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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
1-32 IN, TASK FORCE MOUNTAIN WARRIOR

9.
I, (b)(3), (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

1. WHAT UNIT AND/OR INDIVIDUAL TRAINING WAS PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE 1-32 IN TOC PRIOR TO ASSUMING THEIR DUTIES?

Prior to deployment, there were a series of training events, courses, and certification exercises that served as forums for training designated battalion (b)(2)High In theater, though, it was on-the-job training under the supervision of our senior Battle Captain (CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) and battalion senior leadership. CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) has been in (b)(2)High for almost 18 months. He was the benefactor of much of the pre-deployment training and served as a Battle Captain during our capstone Bde COIN STX prior to deployment. When we initially deployed, we didn't have enough Battle Captains to maintain more than a single shift, and CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) shift was extended and the gaps covered down on by non-commissioned officers until he came back on duty. In theater, availability of company grade officers has been limited. CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) became available during the summer, and therefore was assigned as a Battle Captain. He was previously a Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader, and Mortar Platoon Leader who had been in this battalion for almost two years prior to assuming duties as a Battle Captain. Having recently served as the Mortar Platoon Leader, his understanding of fires was exceptional in terms of ROE, IDF capabilities, and deconfliction of airspace. Lastly, in terms of on-the-job training, all fires require the clearance of a field grade officer. At a minimum, a field grade officer is always available to the TOC...if not all three of us. By late summer, inexperience at the Battle Captain position (e.g. CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) was mitigated by the fact we had trained and experienced TOC NCOs and Soldiers, and a field grade officer that was required in any clearance of fires scenarios.

2. WHAT CRITERIA WERE USED IN SELECTING (b)(2)High TOC BATTLE CAPTAINS?

Maturity, experience, and capability are the primary means for determination of TOC Battle Captains. These qualities are assessed, informally, by myself, the Battalion S3, and Battalion XO. Unfortunately, we previously didn't have the depth required to be selective about who served as Battle Captain. Additionally, during this same period, we were managing leave, and providing battalion command and control to the fight in Barg-e Matal. The fight in Barg-e Matal had an even greater need for a competent Battle Captain because they were constantly in contact, and the lethal fight far more complex at that time than anywhere else in our battlespace.

3. DO THE (b)(2)High MANDATE AN ON-CALL (b)(2)High IF SO, WHAT IS THE EXPECTATION WITH REGARD TO THEIR READINESS AND ABILITY TO EXECUTE?

At the beginning of the deployment, we designated a Battalion (b)(2)High that operated from (b)(2)High. However, we soon learned that due to our expansive battlespace that a "standing QRF" at the battalion level simply could not react timely enough to areas where they were most needed. As a result, we gave this platoon back to it's assigned company (A Company) and directed each company to be prepared to provide their own. For deliberate options planned and executed at the battalion level, a QRF or reserve is specifically designated to support the operation. During the conduct of OPORDs and rehearsals, their specific focus areas and response times are determined. We do not have standing SOPs that address QRFs, though.

4. WHAT TRAINING DID (b)(2)High PROVIDE WITH REGARD TO (b)(2)High WHO WAS TRAINED? WHAT WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT TRAINING?

When the tactical directive finally arrived at the unit (after 1 July 09), I was in Barg-e Matal. I did not return until early August. When I did, I saw the guidance and flurry of e-mails associated with it. On 8 August, I issued guidance via e-mail (see attached) that also provided the ISAF tactical directive and briefing slides that had been provided by CJTF-82. In the e-mail, which was sent to Company Commanders and staff, I directed each Commander to discuss the directive and slides with "subordinate leaders." At a subsequent Battalion Update Brief, also in August, we included the slides in the update and discussed them in detail...especially those areas that would cause us to act differently than possibly we had been previously. My expectation was that I would address the directive with company-level leaders during the BUB, and that Company Commanders would discuss the directives with platoon and lower leaders at their COPs. My e-mail and the slides are provided as attachments to this statement.

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STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 2009/11/23

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

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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 U

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WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 23 day of November, 2009 at FOB Joyce, Afghanistan

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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Cdrs –

It is mandatory that you review these documents and discuss with them with your subordinates. Though not a drastic deviation from the ROE we've been practicing, it clearly articulates the ISAF Cdr's expectations when in contact with the enemy.

Here is my interpretation of a few directives in the tone that I believe COMISAF was transmitting – in short, in the langue you and I speak (warfighter language):

(b)(2)High

This is significant because it means that if/when we do this and civilian casualties occur, the investigating officer will ask, (b)(2)High and there will never be a time when you couldn't do that. Since I don't want us to (b)(2)High we must be prepared (b)(2)High (b)(2)High and enters and also be prepared to (b)(2)High not escalate to (b)(2)High .

- COMISAF is telling us that our initial response to most contacts should be small unit direct fire and maneuver and not our usual (b)(2)High This is riskier, but it is directed.

(b)(2)High

(b)(2)High isn't up for debate, therefore should be factored when deciding response/munition. This means that if you can't get there to (b)(2)High

It is important you share these with your subordinates and use the vignettes to help them understand.

As a battalion, we will explain this in detail in at the next Bn BUB.

v/r

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

TC (b)(3), (b)(6)
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Sir,

Here you go.

Thanks

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