

### SWORN STATEMENT

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### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION OP Fritsche, 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)(3), (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS E-3, Active Duty	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS B Troop, 3-61 Cavalry, 4BCT, 4ID			

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

At 0600, I was woken up by indirect fire impacting next to Tower 1. I punched a hole in the roof and almost injured SP(b)(3), (b)(6) put my clothes on and heard SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) laying down suppressive fire with the M2 .50cal machinegun from Tower 2. I ran to the mortar pit to put my armor and helmet on. I started getting the 60mm mortar into position to fire. I fired one 60mm round toward the southeast, at the suspected enemy mortar POO. SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) came running into the pit and told SP(b)(3), (b)(6) man the .50cal. We laid six to eight more 60mm mortar rounds towards the southeast. During the time we were firing, PV(b)(3), (b)(6) made it to the mortar pit. Enemy small arms, machinegun, indirect, and RPG fire was steadily increasing around our position. ILT(b)(3), (b)(6) ran to the pit to tell us to fire the 120mm mortar instead of the 60mm mortar. We manned the 120mm mortar, turning the tube towards the southeast. We dropped three rounds on our target to suppress enemy fire. ILT(b)(3), (b)(6) then told us to help support COP Keating with the 120mm, so we turned it towards the north. SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) ran to the TOC to get the LHMBC while PVT (b)(3), (b)(6) and I stayed at the mortar to input the data and level the gun in preparation to fire. During this time, the enemy fire on our position became even more intense. A bullet struck the 120mm mortar tube while I was adjusting it, at which point I told PVT (b)(3), (b)(6) to seek cover. While we were under cover, SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) walked back to the pit. I informed him that we were pinned down and effectively suppressed by the enemy. Enemy rounds were striking the Hesco barriers directly behind us, and SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) took cover. SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) pointed the 60mm mortar towards the north and set the elevation (b)(2)High order to drop mortar rounds as close as possible, in an attempt to drive back the enemy that was pushing towards our position. He fired 8 rounds and attempted to get to the Claymore firing device, but couldn't find it. Instead, SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) threw four hand grenades over the perimeter wall towards the enemy. At that point, RPG fire increased dramatically, forcing us to literally lay down in the pit and hope for the best. We yelled to Tower 3 and informed them that we needed their help to suppress the enemy, but did not know that Tower 3 had been cleared out due to the high volume of RPG and small arms fire. An RPG hit the 120mm ammunition ready rack but failed to explode. It did catch the Hesco barrier on fire, though. The decision was made that we were too suppressed to fire, so we needed to clear out of the mortar pit. We all ran to the TOC where we informed ILT(b)(3), (b)(6) that the volume of enemy fire at our position was too great for us to operate the mortars. ILT(b)(3), (b)(6) informed us that SSG(b)(3), (b)(6) had been hit in the plate carrier, but was okay and that PFC(b)(3), (b)(6) had been shot in the helmet, but was also okay. He showed us his own shrapnel wound to the hand. ILT (b)(3), (b)(6) then told Do(b)(3), (b)(6) that he no longer was going to send him out on the line, but wanted him in the TOC so that he would not be injured. SSG Martin came into the TOC and said that one of the Mk-19s was down on north side of the OP and that they were running ammunition to the south wall to resupply the crew-served weapons on that side. At that time, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) fired the TOW missile directly at the enemy mortar POO site. This effectively ceased all incoming indirect fire at the OP. Next, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) and PV(b)(3), (b)(6) moved to a separate fighting position overwatching the north towards Kamdesh while I pulled rear security for them and got an Mk-46 SAW for SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) As they were getting ready to move to the position, it took a direct hit from an RPG. I yelled, "Now's the time!" because I doubted that it would take another direct hit so soon after the first. SGT(b)(3), (b)(6) took a position at the left side of the firing port, and SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) took a position at the right side of the firing port. SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) unloaded an entire drum of 5.56mm ammunition, suppressing enemy movement on the spur leading to the ASG

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)	PAGE 1 OF <u>2</u> PAGES
ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT _____ DATED _____"		
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compound. As he reloaded, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and PV (b)(3), (b)(6) fired their M4s at the enemy advance. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) called that he needed more ammunition, so PV (b)(3), (b)(6) and I took off to the barracks to find more linked 5.56mm. We bounded from one barracks to the next and finally found some ammunition in SP (b)(3), (b)(6) room. We made it back to the TOC, and that's when we heard the word that there were multiple friendly KIA at COP Keating. We also heard that close air support was on the way, but probably still 20 minutes out. We held our positions in the TOC and waited for the air support to suppress the enemy so that we could retake the mortar pit. When it did, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and PV (b)(3), (b)(6) pushed to the TOC, but SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) told me to remain in the TOC so that if the mortar pit took another direct hit, there would still be one mortarman uninjured and able to work the guns. At this point, SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) was sending us a lot of fire missions from COP Keating. The fighting had slowed at OP Fritsche to the point where we were only taking sporadic small arms fire, so I returned to the mortar pit to man the 120mm mortar. Shortly after that, we got the call from 1LT (b)(3), (b)(6) the ground commander at COP Keating, told us we were cleared to fire HE and white phosphorous onto targets in the village of Urmul. He gave us a fire mission and we executed. The enemy still had fighters on rooftops in Kamdesh who were still targeting us every time we stood up to work the mortar. SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) then said, "I have two men, one with a radio, right outside of Kamdesh, and it looks like they're directing fire." He was told by SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) to take them out, which he did with his M14. Then, we continued firing 120mm mortars for about four and a half hours for COP Keating. After that, we were given the "guns cold" command and stopped firing. At this point, I manned the .50cal machinegun in Tower 2 to ensure we were ready in case another wave of enemy fighters attacked. That's where I stayed the rest of the night.

*Nothing follows*

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

AFFIDAVIT

I, PFC (b)(3), (b)(6), HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. 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 UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

WITNESSES:

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(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 at FOB Bostick, Afghanistan

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(Signature)

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

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT