SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

'UTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 *(SSN)*.

INCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.

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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

HHC, 1-32 IN, Task Force Mountain Warrior, FOB Joyce, Afghanistan APO AE09354

9.

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

WHAT WAS YOUR ASSIGNED MISSION?

Our tms mission was to provide overwatch into gangal valley and have eyes on the village prior to tha ANA and Marines infil.We were to provide them with real time intel of any AAF movt and to also act as a retrains if necessary. We were in place at least a couple of hours before their infil and seen no movt at all. (b)(3), (b)(6)

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WHAT WAS THE COMPOSITION OF YOUR ELEMENT?

(b)(2)High

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE ACTION STATE THAT AFTER THE INITIAL PHASE, ALL SUPPORTING INDIRECT FIRES WERE DENIED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ACTION. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS THIS ACCURATE? (b)(3), (b)(6)

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my knowledge it is an accurate statement as our RTO was denied firing(b)(2)Highmission. We were told to fire one of the KEs already established I they wanted the people on the ground who were in the actual fight to make the call and the adjustments. It would've been quicker and more effective if we were allowed to fire our polar missions to alleviate some of the stress of the men on the ground. When they did fire the KEs the men on the ground could not effectively make the adjustments because they weren't in a good position to observe the rounds impact.

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WERE SUPPORTING FIRES FROM THE PALEHORSE SCOUT WEAPONS TEAM EFFECTIVE? WOULD MORE OH58 OR AH64 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL OR NOT? (b)(3), (b)(6)

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In my opinion they were fairly effective, but the time it took them to get there probably cost the Marines and the ANA their lives. From the time the TIC started it was not even (b)(2)High before the first request for CCA and CAS was requested. It took (b)(2)High for the first (b)(2)High to get on station. From the first time air was requested we were told it wouldn't be long for the (b)(2)High to show up, (b)(2)High later air was again requested and the answer we were given from Chosin TOC it would be (b)(2)High later we were again asked from soldiers and Marines on the ground where the air was, we could not give them an answer or any more false hope because we didn't really know for sure. (b)(3), (b)(6)

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WERE COMMUNICATIONS ROUTED THROUGH THE OVERWATCHING SCOUT ELEMENT EFFECTIVE IN YOUR OPINION?

In my opinion there was no commo issue until Chosin TOC got on the net everyone was operating on. Everything commo wise was running fairly smooth until the net was clogged with untimely dumb questions from the Chosin TOC

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10. EXHIBIT	11. (b)(3), (b)(6) IAKING STATEMENT	PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES

'DITIONAL 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 BE INDICATED.

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 2009/11/17

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

) YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD?

ıs with my deepest regret that I can say I have absolutely no confidence in my command if my team or platoon were to be in a life and death situation and it was up to someone in the Chosin TOC to make any competent decision. The only way I believe somebody would care is if,and only, if there was someone of importance with us then they would make a real effort to help out. The gross negligence of people in the Chosin Toc second guessing and questioning commanders on the ground is what I ultimately believe is what cost the Marines and ANA their lives. There were also other troops sitting at the mouth of the valley asking permission to go in and help, they were denied for what reasons I don't know. Capt (b)(3), (b)(6) and Cpl (b)(3), (b)(6) true American heroes, without them the search and recovery of the four marines might have not happened. They left the field of battle and returned to it knowing what it could cost them, ultimately they came with their fallen and brought everyone home. For some reason through the rumor mill I was informed that Capt (b)(3), (b)(6) was fired and sent back to the states because of this mission, I really dont believe any of this should've been his fault because in the end it was (b)(3), (b)(6) who had the last say in a

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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, OR UI

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

(Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 17 day of November, 2009 at FOB Joyce, Afghanistan

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

(Signature)

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6)

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