

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10, USC Section 301; Title 5, USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 Social Security Number (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To document potential criminal activity involving the U.S. Army, and to allow Army officials to maintain discipline, law and order through investigation of complaints and incidents.
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DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20091021	3. TIME 1800	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (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?
FORWARD OBSERVER FOR 1ST PLATOON

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY? HOW LONG IN COUNTRY FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?
5 YEARS 10 MONTHS / 5 MONTHS

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?
2 PRIOR DEPLOYMENTS 04-05 RAMADI IRAQ 06-08 BAGHDAD IRAQ

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 OCTOBER 2009 AT COP KEATING?
I HAVE NO BATTLE POSITION. DURING A TIC I FREE FLOAT AROUND COP KEATING WHERE I FEEL FIRES ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE COP. DURNING THE INCIDENT I WAS LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST/EAST SIDE OF CAMP BETWEEN AID STATION RED PLATOON BARRACKS AND THE TOC (BETWEEN POINT 4 AND 5).

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT?
WHEN THE INTIAL ATTACK HAPPENED I GOT MY GEAR ON AND PROCEEDED TO THE TOC TO RECIEVE A SITREP FOR WHAT WAS GOING ON. WHILE IN THE TOC I HEARD SFC (b)(3), (b)(6) CALL ON THE NET THAT HIS 120MM WAS INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE THEY WERE PINNED DOWN WITH HEAVY FIRE AND PRECISION FIRE. I ALSO WAS ABLE TO HEAR THE DISTRESS RADIO TRANSMISSION FROM THE BATTLE POSITION RUNNING BLACK ON AMMO AND SITREPS FROM WHERE CONTACT WAS TAKING PLACE. BEGUN TAKING ORDERS FROM LT (b)(3), (b)(6) TO PUT TEAM TOGETHER TO START PUSHING AMMO TO THE GUN TRUCKS. I NOTIFIED SS (b)(3), (b)(6) F LT (b)(3), (b)(6) DEMANDS AND WENT BACK INSIDE THE TOC TO GET A CLEAR SITREP OF THE WHOLE PICTURE. AT THIS TIME I CONTINUED TO HEAR NUMEROUS RPGS BEING FIRED AND HITTING OUR COP. I WAS TALKING WITH SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) ABOUT TRYING TO GET FIRES ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD BUT ALL MORTOR TUBES WERE TIED UP BECAUSE SFC (b)(3), (b)(6) WAS STILL PINNED DOWN AND THE TUBES AT FRITCHE WERE BEING USED TO SUPPRESS THE ATTACK AT THIER OP. I HEARD AND FELT AN EXPLOSION HIT RED BARRACKS AND PROCEEDED INTO THE BARRACKS TO CHECK FOR CASUALITIES. NO ONE WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME I ENTERED BUT BY THE TIME I CHECKED THE BUILDING

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ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____"

