

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AF	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2009/10/22	3. TIME 1700L	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS O3/AD	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS HHT, 3-61 CAV, 4-4ID FOB BOSTICK, APO AE 09354			

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

As the Squadron FSO, for 3-61 CAV, my initial guidance to my FSO's upon occupation and during RIPTOA was to evaluate the base defense plans that had been developed and utilized by 6-4 CAV, at all troop locations. Fire plans were refined, and submitted to my shop, and in the case of COP Keating, we eliminated redundant targets leaving the COP fire plan with three FPF's and twenty targets within 1,500m of the COP. Primary support for these targets was provided through B Troop's 60mm and 120mm Mortars located at COP Keating, with alternate support provided by 60mm and 120mm Mortars from OP Fritsche. Both locations had the capability to mutually support each other with their 60 and 120mm Mortars. 2xM777 155 FA Cannon's provided limited support from FOB Bostick, firing system range (approx 29,500m) from Bostick to Keating, requiring use of RAP. Upon request, the 155's were able to provide moderately effective support on the far east and far west sides of COP Keating, but due to the high probability for a range error along the gun target line when shooting maximum range with RAP, the 155s were not able to safely provide support immediately south of COP Keating along the gun target line, to include two of the FPFs, in vicinity of the "Diving Board" and the "switchbacks". At that range rounds fired had a high probability of having a variance of over 300 meters along the gun target line. Due to COP Keating's placement, most TIC's consisted of enemy firing into the COP at a range within 300 meters, forcing IDF to be fired as a "danger close" mission. The risk of fratricide by using the 155s to fire targets along the gun target line between COP Keating and FOB Bostick was very high. Fire supporters at COP Keating were aware of this, did not request the use of 155s for support of targets along the southern side of the COP (Diving Board, Switchbacks) on 03 OCT. In respect to base defense, the Troop's organic fire support assets were intended to fix attacking AAF, allowing CCA or CAS to destroy. Due to the remote location of COP Keating, response time used for planning was 25 minutes for CAS, and 45 minutes for CCA. The Troop's FSO, along with most of the Troop's FOs were JFO qualified. For a week, each month, one of our two JTAC teams would provide control from nearby COP Lowell to provide imbedded support within Kamdesh. For the other three weeks out of the month, I kept the two JTAC teams at FOB Bostick, surging them in support of patrols and operations in the southern portion of our AO.

After base defense fire planning was conducted by my FSO at COP Keating, 11(b)(3), (b)(6) sent my Squadron Targeting NCO, SF(b)(3), (b)(6) to COP Keating to conduct a three week assessment of the Troop's use of fires to support base defense at COP Keating and OP Fritsche. SF(b)(3), (b)(6) validated the plan, and assessed B Troop's ability to integrate fires in support of base defense as excellent. 11(b)(3), (b)(6) proved himself as a highly proficient Fire Supporter, effectively and efficiently employing the Troops mortar systems, displayed in the approximately 50 TICs that COP Keating and OP Fritsche were engaged during the initial 100 days of the deployment.

On 03 OCT, I was awoken by FOB Bostick's 155's firing continuous fire in support of OP Fritsche. My FSNCO was in the TOC when contact at COP Keating and OP Fritsche was initially called, and supervised the clearance of fires from FOB Bostick in support of B Troop. I entered the TOC after B Troop had been in contact for 10 min, learned that they were in heavy contact, and ensured that CAS was en-route. Once we were notified that AAF had breached the perimeter, I notified the off-shift JTAC team prepare for immediate infill to COP Keating, upon the commitment of a QRF. CAS was able to reach our AO in twenty minutes, with initial ordinance drop at around 40 minutes.

In closing, I confidently feel that we had adequate indirect fires systems in place, at a remote location with poor terrain, supervised by a fire support team that had proven their ability to effectively integrate organic IDF, CCA and CAS. Mortar systems were positioned in a manner that facilitated mutual support, and that proved effective in providing IDF support of both OP Fritsche and COP Keating. In retrospect, the only aspect to our base defense plans and arrangement of assets that I would have changed, would have been the integration of an alternate mortar firing point, to allow for the Troop's mortars to provide support, in the event a firing point had become suppressed. Nothing Follows.

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I, (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

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 23 day of October, 2009 at FOB Bostick, AF
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CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) ing Oath)
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INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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