STATEMENT OF [redacted] TAKEN AT FOB "Stricker" DATED 2005 11 25

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

QUESTION/ANSWER by [redacted]

Q:

A:

Q1: DOES your PLATOON or COMPANY HAVE FAR & NEAR RECOGNITION SIGNALS FOR DAY AND NIGHT?

A1: star clusters + smoke, VS 17 panel

Q2: WERE YOU GIVEN A 5-POINT CONTINGENCY PLAN WHEN LT RIPKA LEFT ON HIS PATROL?

A2: was not Briefed

Q3: WERE you BRIEFED ON ADJACENT UNITS IN YOUR AO, REQUIREMENTS OF PASSAGE OF LINES / COORDINATION POINTS?

A3: was ~~only~~ told 3rd platoon was in the area, seen 3rd platoon heading down [redacted]

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CAMP STRIKER	2005 11 30	1100hrs	

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
* [redacted]	* [redacted]	* E-4 SPC

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
* A co 2/502

9. * I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

1. What was your mission as a section/platoon?
Our sections mission was to set up a patrol base close to the intersection of [redacted] and [redacted] so that we could ~~feat~~ react to enemy Fire.

2. What is your Duty position in the Platoon?
I am a Designated Marksman.

3. What happend on the Mission starting From the 22nd of November through the 23rd?
We started clearing down Motorhead for a while and then we heard that 3rd Platoon needed help on security on the Route [redacted]. So We Went down [redacted] and turned west down [redacted] and linked up with 3rd platoon. The house that they were securing wasnt going to get blown until the Following morning so we took over and they headed back to Camp Striker. After the house was blown at 0630 on 23Nov05, We started moving east toward [redacted]. We turned South on a dirtroad right before [redacted]. We took that road until we got close to Fatbay Then we took over an abandoned house. Everybody moved the guns to roof to set up security. Then we were pulling security when ~~the~~ [redacted] said that they have to go look for a cashey of Weapons near a cemetary about 5 clicks away. They gathered up ~~They~~ the equiptment they needed and left. [redacted] was —

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in charge of the peop left at the Patrobase. We heard some gunfire with a pause and then more gunfire. Next thing I Know 3.6 [redacted] is trying to call up a 9-line and cant get through to Gator element. [redacted] relayed The 9-line for 3rd. Then we loaded up the vehicles, went to the accident sight, and pulled security. We Came bacto camp striker early on the 24th

4. When [redacted] gave the section a change of mission what did you understand the mission chang to be?

I thought they were going to find a weapons cash west of our position.

5. What is the enemy situation in your AO?

I think there are alot of enemy around [redacted] nd [redacted]

6. Have you made many contacts with AIF Forces?

We have got mortored once and have taken sniper fire as well.

7. From your position on the roof could you observe or overwatch the dismounted Patrol?

No, they were heading west and my position was facing south

8. How often do you train on ROE or Escalation of force?

not that often, we will ask questions about situations and stuff like that.

9. What are the near/Far Recognition signals in the Platoon (Night/day)?

For night we would use IR Chemlights IR strobes and Flashlights. For Day I guess you would just look through Binos, or hold something up.

10. Does your platoon use VS-17 panels/carry them?

Yes, they carry them and use them. I dont Know if the departed element had one on them

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11. Has your platoon ever rehearsed/trained on Now Standard Evacuation with civilian vehicles.

No

Nothing Follows

[redacted]

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2nd PLT Aco 2/502 INF.

9.
I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

1.) what is your combat experience? I served as a fire team Leader and squad Leader in OIF 1.

2.) What is the enemy situation in your PLT sector/AO? The enemy is using command Detonated IED's with or without direct fire assets to stop our movement south through our sector and trying to free his movement north towards BIAP/Bhagdad.

3.) How long have you worked with [redacted] Have you worked/trained on PLT Live fires or a JRTC? 7 months, Come from the scout PLT to take the position of 2nd PLT PSG. Yes we have conducted Several itterations on several days through Range 44' a CAB Live fire Range, as well as working in the MOUT site several Days using Blank Ammunition.

4.) Have your PLT ever executed Non-Standard Medevac (civilian vehicles)? NO.

5.) How does your PLT Use VS-17's? Day/Night Signals? Leaders carry VS-17 panel or portion, IR Strobe of some kind, smokes of different colors Chem lights of Different colors. Uses Are Near and far recognition signals, LZ markings, Room clearing, Marking most forward position for friendly on the flanks.

6.) How often do you Review ROE/LOF? Daily. Every Patrol. Throughout the patrol.

7.) How hard is it to communicat with FM Radios in your sector? It is difficult day to day and areas in sector seem to be Black Holes. There is High tension wires running through the zone. Retrans is on the other side of them in some areas.

8.) How many vehicles, BFT's, in your Platoon? Do you Hotbed equipment? 3-4 M1114's 1 or Ø BFT's. Yes there are not enough vehicles/equipment

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to outfit the company. There are vehicles ~~to~~ assigned to PLT's but due to maint., OPTEMPO, Patrol time there are times when we Hotbed equip. and vehicles.

9.) What are the challenges you / your PLT are facing in order to conduct operations in the Battalion AO? Not enough soldiers, not enough vehicles or time to properly maintain those vehicles we do Have. Terrain in the AO is good IED and complex Ambush terrain. The enemy is passively supported by LN's in the AO due to terror and fear for the safety of families. Not enough medical Personnel. Not enough experience with vehicles, warlock, BFT, prior to Deployment.

10.) Are you. Resourced for this fight? NO. Our unit can fight this fight this way if need be but with greater assets I believe there will be fewer loss of life. Such as a combined force Personnel on ground, Mechanized INF. Air. and again not enough medical Personnel.

11.) What are the Lessons Learned from this Incedent? To push recognition initiation, via VS-17 or some other source. Also continue to push EOF/ROE use of optics warning shots.

Nothing follows

[redacted]

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I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

(1) I was in OIF1 and 5 weeks here.
(2) Rifleman 1st squad.
(3) We started out clearing a few routes, then viper saw some activity and we went and cleared a few houses and took 1 detainee. 2 soldiers went back with the 3rd PLT to give sworn statements, we waited for a house with wires running to it to get Jdamed, After that we moved on to clearing the route to the house we were going to use as a base of operations outside the PWF fob. We made it there and then we got a change of mission.
(4) yes, 2 soldiers left, [redacted] and [redacted]
(5) no. I remember he [redacted] asked like 3 times if they really wanted him to go [redacted]
(6) To PWF go to a cemetary and look for a cashee, Just to PWF guard our position.
(7) I PWF was no near the radio.
(8) Not good, but our comms has been bad since we've been in sector, lost contact around an hour after they left.
(9) yes, PWF around 1600, no, I didn't, but we we're worried and praying.
(10) yes
(11) not really, but everyone knows you got to do what you got to do.
(12) snipers, mortors and small arms and ied's, we are low on manpower and need help.
(13) yes, very well so, we are just undermanned and need more help.

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