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28 October 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Statement of the surviving Next of Kin (NOK) for PFC Kevin C. Thomson.

Soldier: PFC Thomson **Family Member:** (b)(6) **Relationship:** Mother

1. During your Son's/Husband's deployment, did he express any particular concerns, fears, etc relating to his combat outpost or the enemy where he was located?

Yes, He kept saying they didn't have enough guys. Five days prior to his death he said they finally got another guy, so he doesn't have to do extra duty.

2. Other than focusing on defending against the enemy, did he mention any specific concerns with anyone?

He told a Friend that "Obama was going to get them all killed" Not enough troops over there.

3. Did he tell you whether he reported his concern-either about the base or anyone-to his chain of command? If he did, what, if anything did he say the chain of command did in response?

NO RESPONSE FROM NOK

4. Do you have any information from your son/husband that might help the investigation to determine just what happened?

He made a comment that they haven't been shot at in 10 days...he was getting antsy. I took that as something big was going to happen...it was too quiet.

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5. Do you have any records, such as letters, e-mails, journals, etc from your son/husband that we can copy to use in the investigation?

Here is one that concerns me: This is when he first arrived at Bostick: "sorry its takin me so long to get on the comp. i wish i could say i was busy but that would be a lie. with all these rules they are putting on us its like fighting a war with your hands tied behind your back. they wont let us us willy pete rounds but the enemy is using them on us lol makes much since dont it. so im stuck living in a 12 by 12 mud hut with 4 other guys cramed in there like a dueche in a tuat waiting for contact....lol "

6. Is there any particular concern you have that might be addressed in the investigation?

Yes, was there anyone protecting him from behind and was his gear properly fitted. I have some pictures and from what I saw, part of the gear was too small. I'm not really up to date on how they should fit, but when I look at other soldier pictures, theirs came down to their waste. I do believe It is the vest that they put their ammo and whatever else in.

7. The history of correspondence between (b)(6) and her son PFC Thomson occurred while he was in theater was discussed. Their communication with each other was through facebook, an online social networking site. The last time she communicated with her son was 28 September. The requested questions from the 15-6 Investigator were filled out at the NOK's home on a personal computer and then emailed to myself. The only people present for this were (b)(6) and myself. This information gathering occurred on 27 October 2009 in the morning, 1000 hours Pacific Time. The NOK was at her home in (b)(6).

8. My own statement is that (b)(6) has concerns that her son was not fully protected by his issued armor. Her statement was that it did not look like it was properly fitted to her son. She based that opinion off the pictures that she saw of Kevin and of other Soldiers and she could see the difference between his fitment of armor. She was also concerned that with his statements of not enough personnel that he was protected from all angles. Ms. Routson is not of a military background and admits she may not understand or have a grasp of tactics but she questions if he was attacked from behind which may have resulted in his death. If this was the case could it have been prevented had the manpower been available.

9. Point of contact this memorandum is 1SG
for (b)(6)

Casualty Assistance Officer

(b)(6)

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