP Lowell and OP Fritsche to use their mortar systems and began laying them on targets in the area. COP Lowell could not support as we were out of range so I used OP Fritsche's 120mm mortars as much as I could. About 20 mins into the fight, fixed wing aircraft came on station and I was talking with the JTAC at Bostick to give him targets we wanted engaged. I requested ordnance to be dropped on known targets (b)(2)High, (b)(2)High, and (b)(2)High. He notified me that the birds were going thru their checks and the nine line was being passed. I requested that during that time we wanted 20mm gun runs to be used, but did not get them immediately. I continued using the 120mm mortars from Fritsche to support our contact until they notified me they were in heavy contact and could not support anymore. I coordinated to have the 155s from Bostick fire in support of Fritsche. The Apaches checked on station about 20 mins after the fixed wing showed up, as soon as they checked on station, we gave them a brief to let them know what was going on and that we were receiving contact from 360 degrees and anything outside the wire was considered hostile. Right away they engaged approximately 15-20 pax coming from the south. Right about the same time the Apaches checked on station is when I remember being informed about enemy being inside the wire. For the next few hours, we continued getting air assets and using mortars to engage enemy fighters and we had also pushed out a team to start re-establishing a presence throughout the COP. SSG(b)(3), (b)(6) was heading the re-securing of the ASP, Shura building and also collecting our heroes that were still out there. Upon SSG(b)(3), (b)(6) and his team getting to the Shura building, he reported that they were receiving precise small arms, RPG, and B10s coming from the Urmul Mosque. (CONTINUED)

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)	PAGE 1 OF <u>3</u> PAGES
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 THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE INDICATED.

STATEMENT OF SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB BOSTICK DATED 2009/10/21

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

(CONTINUATION) Inside the TOC, we deliberated for a few minutes and requested permission from destroyer 6 to engage. Once we received the OK, we engaged with hellfires. Once that target was engaged, we still received reports that we were still being engaged from the town of Irmul and received permission to engage the town and did so with 120mm's as well as GBUs. Our TOC was begining to catch fire and we relocated to the red platoon barracks. We continued to engage targets of opportunity as the day went on.

6. WHAT VULNERABILITIES DID YOU SEE OR FEEL AT COP KEATING?

I feel that our main vulnerabilities was our predictiveness, the enemy knew what systems we would use to return fire, and where they were. Our reaction to contact TTPs didn't chage frequently enough.

7. WHAT WAS FIRST ENEMY ACTION YOU SAW? WHERE WERE YOU, AND WHERE DID YOU MOVE?

I was in the TOC during the first enemy action and I stayed in there to work the fires piece.

8. WAS ANYONE NEAR YOU WOUNDED OR KILLED? WHO, AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF INJURIES? WHAT WAS THE SOLDIER(S) WEARING AT THE TIME? WERE THEY WEARING THEIR FULL BATTLE KIT?

The only sight of wounded or killed were the walking wounded that came into the TOC. I saw PVT(b)(3), (b)(6)with wounds to the left arm and face and SP(b)(3), (b)(6)with wounds to his lower leg. They were both wearing their ACUs. They did not have on their battle kit as they had been seen at the aid station and were transferred to the TOC to make more room in the aid station. I can't recall any injuries or names of the others who came in there. When I stepped right outside the TOC, I saw SGT Kirk being taken to the aid station. SGT Kirk was wearing his vest and kevlar.

9. DID YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ANA? HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ASSIGNED ANA/ANP ELEMENTS?

During the contact, the ANA Platoon leader came into the TOC yelling "we need to get the choppers here so we can get out of there." He said his men were dying and cannot fight anymore.

10. DID YOU INTERACT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY? HOW WERE YOU RECEIVED BY THE LOCALS?

The only local interaction I had was with the guys who worked on the COP.

11. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY WEAPON MALFUNCTION AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK?

There were no malfunctions that I know about. The only problems we had were the lack of ability to get to our mortar systems up. In addition, the claymores would not blow up when we tried to blow them up.

\*\*\*\*\*END OF STATEMENT\*\*\*\*\*

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) \_\_\_\_\_, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 3. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE OR \_\_\_\_\_ CEMENT.

(b)(3), (b)(6) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009 at FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN, APO AE 09354

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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)  
Article 136 UCMJ  
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)



# Complex Attack on COP Keating Storyboard – 03 OCT 09



As of: 10/19/2009 6:06 PM

TF Mountain Warrior

"Led by Love of Country" "All The Way"

~~SECRET / REL TO USA, ISAF, NATO~~



- 1. Shura Bldg/ASP
- 2. Red PLT Barracks
- 3. TOC
- 4. Aid Station
- 5. Blue PLT Barracks
- 6. North Fighting Pos
- 7. HQ Barracks
- 8. Overflow Barracks

- 9. US Mortar Pit
- 10. ANA Mortar Pit
- 11. DFAC
- 12. Gym
- 13. Mosque
- 14. Laundry Trailer
- 15. Latrines
- 16. Showers

### COP Keating GRG

- 17. IMO Barracks
- 18. Maintenance Shed
- 19. ANA Barracks
- 20. Radio Station
- 21. Billet near Purifier
- 22. Mahqmood Barracks
- 23. Rock Shed
- 24. Hescos (577 total)

S&T  
21 Oct 2009

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