

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) 2009/10/21	3. TIME 1620	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS E4/ AD	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS TRP B, 3RD SQN-61ST CAV REGT, 4IBCT-4ID, APO AE 09354			

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

1. WHAT IS YOUR DUTY POSITION?
M249/Mk46 Gunner/AG

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY? HOW LONG IN COUNTRY FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?
5 years in the Army as of Oct 11, 2009 and 5 months in country.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?
Iraq 05-06 on Camp Charlie and later FOB Falcon with 1-10 CAV, 2BCT, 4ID

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 OCTOBER 2009 AT COP KEATING?
I had an MRAP draw down in BAF and was returning to COP Keating. During the initial attack, I was at FOB Bostick awaiting a Blackhawk to get back to COP Keating.

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT?
I was with CP (b)(3), (b)(6) and SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) at FOB Bostick attempting to get a UH-60 into COP Keating to help support my fellow soldiers.

6. WHAT VULNERABILITIES DID YOU SEE OR FEEL AT COP KEATING?
We took a strategic location of low ground surrounded on all sides by mountains. From the ECP, the soldier manning it had problems seeing directly in front of the COP and had to rely on ANA forces to support him. The entire route from any of the sleeping areas to LRAS 2 and both trucks were completely exposed. The US mortar pit was located far away from friendly forces and was right on the edge of the wire. The diving board and switchback perimeters were nothing but triple-strand constantina wire. All in all the entire COP was vulnerable and a joke.

7. WHAT WAS FIRST ENEMY ACTION YOU SAW? WHERE WERE YOU, AND WHERE DID YOU MOVE?
As I was at FOB Bostick, I was with the relief force/QRF that was helo'd into OP Fritsche and marched down down to assist COP Keating. I was halfway down the trail from OP Fritsche to the Fritsche/Keating linkup point when the lead element tracked two personnel. I did not see the engagement but the QRF forces suppressed and destroyed the enemy insurgents which turned out to be an enemy mortar/ RPG team. During the engagement, I took cover behind a rock formation, and reacted as I was told to.

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES
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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.

USE THIS PAGE IF NEEDED. IF THIS PAGE IS NOT NEEDED, PLEASE PROCEED TO FINAL PAGE OF THIS FORM.

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

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

8. WAS ANYONE NEAR YOU WOUNDED OR KILLED? WHO, AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF INJURIES?

During the fight, I was at FOB Bostick and did not see the wounded until I arrived with the QRF/relief force and was pulling HLZ security.

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

Every patrol we did outside the wire we had at least 2 ANA soldiers and 1 interpreter with us to help guide us along routes and also for interaction. We got to know some of the ANA soldiers fairly well, not names and the like, but a good working relationship. I did not have much interaction with the ANP.

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

We stayed out of the town for the most part, but locals would come to the COP for medical attention. I do not know how the locals viewed us.

11. DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY WEAPON MALFUNCTIONS?

YES. During prior engagements, I had had several problems with my M4 malfunctioning and failing to fire despite proper cleaning and maintenance. My M4 is not a weapon that I trust. The Mk46 that we received when we arrived, however I never had any problems with it. I carried it on multiple patrols, more than 30, and despite repeated and extended firing never had problems. The Mk48, I found that I did not like the cover on the feed tray cover. I found the Mk 46 and 48 to be a smooth operating weapon system that required little to keep it in working order. While we were at COP Keating, we repeatedly had problems with M2 .50 cal machine guns breaking down. I do not know the full details but I know that some were caused by the new safeties, which affected the performance of the trigger assembly. Also, after we arrived at FOB Bostick we turned in our weapons to have proper maintenance done on them and several of the barrel latches were found to be cracked and inoperable.

12. WERE YOU PART OF THE MISSION INTO THE VILLAGE OF IRMUL THE DAY AFTER THE ATTACK? NO. I was part of a QRF at COP Keating just in case anything happened while the others went into the village.

NOTHING FOLLOWS

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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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AFFIDAVIT

I, SPC (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)
Statement)

WITNESSES:

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

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

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) JA
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Article 136 UCMJ
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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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

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- 1. Shura Bldg/ASP/ECP
- 2. Red PLT Barracks
- 3. TOC
- 4. Aid Station
- 5. Blue PLT Barracks
- 6. North Fighting Pos
- 7. HQ Barracks
- 8. Overflow Barracks
- 25. Stand to truck 1
- 26. LRAS 2

COP Keating GRG

- 9. US Mortar Pit
- 10. ANA Mortar Pit
- 11. DFAC
- 12. Gym
- 13. Mosque
- 14. Laundry Trailer
- 15. Latrines
- 16. Showers
- 27. Stand to truck 2
- 28. LRAS 1

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

↑ locations
for HLZ sec.
- dry mores