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 _____ DATED _____

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) CAME IN AND GAVE ME A SITREP OF THE BATTLEFIELD. WE GATHERED IN THE BARRACKS AND WAITED FOR SOME OF OUR PLATOON GUYS TO SHOW. AT THIS TIME SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) AND A FEW HQ SOLDIERS CAME INTO THE RED BARRACKS. SS (b)(3), (b)(6) FOLLOWED IN AND NOTIFIED EVERYONE THAT THE ENEMY HAD BROKE THROUGH THE WIRE AND THEY WERE ON OUR COP. RAN BACK INTO THE TOC TO NOTIFY LT (b)(3), (b)(6) SINCE SS (b)(3), (b)(6) DIDN'T HAVE A RADIO TO LET THE TOC KNOW. I WENT BACK TO RED BARRACKS AND SET UP BATTLE POSITIONS ON THE EAST SIDE USING SOME OF THE HQ SOLDIERS TO GUARD THE ENTERENCE DOOR AND SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) DID THE SAME ON THE WESTSIDE OF THE BARRACKS. WHILE WE HELD A STRONG POINT IN RED BARRACKS SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) CAME BACK INTO THE BARRACKS AND WAS FORMING A TEAM TO TAKE BACK THE SHURA BULDING. HE TOOK A TEAM WITH HIM AND HEADED OUT AND I WAS LEFT WITH PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) AND A FEW OTHER HQ SOLDIERS. AT THIS TIME I SET UP PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) AS A 240B GUNNER AND PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) AS AN AG ON THE EAST SIDE OF RED BARRACKS IN A TURTLE DITCH. AT THIS POINT I PROCEEDED TO THE AID STATION ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE WITH SOME OF BLUE PLATOON SOLDIERS BUT NEXT TO SF (b)(3), (b)(6) TOOK COVER AND PROCEEDED TO GATHER MY THOUGHTS TO PRIORTIZE TARGET FOR CAS AND CCA. WENT BACK TO THE TOC TO LET SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) KNOW WHICH TARGETS TO FIRE WHEN CAS OR CCA CAME ON STATION. WENT BACK AND FORTH SENDING SITREPS TO SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) HEARD SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) SCREAMING FROM LRAZ 1 HIS RADIO WAS DOWN SO PROCEEDED TO HIS LOCATION BY BLUE BARRACKS. WAS TAKING PRECISION FIRES TO THE TRUCK ON MY WAY THERE. PROCEEDED WITH HIS RADIO AND HEADED BACK TO THE TALK WHERE I HANDED THE RADIO TO SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) TO FILL. PROCEEDED BACK OUT TO RETURN THE RADIO BACK TO SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) AND STILL HEARD PRECISION FIRES TO HIS TRUCK TURD. HE NOTIFIED WHERE HE SUSPECTED THE SHOTS WERE COMING FROM. RAN BACK TO THE TOC TO LET SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) KNOW TO PRIORTIZE THE DIVING BOARD AS HIS FIRST MAIN EFFORT FOR CCA OR CAS. WENT BACK TO THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE AID STATION AND CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE SWITCHBACKS AND NORTHFACE. SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) AT THIS TIME TAKEN BACK THE SHERA BUILDING AND WANTED TO PUSH MORE SOUTHWEST TO LRAZ 2 TO CHECK FOR CASUALITIES AND DEAD. TRIED TO COORDINATE WITH SF (b)(3), (b)(6) AND HIS PLATOON BUT WAS UNABLE TO SINCE SF (b)(3), (b)(6) TEAM THAT WAS SPOSE TO PUSH SOUTHEAST DID NOT SET NOR PUSH OUT IN TIME. TO COVER THERE MOVE I TOLD SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) AT LRAZ 1 TO BEGIN SHOOTING HIS MK 19 AT THE DIVINGBOARD AND PUSH HIS FIRE WEST AS FAR AS HE COULD. AT THIS TIME SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) AND HIS TEAM PUSHED TO THE LATRINES AND SET A STRONG HOLD POSITION WHERE THEY LOCATION SSG MARTIN BODY. HE THEN CALLED FOR A TEAM TO PUSH TO THE SHERA BUILDING AND THEN TO HIS LOCATION TO RETRIEVE OUR DEAD. SF (b)(3), (b)(6) MYSELF PV (b)(3), (b)(6) AND SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) PROCEEDED. ONCE WE REACHED THE SHERA BUILDING SF (b)(3), (b)(6) DID NOT WANT TO RETRIEVE THE BODIES AND STAYED BACK. I PUSHED WITH THE TWO SOLDIERS AND LINKED UP WITH SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) AND HE NOTIFIED ME THAT SSG MARTINS BODY WAS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF THE LAUNDRY TRAILER JUST UNDERNEATH IT (POINT 14). SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) AND HIS TEAM PROVIDED COVER FIRE WHILE PV (b)(3), (b)(6) PC (b)(3), (b)(6) AND MYSELF CARRIED SSG MARTINS BODY BACK TO THE SHERA BUILDING. SSG MARTIN WAS IN HIS ACUS AND FULL BATTLE GEAR. SSG MARTIN HAD A BANDAGE ON THE UPPER THIGH OF HIS LEFT LEG AND A BULLET WOUND ON THE LOWER LEFT SIDE OF THE BACK OF HIS HEAD. WE CARRIED HIS BODY INSIDE THE SHURA BUILDING AND WENT BACK OUT TO GET SSG GALLEGOS. I ASKED SF (b)(3), (b)(6) HE COULD RELIEVE ONE OF THE SOLDIERS SO WE COULD HAVE FRESH SET OF ARMS TO GO BACK FOR SSG GALLEGOS BODY BUT REFUSED TO GO. SO TOOK THE TEAM OUT AGAIN WITH SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) TEAM PROVIDING COVER FIRE ON THE SWITCHBACKS BACK TO THE LATRINE. AT THIS POINT LINKED UP WITH SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) AGAIN WHERE HE NOTIFIED ME THAT SSG GALLEGOS BODY WAS BEHIND THE LATRINE. TOOK THE SMALL TEAM TO RETRIEVE THE BODY BUT THIS TIME RECIEVED HEAVY SAF AND RPG FIRE TO OUR LOCATION. THIS IS WHERE I LINKED UP WITH SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) WHERE HE WAS TAKING COVER SO I PUSHED TO HIS LOCATION TO GRAB HIM SO WE COULD RETRIEVE SSG GALLEGOS. WE BROUGHT THE BODY BACK TO THE LATRINE AND SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) AND PV (b)(3), (b)(6) PROCEEDED TO BUDDY CARRY SSG GALLEGOS BACK TO THE SHERA BUILDING. AT THIS TIME I WENT BACK TO THE AID STATION TO RETRIEVE LITTERS TO CARRY THE DEAD BACK TO THE AID STAION. MYSELF AND SF (b)(3), (b)(6) CARRIED SSG GALLEGOS AND ANOTHER TEAM CARRIED SSG MARTIN. THEN PUSHED BACK TO THE SHERA BUILDING TO LINK UP WITH SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) BY THIS TIME CAS AND CCA WERE ON STATION DOING GUN RUNS AROUND OUR COP. I SAT AND PULLED SECURITY IN THE SHERA BUILDING UNTIL QRF ARRIVED TO RELIEVE OUR TROOP AND PULL SECURITY FOR OUR COP.

