

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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1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20091022	3. TIME 1305	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?

My duty position is 11C / Mortarman.

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 1 month in Afghanistan.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?

No, this is my first deployment.

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 OCTOBER 2009 AT COP KEATING?

My battle position was the US Mortar Pit (marked by number "9").

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT?

On the day of the 3rd of October, I woke up under a heavy firefight. I got my gear on and waited by the radio with SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) for the FOs to give us a target number, so that we can inform the mortar gunners which targets to shoot. While I was waiting, I decided to go outside to check for personnel accountability. When I got out I saw SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) trying to pull PFC Thomson's body back inside. I immediately ran to help him. When I got there, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) informed me that PFC Thomson was KIA. We both just ran back inside for cover. We were just getting hit with RPGs left and right. When we got inside, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) suggested that he run back outside and retrieve our 60mm mortar. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) tried hipshoot the 60, since it was too dangerous for us to shoot our 120mm mortar. After he got the 60, he and SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) started to shoot our 60. After shooting all the 60 ammo, SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) ran back out to get some more ammo, while SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) and I provide security for him. When he was running back from the ammo point back to our position, he was thrown by an RPG that hit our position. After getting back up and making sure he was okay, he kept firing our 60mm. Just when he was about to run out of rounds, he hurt his leg. The base plate of the 60 mortar shifted on his leg after an RPG hit our position. So when he finally ran out of rounds, SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) and I went out to get more rounds while he provided security for us. When we got back, SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) and SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) kept on shooting the 60mm. About 2 hours into the firefight and with only 6 more 60mm rounds remaining, air support finally came. So we just pulled security in our

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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.

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mortar pit just in case the insurgents tried to go into our pit. Around that time there were reports that the insurgents were inside the COP. From then until lunch time, which is when the firefight slowed down, we just continued to pull security. And we walked in and out of our pit to make sure no insurgents were coming. Around 1400 hrs we heard a transmission on the radio that there will be a QRF team that was about to come down to our COP to provide support. So we kept pulling security in the pit, by the time they cleared they way to our pit it, was already dark. And that's when we were finally able to retrieve PFC Thomson's remains. The mortar team consisted of myself, SFC (b)(3), (b)(6) SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and PFC Thomson. We remained at the mortar pit area (marked number "9" on the map) from the beginning of the firefight until it was over. We were unable to fire any 120mm rounds that day.

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

I think it would have been better for us if we had more personnel, so that we can put more OPs just around the COP area.

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

I was still sleeping up until RPGs started hitting all over the mortar pit. I got up, got my gear on and listen for radio transmissions from the FOs with SFC (b)(3), (b)(6) to find out were the enemies were firing from.

8. WAS ANYONE NEAR YOU WOUNDED OR KILLED? WHO, AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF INJURIES? WHAT UNIFORM WAS THE SOLDIER WEARING AND WHY? WAS THE SOLDIER WEARING HIS FULL BATTLE GEAR?

PFC Thomson was killed from a gun shot to the head, but I cannot recall which part of his head. I remember that he was wearing his full battle gear, without is ACU jacket.

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

I did not have any working relations with the ANA soldiers.

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

I did not have any interactions with the local community, other than turning in laundry and being around them when I get chow from the DFAC.

11. DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY WEAPON SYSTEM FAILURE DURING THE INCIDENT?

No, I did not experience any weapon system failure.

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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 INFLUENCE, OR UN

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WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this _____ day of _____ at FOR BOSTICK AFGHANISTAN APO AF 09354

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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SSG, USA
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Ait. 136, UCMJ.

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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
- 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. Mahqmoob Barracks
- 23. Rock Shed
- 24. Hescos (577 total)

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