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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 *(SSN)*.
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1. LOCATION	2. DATE *(YYYYMMDD)*	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
FOB Joyce, Afghanistan	2009/11/20		

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
(b)(3), (b)(6)	(b)(3), (b)(6)	E-9/AD

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

HHC, 1-32 IN, Task Force Mountain Warrior, FOB Joyce, Afghanistan APO AE 09354

9.

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

WERE YOU AWARE OF THE 8 SEP 09 OPERATION PRIOR TO EXECUTION? IF SO, WHAT DID YOU KNOW?

I was aware of the operation being executed however did not participate in the planning process. I did understand that it was a purely ANSF led operation, with limited Chosin supporting elements.

WHAT WAS YOUR INVOLVEMENT, IF ANY, IN THE PRE-MISSION PLANNING FOR THE OPERATION INTO THE GANJGAL VALLEY ON 8 SEP 09?

I was not involved in any of the pre-mission planning for the operation in the Gangal Valley

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU FOUND OUT THERE WERE REQUESTS FOR CCA AND CAS? WHAT TIME WAS THIS?

I had been up late the night prior and went to bed at around 0100 that morning; I was going over a lot of our end of tour awards that evening. I was woken up by the Battle NCO at around 0730 saying that there were casualties in the valley and then went immediately to the TOC.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU FOUND OUT OF THE FIRST CASUALTIES? WHAT TIME WAS THIS?

I was woken up by the Battle NCO at around 0730.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU FOUND OUT THE MARINES WERE MISSING? WHAT TIME WAS THIS?

I was in the TOC when I found out that we may have had some missing Marines. There seemed to be some confusion on the traffic the RTOs were not passing onto the Battle Captain, so to be more clear, I jumped on the radio and asked (b)(2)High to be more clear in his traffic. I forget the exact time, but shortly after that, we found out that the 4 Marines had been found and accounted for.

WERE YOU PRESENT IN THE TOC DURING ANY POINT OF THE TIC? IF SO, DURING WHAT TIME PERIODS? WHAT ACTIONS DID YOU TAKE?

I remained in the TOC from until the time I was woken up at around 0730 and stayed in order to try to assist in any manner that I could. Once I was informed that casualties were moving towards our location, I displaced to the Aid Station in order to assist with the offload of casualties. I bounced back and forth between that location and the TOC so that they could understand how many casualties were coming in and the status of them. I also helped in the transfer of the Fallen Heroes onto the aircraft, and helped in brining the (b)(2)High on getting prepared going into the valley. Once the Fallen Heroes flew, I helped move the (b)(2)High and the Chosin elements that were going to air assault into the valley by getting them into chalk order and ensuring they had the proper supplies prior to conducting the air assault. I also helped receive the ANSF Fallen Heroes and transfer them from the morgue onto the aircraft later that evening.

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT	PAGE 1 OF 3 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 BE INDICATED.

USE THIS PAGE IF NEEDED. IF THIS PAGE IS NOT NEEDED, PLEASE PROCEED TO FINAL PAGE OF THIS FORM.

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 2009/11/20

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

PRIOR TO 8 SEP 09, WHAT ACTIONS HAD YOU TAKEN OR DIRECTED DURING ANY PREVIOUS TICS? DID YOU HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITIES BY ORDER DURING A TIC? BY CUSTOM?

During a TIC, I have no responsibilities per say directing movement or employment of assets, but I do have the responsibility of providing advice or recommendations

DO YOU HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MIGHT IMPROVE THE RESPONSES OF TF CHOSIN AND FOLLOW ON TFS IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN THE FUTURE?

I would recommend that contingency plans are well rehearsed and that everyone is clear on them, especially when an element is in contact and is absorbing casualties. This becomes even more important in the future with ANSF led operations.

WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, DID YOU OFFER TO THE COMMANDER AND/OR S3 DURING THE ENGAGEMENT?

When I came in the TOC, the radio traffic I heard and the conversations I heard from LT (b)(3), (b)(6) seemed that the assets that were required for use were being properly coordinated for. I specifically heard LT (b)(3), (b)(6) talking with the Battle Captain about getting the aircraft pushed forward. I was not very clear on what the location of all units on the battlefield exactly was, we were pushing all of our traffic at that time through (b)(2)High I did ask if we were shooting artillery and mortars in support and the response I received from the Battle Captain was "yes"

DID YOU COMMUNICATE WITH ANY TROOPS IN THE TIC WHILE THE TIC WAS ONGOING? WHO DID YOU TALK TO? WHAT INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO YOU? WHAT ACTIONS DID YOU TAKE IN LIGHT OF THAT INFORMATION?

The RTOs on shift at the time were getting hit with a lot of traffic simultaneously, and shortly after I came into the TOC, some of the traffic they were shouting out was not exactly what was being transmitted. So I told everyone in the TOC to settle down and listen to what was being passed by (b)(2)High and then it was not clear on the report of the Fallen Heroes and the RTOs did not know the right question to ask regarding that matter. So I jumped on the radio, and spoke specifically with (b)(2)High to get clarification on whether or not we had full accountability of the Marines and to pass that traffic onto the Fox element and when was the last time anyone had spoken with them. Shortly after I asked the question about the accountability of the Marines, or at least it seemed shortly after that, I received the report from (b)(2)High that we had found the Fallen Heroes and they were accounted for.

DID YOU TAKE OR DIRECT ANY ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE TROOPS IN THE TIC?

I recommended that we push (b)(2)High to get into better positions to be able to support the troopers on the ground and that we get the (b)(2)High out of Asadabad to see if they could help out. I also recommended that we should get configured and prepared to conduct either a ground or air assault, and if it were an air assault, I would be out at the HLZ to help organize them for flight into combat.

DID YOU INTERACT WITH LT (b)(3), (b)(6) DURING THE TIC? IF SO, WHAT WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS?

I spoke with LT (b)(3), (b)(6) several occasions, he was getting the air cleared to use artillery and mortars by the time I arrived in the TOC and was talking with the Battle Captain about the aircraft getting involved, but quite honestly it appeared to me that he had a good grasp on coordinating the assets that he needed too, but I had come into the TOC after the initial engagements started. I did ask him where (b)(2)High was. I recommended we push them closer, especially (b)(2)High who was up near Asadabad and he pushed them towards Ganjgal. Once we started to get casualties in, my job at that point was to ensure he was updated on what was coming in, preparing the Heroes for flight out of here, receiving the (b)(2)High and the ODA and getting troopers ready to fly out of the HLZ. I know that LT (b)(3), (b)(6) was having a lot of conversations between MAJ (b)(3), (b)(6) and CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) about getting more assets involved and I did not get involved with those discussions. These are the best recollections of the events of that day.

END OF STATEMENT

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

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 2009/11/20

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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 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 HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OF T.

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WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 20 day of November, 2009 at FOB Joyce, Afghanistan

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

Oath)

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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