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

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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

LOCATION OF THE COP WAS A BIG PROBLEM. THE SOUTHSIDE OF CAMP WAS ONLY PROTECTED BY 2 LAYERS OF CONSTINE WIRE. THE CLAYMORE WERE OLD. THERE WAS A LOT OF DEAD SPACE BETWEEN THE BARRACKS TO LRAZ 2 AND TRUCK 2. THE FRONT GATE WAS MANNED BY ANA WHICH DID A HORRIBLE JOB CHECKING VEHICLES AND PERSONAL.

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

THE FIRST VISIBLE ENEMY CONTACT I SAW WAS WHEN ENEMY WAS IN THE WIRE AND SS (b)(3), (b)(6) AND SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) ENGAGED BY MAHQMOOD BARRACKS. I WAS SECURING THE EASTSIDE OF THE BARRACKS AND CONTINUED TO HOLD MY STRONG POINT.

8. WAS ANYONE NEAR YOU WOUNDED OR KILLED? WHO, AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF INJURIES? WHAT UNIFORM WERE THEY WEARING? WHAT PPE WERE THEY WEARING DURING THE INCIDENT?
NO

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

I NEVER HAD A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE ANA/ANP BUT OBSERVED THE FRONT GATE AND KNEW THEY WERENT THAT GOOD OF SOLDIERS. WALKED AROUND ON CAMP LIKE THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING. DURNING THE TIC, A LOT OF ANA EITHER RAN FROM CONTACT OR TRIED TO HIDE IN RED PLATOON BARRACKS.

10. DID YOU INTERACT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY? HOW WERE YOU RECEIVED BY THE LOCALS?
NEVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL NATIONALS

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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 INFLUE

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

(Signature of Person making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 21 day of OCT, 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)

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