

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 1045	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS E5/RA	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS TRP B, 3RD SQN-61ST CAV REGT, 4IBCT-4ID, APO AE 09354			

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

1. WHAT IS YOUR DUTY POSITION? Team Leader

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY? HOW LONG IN COUNTRY FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?
Approximately 32 months. I have been in country for 5 months.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?
Yes, Iraq, Aug 2007-Dec 2007

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 October 2009 AT COP KEATING?
LRAS 2 fighting position and the Shura building

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT? I was on LRAS 2 during the initial fight. My position was hit by precision rifle fire and RPGs throughout the engagement. I dumped about 1000 rds of .50 cal at the sniper positions in Urmul village, at the enemy at RPG rock (above the mortar pit), and the sniper's and RPG locations near the waterfall. I reported on the radio what was happening, and Sgt Gallegos and Spc Mace arrived at my position a short time after that. I then covered Sgt Gallegos, Spc Mace and Sgt Martin as they tried to push behind the latrine. I saw them go down as I was moving back to LRAS 2 when I saw two AAF fighters moving to my position. I shot them and got in the truck with Spc (b)(3), (b)(6). We waited for a while before Spc (b)(3), (b)(6) and Spc Mace moving. We waited for an air strike and covered Spc (b)(3), (b)(6) while he moved down to Spc Mace's position to provide buddy aid. Then I covered Spc (b)(3), (b)(6) he carried Spc Mace to the truck. Spc (b)(3), (b)(6) and I carried SPC Mace to the aid station. I then linked up with Ssg (b)(3), (b)(6) at the Shura building. I pushed with Spc (b)(3), (b)(6) to recover Spc Griffin's body near the ANA mortar pit. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) SSG (b)(3), (b)(6) PC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I pushed to the latrine to find Sgt Martin, recover Sgt Gallegos' body, and find Sgt Hardt. While the rest of the team was at the latrine, I pushed up to the maintenance shed to find Sgt Hardt. I then ran back to the shura. I then made a run to the piss tubes and ditches around the ANA mortar pit to find Sgt Hardt. I ran back to the Shura, put c-wire in front of the ECP and waited for the QRF. I then secured the HLZ.

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

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.

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT 1045 DATED 2009/10/21

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

6. WHAT VULNERABILITIES DID YOU SEE OR FEEL AT COP KEATING? The location was the worst position ever. We were surrounded by high ground. The ECP was in a horrible location. Too close to the road. We couldn't get supplies. No overwatch. We didn't register our mortars enough. We couldn't test fire when we wanted. We didn't have supplies to build alternate fighting positions. CCA was way too far away, and they were our only support. We couldn't trust the ANA to guard our backside. We couldn't cut down the trees around us to give us a better view of the switchbacks. We couldn't get our water pump fixed which allowed our ECP to be open for the locals. (b)(2)High didn't like to land on our HLZ, so they would cancel KAMGOW's. External HLZ is a dumb idea anyway.

7. WHAT WAS FIRST ENEMY ACTION YOU SAW? WHERE WERE YOU, AND WHERE DID YOU MOVE?
Sniper fire/ RPG Fire. LRAS 2. Stayed at LRAS 2.

8. WAS ANYONE NEAR YOU WOUNDED OR KILLED? WHO, AND WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF INJURIES? WHAT WERE THEY WEARING AT THE TIME ON THEIR WOUNDS? WERE THEY WEARING THEIR FULL BATTLE GEAR?
Spc Mace was wounded by an RPG, which broke both of his legs and took shrapnel in the midsection. DOW. SPC Mace was in full battle rattle. Sgt Gallegos was killed by a machine gun. Sgt Gallegos was in PT uniform with IOTV and ACH. Sgt Martin was killed by enemy at close range. Sgt Martin had a full kit minus ACU top.

9. DID YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ANA? HOW EFFECTIVE WAS THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ASSIGNED ANA/ANP ELEMENTS? Not very much. They were cowards and ran away.

10. DID YOU INTERACT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY? HOW WERE YOU RECEIVED BY THE LOCALS?
No

11. DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY WEAPONS MALFUNCTIONS?
Yes, my .50 cal was disabled by either sniper fire or an RPG that hit the truck.

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

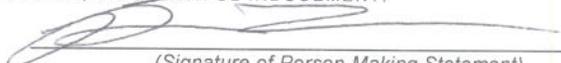
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AFFIDAVIT

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 UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.


(Signature of Person Making 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 AE 09354

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

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) JA
(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~~



- 299AS2
 Took Spc Mule to Aid Station
1. Shura Bldg/ASP
 2. Red PLT Barracks
 3. TOC
 4. Aid Station
 5. Blue PLT Barracks
 6. North Fighting Pos
 7. HQ Barracks
 8. Overflow Barracks

- COP Keating GRG
9. US Mortar Pit
 10. ANA Mortar Pit
 11. DFAC
 12. Gym
 13. Mosque
 14. Laundry Trailer
 15. Latrines
 16. Showers

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

21 Oct 2009

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