



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE-82
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: AR 15-6 Investigation Statement of CW3 (b)(3), (b)(6)

1. On 25 October 2009, I, CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) interviewed CW3 (b)(3), (b)(6) at FOB Fenty, Afghanistan. The primary purpose was to ascertain CW3 (b)(3), (b)(6) involvement during the attack on COP Keating on 3 October 2009. The following are questions I asked and the answers provided by CW3 (b)(3), (b)(6)

- a. What is your duty position? AH-64D Maintenance Test Pilot
- b. How long have you been in the Army? Seven years
- c. How many combat deployment have you had? Provide location and time frame? This is my first combat deployment
- d. How long have you been in Afghanistan for your current deployment? When did you arrive? Ten and a half months. Arrived in theater 13 December 08.
- e. What training have you received to fly an AH-64 helicopter? Include total number of hours, total number of combat flight hours, and specific training completed.

Initial Entry Rotary Wing Flight Training. AH-64D Flight Training. Maintenance Test Pilot Course

- f. What was your duty position with the attack weapons team? What was your callsign?

Initially escorted Dustoff to Bostick to preposition more medevac forward. Then primarily conducted battle damage assessment for the damaged AH-64Ds. Flew the third AH64D during the air assaults into Fritchee. Call sign during the Air Assaults was (b)(2)High

- g. Describe your actions on the day of the attack at COP Keating? Be as complete as possible.

Escorted medevac to FOB Bostick. After (b)(2)High were damaged, performed BDA and coordinated with Palehorse TOC and Maintenance Company for parts and personnel. After parts and personnel arrived coordinated the required maintenance to either move aircraft (b)(2)High quickly as possible back to JAF and repair (b)(2)High Bostick to get it back into the fight. Did the

initial BDA on aircraft (b)(2)High and coordinated with Palehorse TOC and the Maintenance company for the initial parts and what would be required to facilitate the required maintenance for the aircraft. Flew (b)(2)High with battle damage but safely flyable back into the fight escorting four air assaults into OP Fritchee covering their infil and exfil suppressing multiple enemy positions.

h. Did COMISAF tactical directive inhibit your team from engaging enemy targets at any point during the battle? If so, describe in detail how. No

i. Provide an assessment of damage to aircraft. Be as specific as possible.

(b)(2)High DShK round thru one tail rotor blade. DShk round thru tail boom which severed the utility hydraulic lines running to the directional servo and tailwheel unlock actuator. This round also damaged the tail rotor drive shaft dampner mount. And put two holes in the tail rotor drive shaft cover.

(b)(2)High DShK round thru the bottom fuselage causing extensive structural damage. Exiting in the right hand EFAB destroying the MUX Bus 2 wire bundle and then lodging in the #2 ECS compressor effectively destroying that system.

(b)(2)Low DShK round thru the RH transmission bay fairing destroying a wire bundle above the transmission. Hitting a Wire bundle at the aft end of the work platform, which contained primarily the wires which enable the engines to cross-talk, destroying it. The round then continued to destroy a IPAS tube coming off the bleed air pre-cooler. The round exited out the #1 engine fire wall denting several engine components.

j. What actions did you take regarding damaged aircraft? Be as comprehensive as you can.

Provided BDA on all damaged aircraft. Led the DART and coordinated the required maintenance to get (b)(2)High back into the fight. Performed the tailrotor track and hydraulic MOC required to bring (b)(2)High back into a flyable state. Conducted BDA (b)(2)High which allowed the recovery team to quickly fly the aircraft back to JAF. Conducted the BDA on (b)(2)High coordinated the beginning maintenance efforts and led the DART to get the required repairs on the damaged wire bundles started.

k. Provide the amount of ammunition and other weapons expended during the attack on COP Keating?

Fired approximately 150-200 rounds of 30mm in support of the air assaults.

l. Did any weapons malfunction during the attack on COP Keating? No weapons malfunctions besides the issues caused by previous battle damage.

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m. Provide any other matters you deem relevant based on the incident that day.

No other matters.

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