SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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

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 assigned mission was to insert before the clearance mission began and provide early warning of enemy activity. We saw no moment. We were also the western most overwatch position(b)(3), (b)(6)

WHAT WAS THE COMPOSITION OF YOUR ELEMENT?

Our entire element was comprised of (b)(2)High We also had(b)(2)High with us. We hac (b)(2)High in our elemen(b)(3), (b)(6)

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?

This is accurate. Immediate suppression was called for three KEs. We were told we had 120s out of Joyce and 155s out of ABAD. I recall that we only got the 120s though. Also we were told to adjust off one KE because it takes too long to switch the mortar tube. The problem was they were ing fire from three sides and we were only using(b)(2)High We could not observe exactly where the fires were coming from but we knew a lot of it s coming from inside the houses. Every time we called a fire mission, to include the screen mission, we were told to plot another grid because it was oo close to the village. The (b)(2)High had no effect because they were too far away to do anything but make a boom. We ended the fire mission because of this. Having indirect fires just for the sake of saying you have them is worthless. At this point they were not supporting fires. Later on during the engagement, we spotted a mortar being launched from atop Ganjgal(historical attack site). I called in a polar mission and was told to work up a grid mission instead. By the time I worked up the grid, CCA came back on station. That mission was never fired. (b)(3), (b)(6)

WERE SUPPORTING FIRES FROM THE PALEHORSE SCOUT WEAPONS TEAM EFFECTIVE? WOULD MORE OH58 OR AH64 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL OR NOT?

There was one instance near the end of the engagement whe(b)(2)Highred up a position near the water tower. Fires ceased from that location. Unless the ROE is adjusted, nothing would have helped. The enemy is in those houses. There might have been a few positions outside of houses but the really effective fires were coming from the houses. They know we can't and won't shoot up their houses with (b)(2)High nd they use that against us effectively. If they are no longer safe in their house, then we will start to pose a real threat to them. They use our ridiculous ROE to take away every advantage we might have. That being said, when Americans are getting slaughtered, ROE should go out the window. When women and children are running ammo, they are no longer civilians. Never should the lives of "civilians" come before the lives of Americans. Ganjgal is not friendly. Ask the head elder(b)(3), (b)(6)

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 2009/11/15

9 STATEMENT *(Continued)*

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

, relayed everything to Chosin coming from the battlefield. We did not leave anything out and we also tried to paint an urgent picture to them. Air was requested immediately. Indirect was requested as soon as we got locations to fire on. We did everything we could do from our positio(b)(3), (b)(6)

IN YOUR OPINION, WAS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION ACCURATELY COMMUNICATED TO THE 1-32 IN TOC IN A TIMELY MANNER?

I believe it was. I don't know how many times I requested air. Even after casualties were reported air was still delayed. I don't know where the disconnect was but it was an urgent situatio(b)(3), (b)(6)

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD?

Why was somebody in the TOC making decisions over people on the ground? A Captain on the ground. (b)(3), (b)(6) requests were second guessed constantly. The ROE is not practical and very dangerous. Indirect fires are worthless if you can't fire them on the enemy. Who cares if you have a fires plan if it has no affects. It's just something that goes in an OPORD then. This enemy is not dumb. Why can't we fire (b)(2)High ' Why did an immediate suppression t(b)(2)High utes? Why did it t(b)(2)High rs for CCA to get on station? Was all air in our AO engaged in an actual TIC already? Requesting info ASAP concerning missin (b)(2)High would be handled (they wanted an evac plan). All this while they were still in contact already executing a MASCAL. I don't want to call it micromanaging but I don't know what else to call it. (b)(3), (b)(6) was all over it. He knew what he was doing and he was getting it done.

People worried about careers over Americans. Don't say it's not true. I will say it to anyone you put in front of me. That's what this boils down to. The picture being painted is that Afghan "civilians" are more precious than American Marines and Soldiers. Also, there is no trust in officers on the ground. Not even officers. Whoever is taking charge on the ground? God forbid a "civilian" dies. But it's acceptable for our brothers to die for no reason. Ganjgal is something that should never be done again unless you are willing to go in and stay. Not go there, clear it and come back to the FOB. It shouldn't be done unless we are willing to put fires where they need to be. This includes the village itself. The end state, no matter what they write in the CONOP is this. Us back at the FOB with more U.S. dead and wounded and the enemy right back in fortified Ganjgal, waiting for us to be dumb again. This is the anti-art of war. This is not a place for COIN. The village elder himself said to bomb his village. This is a place to unleash everything we have and teach them a lesson. Don't let these idiots send more of our brothers to their graves for no reason. Higher leadership seems to be very delusional about the situation we are dealing with here. Something needs to be said. If we do this, let's do it right. Let's blow them into the Promised Land. All I have heard since this fiasco is how the Marines screwed up. How it was a planning flaw. Did they have a fires plan? Was a ground commander designated before the OP? If it was so screwed up why was it approved? I'm sick of the finger pointing at them. I was one of them. I know that if the situation was reversed they would not have asked permission to go in and help us. They would have just done it, no questions asked. Also they say an experienced (b)(2)High was needed on the ground. For what? They wouldn't have fired anything worth anything anyways. I'm sick of it. Everybody on the ground that day was heroes and they deserve nothing but praise for what they did. They had essentially no support in a massive firefight. In a nutshell it was the worst day of my military career. It bothers me every single day(b)(3), (b)(6)

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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

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

WITNESSES:

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15 day of November, 2009 at FOB Joyce, Afghanistan

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

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SGT

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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