

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20091021	3. TIME 1230	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(3), (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?
My duty position is 11C - Mortar Gunner/ FDC.

2. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE ARMY? HOW LONG IN COUNTRY FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT?
I have been in the Army for 3 years in the Army and I have been in Afghanistan for 5 months.

3. DO YOU HAVE PRIOR COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?
Yes, I was deployed in Baghdad from OCT06-JAN08.

4. WHERE WAS YOUR BATTLE POSITION ON 3 OCTOBER 2009 AT COP KEATING?
I started off in the aid station during the attack then ran up to the mortar pit during the battle.

5. WHAT WERE YOUR ACTIONS DURING THE FIGHT?
After running to the Mortar pit, PFC Kevin Thomson was killed in front of me. He received a gunshot wound right above the left eye. I was standing right next to him. I got on the 240B and returned fire. I tried to drag PFC Thomson in, but we received a direct RPG into the mortar pit that threw me back. The second time I tried to drag PFC Thomson in, I received another direct RPG peppering my arm and nicked my neck and shoulder. I could hear them talking and yelling right above us in the switchbacks approximately 15-20 ft away. So I would look, then throw grenades at them. After about 3 or 4 grenades, I told SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) was going to make a run into the pit to get the 60mm mortar and fire it hand held. I ran out while they covered me, retrieved the mortar tube and a case of HE ammo. When I ran back, I started shooting HE into the ANP compound, and at target 02, and into the switchbacks. I ran out of ammo, so I ran back out and grabbed 2 more ammo cans of white phosphorous and proceeded to lay fire into the switchbacks, target 02, ANP, and into Urmal village. When running back from grabbing ammo, I saw PFC Thomson's weapon which had a 203 attached to it. I crawled out into the pit and retrieved it. I then started shooting 203 into the switchbacks, Urmal village, and the ANP compound as well as the west side of the diving board. I ran one more time to the ASP to get ammo. After shooting the last ammo I had, we started hearing the choppers coming so we started to bunker down. When the choppers would leave, I would throw grenades if they were close, or shoot 60mm were I could get it. About an hour and 45 minutes into the fight, they started to drop bombs. We then bunkered in and stuck it out, securing every entrance ready to kill anyone that tried to breach through the wire. I tried and provided indirect fire from the US mortar pit with 60mm hand held mortar, M203, M240B, and grenades. I also took my sniper rifle and tried to provide PSAF.

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)	PAGE 1 OF <u>3</u> 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 SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) _____ TAKEN AT F0133 Base Camp DATED 2009/10/21

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

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

ANA and ASG did not provide any support guarding to our east. Our fighting position was tactically to the enemy's advantage because we were in the lowest spot. We were completely surrounded by mountains.

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

I saw the first enemy action from the "switchbacks". I was in the aid station initially. After the contact kicked off, I ran to the mortar pit. During my run up, I had rounds hitting next to me coming from the switchback, directly from RPG rock (an area southwest of the mortar pit). The first RPG I saw hit was on LRAS 2 (near the latrines "15"). I ran passed it while it took a direct hit knocking me over. I then ran up the ammo cans into the mortar pit. I had my 9mm drawn and had PID on enemy fighters in the switchbacks, took a couple shots to get there heads down while I got on the 240B

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

Yes, PFC THOMSON, gun shot to the head above the left eye below his ACH. He was killed instantly. He was standing next to me within arms arms reach when he was killed in front of me. He had on army tan boots, ACU pants, tan t-shirt, ACH, IBA, and kevlar. Yes, he was in full battle rattle.

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

Yes, I had experience with the ANA, and the ANAs were non-effective. They are worthless.

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

No, did not have any interaction with the local community.

11. DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANY WEAPON SYSTEM FAILURE DURING THE INCIDENT? Yes, I tried to clack my claymores, and they did not go off. We had stressed before, myself, SSG(b)(3), (b)(6) and SFC(b)(3), (b)(6) along with others tried to get them replaced, knowing they were not going to work, due to the way they were rigged, but our last commander (CPT (b)(3), (b)(6)) said it was not relevant.

End of statement

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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 THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR

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

WITNESSES:

_____ law to
administer oaths, this 21 day of OCT, 2009
at FOB BOSTICK, AFGHANISTAN, APO AE 09354

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

(Signature of person administering Oath)

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

(Typed Name of person administering Oath)

Article 136 ucm 5
(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"

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COP Keating GRG

SRK

- 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

- 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 St
- 19. ANA Barracks
- 20. Radio Station
- 21. Billet near Purifi
- 22. Mahqood Bar.
- 23. Rock Shed
- 24. Hescos (577 total)

