SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

UTHORITY: Title 10, USC Section 301; Title 5, USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 Social Security Number (SSN).

'RINCIPAL PURPOSE: To document potential criminal activity involving the U.S. Army, and to allow Army officials to maintain discipline, law and order through investigation of complaints and incidents.

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DISCLOSURE: Disclosure of your SSN and other information is voluntary.

1. LOCATION	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
FOB Fenty, Afghanistan	2009/11/22	1630	

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
(b)(3), (b)(6)	(b)(6), (b)(3)	W-2 ~~OFFICIAL~~ 091123 (b)(3), (b)(6)

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

A Troop, 7-17 CAV (b)(2)High

9.

I, CW2 (b)(3), (b)(6), WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Q: What unit are you assinged to and where are you stationed? What was your duty position on 8 September 2009? What mission were you involved in that day?

A: A troop, 7-17 CAV, (b)(2)High . I was the (b)(2)High assigned to a deliberate operation in the (b)(2)High (b)(2)High

Q: When did you first hear of the engagement in the Gangjal Valley? How did you hear about it? Who did you hear it from? Did the request f(b)(2)Highppear to be urgent? If yes, how so?

: We got a call on th(b)(2)High the tail end of our firs(b)(2)Highurn from (b)(2)High we were in (b)(2)High t the time. It did appear o be urgent based on the stress in the voice of the radio operator.

Q: How do you normally receive missions to provid(b)(2)High What is the procedure to be re-tasked from one AO to another AO in support of another TIC? Do ground units directly contact you seekin(b)(2)High

A: This would be an example of a typical call f(b)(2)High during an emergency from a ground unit over th(b)(2)High In order to be retasked, higher HQ must approve. (b)(2)High get this approval enroute over (b)(2)High but on that day we were already tasked to a deliberate operation with troops in contact.

Q: What actions did you take based on hearing about the engagement in Gangjal? Did you receive any orders regarding your involvement in Ganjgal?

A: On hearing the call, I recommended to the AMC that we get over there and try to help immediately. The AMC then called (b)(2)High ove(b)(2)High and told him to get us in there he would need to clear it through our TOC. A few minutes later (b)(2)High called again and said they had gotten our TOC to approve it and we could go, but then I heard the AMC say that he had just received a BFT message stating that we were NOT to move in to Ganjigal, that we were instead to continue to support the operation in the Shuryak and that th(b)(2)Highould support the Ganjigal. Later in the morning we were retasked via BFT to the Ganjigal area.

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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 _____"

HE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT, AND PAGE NUMBER MUST BE INDICATED.

EXHIBIT III – 5 F.2

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

STATEMENT OF CW2 (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Fenty DATED 2009/11/22

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

Q: Did you ever receive a mission to support the engagement at Ganjgal? If so, at what time and from whom?

A: We did get retasked later in the morning to support the TIC in the Ganjigal area. I'm not certain what time it was, but it was our TOC that retasked us.

Q: Describe in detail your observations upon arriving in Gangjal. What was your assessment of the situation on the ground?

A: At the mouth of the valley there were several Coalition vehicles and associated troops. Some (b)(2)High at the bottom, several ANP pickups and several ANA pickups, each of these formations were separate. The ANP had set up a (b)(2)High but were not firing. The ANA were dismounting as they arrived and rushing up the valley along the southern side. We moved into the valley and there were bodies strung out along the road leading up to Ganjigal and in the terraced fields on either side. As we approached, there was an ANA pickup stopped next to a Humvee on the road. Men were loading bodies up in the back. Once it was filled, the pickup accelerated down the road and out of the valley. We made contact with the Humvee and he informed us that he was trying to recover their men and that several Americans were missing, some Marines and an Army soldier, who were thought to be either in or near the village of Ganjigal. He reported that he was still taking fire from all the high ground and the village and that his (b)(2)High broken. My initial assessment was that the ground unit had been defeated in detail.

Q: Describe in detail the actions you (b)(2)High took in the Ganjgal Valley on 8 September 2009?

A: After making the initial check in we began to search for the missing Americans. The (b)(2)High turned back up the road toward Ganjigal village and we began talking him on to bodies. Wounded ANA would make slight movements as we flew over. Any that made too large a movement were immediately targeted by the enemy. We flew over the village itself to search. We saw several men just inside doorways and windows watching us, but saw no bodies or blood trails. We took some small arms fire as we flew low and slow, but nothing hit us. We reported this to the Humvee, and he moved back down the road to recover more bodies, some f which were wounded ANA lying in a ditch that crossed the road. There was one person there who appeared to be wearing ACU's, at we couldn't be certain because of all the blood. We swung out a little wider, taking fire again as we did, and we saw a single Marine in a ditch. We came back around to verify and saw four men in coyote tan lying there, as well as a few more ANA. The Dark Green was lying on his back against the berm with his knees pulled up and his feet flat on the ground. He might have been sleeping but for the bandage and the blood coming from under him. Two more were lying together like a "T" where the one had obviously been administering first aid when he fell; they were down in the bottom of the ditch. The last one was lying on the berm on his stomach and appeared to have been shot in the face. It was clear they had fallen together. We reported to the Humvee that we had found them, then returned to him and started trying to point them in the right direction. The crew of the Humvee were loading bodies and couldn't move right then. We then just tried as best we could to protect them while they did so. After a little while we were ordered out.

Q: Did you witness any valorous actions by Soldiers engaged in the TIC? If so, please describe.

A: Yes. The crew of that lone Humvee was completely exposed in an active kill zone under near constant fire from enemy positions on dominant high ground situated in a rough horseshoe with the closed end at the village of Ganjigal. Their gun had broken while fighting, they had no friendly ground support in a position to help them (despite a handful of very brave ANA who managed to get almost abeam of where the Marines had fallen before they were completely pinned down). There was no artillery support and no CAS. They knew it, and they stayed in there to recover their comrades anyway. They moved up and down that road, dismounting to check bodies and collect them. The dismounts couldn't talk to us while dismounted and often would just look at us and point in the direction they were taking fire from so we could try to suppress it. They took extraordinary risks to recover their Brothers, disregarding their own personal safety in order to get them back. That sort of dedication is a shining example for the rest of us to follow and should be recognized.

**********NOTHING FOLLOWS**********

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STATEMENT OF CW2 (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT FOB Fenty DATED 2009/11/22

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I, CW2 (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, C

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WITNESSES

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 22 day of November, 2009

at FOB Fenty, Afghanistan

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

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

ARTICLE 136

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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