

**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 OP Fritsche, Kamdesh, Afghanistan	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2009/10/03	3. TIME 0600	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME (b)(3), (b)(6)	6. SSN (b)(3), (b)(6)	7. GRADE/STATUS E-1, Active Duty	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS B Troop, 3-61 Cavalry, 4BCT, 4ID			

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

I was asleep when the first enemy mortar round impacted on top of A Section's barracks, so I got up and put my clothes on. After the second mortar round impacted, I put on my armor and helmet and ran through the barracks, then proceeded to the mortar pit. The enemy mortar rounds were continuously impacting. As I passed Tower 2, heavy enemy machinegun fire started coming in. I saw that SPC(b)(3), (b)(6) was returning suppressive fire with the M2 .50cal from Tower 2. I reached the mortar pit and joined PFC (b)(3), (b)(6). We were firing the 60mm mortar in direct lay mode. We were receiving RPG, machinegun, and small arms fire from the (b)(3), (b)(6) ridge line to the southeast of our position. ILT (b)(3), (b)(6) came to the mortar pit and told us, "Fuck the sixty, shoot the one-twenty!" PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I were getting the 120mm mortar into position and we fired in direct lay mode on enemy positions to the southeast. We were still under heavy fire from enemy indirect, small arms, machineguns, and RPGs. As we fired, the enemy concentrated their fire more heavily onto our mortar pit. We were told to fire the 120mm mortar to support COP Keating, and SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) ran to the TOC to get the LHMBC and bring it back to the pit. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I were in our normal positions, but were crouched low to avoid incoming fire. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) had a bullet impact the 120mm mortar an inch away from his head, but we kept working to get the gun up in preparation for a fire mission for COP Keating. When SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) got back to the pit, we stood up and managed to get one or two rounds downrange. The enemy fire only increased after this, and we managed to take cover just in time. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) grabbed the 60mm mortar and elevated it so that he could fire it to drive back the enemies that were coming at our position. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) began firing, but the enemy fire was still continuous and heavy. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I were still taking cover, and SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) ran to grab hand grenades. He threw four of them over the perimeter wall, but only the last three exploded. At that time, small arms fire began impacting directly behind PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I told him to lay as flat as possible. At this point, an RPG round hit our 120mm ready rack, but it didn't explode. We were totally suppressed, so we moved as quickly as possible to the TOC. We told ILT (b)(3), (b)(6) that we couldn't fire the mortars. We knew that we needed to fire for COP Keating and were trying to come up with a plan. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) grabbed a Mk-46 lightweight SAW for SPC (b)(3), (b)(6). SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) SG (b)(3), (b)(6) and I ran to a sandbagged pit to suppress the enemies attempting to breach the perimeter. As we were moving towards the fighting position, an RPG hit it and threw sand and dust everywhere. I was almost directly behind SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and the three of us fired at the ridge to the northeast, towards Kamdesh. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) pulled rear security to make sure no enemies came behind us or got into the TOC. One of the M4s jammed twice but I managed to clear it both times. Once we fired all of our rounds, we pulled back to the TOC. At this time, the RPG fire into the mortar pit had stopped, but the small arms fire continued. Now, RPGs were coming from the southeast. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) ran to the mortar pit to blow the Claymore and I covered him with my M203. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) came back and told us that the Claymore didn't blow. PFC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I went to find more 5.56mm linked ammo for the Mk-46, because we were worried that the enemy would get into the wire and into the TOC. When we came back from finding ammo, we were told that air support was on its way. Once it started coming in, the machinegun fire on the mortar pit stopped and we were able to get back into the pit. I fired about four more 40mm grenades as SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) and I ran back to the pit. SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) gave me data and I got the gun positioned to fire. We hung four or five 120mm rounds in support of COP Keating. I became frustrated with the enemy fighter firing at us, so I continued to fire 40mm grenades onto the ridge line to suppress the enemy. We took cover

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STATEMENT OF PVT (b)(3), (b)(6) \_\_\_\_\_ TAKEN AT FOB Bostick DATED 2009/10/16

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

and waited to see any type of enemy movement or response to our fire. We didn't see any, so we put down our weapons and continued with our fire missions. Air support was hitting the enemy, and the attack on OP Fritsche slowed down a lot. This allowed PF (b)(3), (b)(6) to return to the mortar pit, where we continued our fire missions for COP Keating.

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I, PVT (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

WITNESSES:

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009 at FOB Bostick Afghanistan

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

ILT  
(Type) (b)(3), (b)(6)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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