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COMBINED SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND – AFGHANISTAN
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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

15-6 Investigation Talking Points

1. Purpose: To capture the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the enemy attack that occurred in the vicinity of FOB Joyce, on 08 September 2009, resulting in the death of 4 USMC ETT members and the rollover incident of an ASV.

    a. What is duty position and what was it during the mission?

    b. What are the facts and circumstances surrounding the attack? (5 W's) Be specific as possible with regard to the terrain of the attack site, time of attack, size of the enemy force encountered, size of the U.S. / Coalition force, length of the attack, and types of weapons used by the enemy force. What were the pre-mission briefing concerning enemy forces?

    c. What are the nature, extent, and cause of injuries to any U.S. Marines and ANSF?

    d. What was your mission, including task and purpose, for your element initially and as the time of the mission progressed? What was your role with communications during the mission? Who was on the net and was the comm plan sufficient for maintaining C2?

    e. Was an up-to-date threat analysis conducted for the mission? What threats were reported?

    f. What, if any, requests for tactical assistance were made prior to, during, or after the attack occurred? Describe the timeline and procedure of the requests and response of U.S. or Coalition forces.

    g. Did anyone participate in, or having knowledge of, this mission use unsecure communications (including cell phones) up to 24-hours prior to this mission? If anyone did, describe who used the unsecure communications and for what purpose?

    h. Did anyone communicate the movement schedule / timeline to any local nationals (including ANSF, local police, local leaders, etc.)? If anyone did, describe what was communicated, to whom, and when prior to the mission?

    i. What recommendations concerning improvements, if any, to coalition force tactics, techniques, and procedures will help avoid this type of incident in the future? Be as specific as possible, keeping in mind mission and personnel constraints and limitations.

    j. Any other matters pertaining to this incident that you deem relevant?

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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

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

1. LOCATION	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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9.

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

Question A) Scout platoon Team 2 Squad Leader, FM relay

B) Pre mission brief of enemy forces were talked about, recent harrassing fires from the Dari village, and likely attack sites in and around the village of Gengal. Marine ETT's along with ANSF were to push into Gengal, establish OP's thru clear village, while (b)(2)High element along with (b)(2)High and (b)(3), (b)(6) were to clear the buildings on the finger just south of Gengal. At approx 0530 local time, Marine ETT's ANSF, (b)(2)High and ABP came under heavy enemy fire from the Gengal village and the surrounding high ground. The firefight lasted from 0530 to approx 1400 local time. During that duration coalition forces took fire from AK 47's, PKM machine guns, and RPGs from an estimated 50 plus enemy fighters. The enemy fired from the high ground and inside the village of Gengal.

C) The first casualties we were aware about was 1 ANSF & 1 (b)(2)High element. One with a GSW to the abdomen & the other to the leg.

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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 _____

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9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

D) Scout platoon was to establish an overwatch position NLT (b)(2)High local 8SEP09. We were to observe & report movement in and around the Gersel AO. As the mission progressed and enemy contact was made we mainly served as an (b)(2)High relay and observed.

E) Yes, as of 2 days prior. The threats were reported that likely contact would possibly come from the Dan Darai village and enemy infil routes from the village of Shergay east of Gersel village. It was also briefed of likely attack sites within the village of Gersel

F) CCA & CAS were requested to help support the operation but were denied due to other missions already planned. Once contact was made at 0530 indirect fires & CCA were requested immediately. At 0555 the first indirect fires from FOB Joyce were fired. (b)(3), (b)(6) tried to fire a polar mission because it was more effective & faster than trying to relay with the elements on the ground to shift from the KE's, he was denied his requests. From 0530 until 0700 repeated requests came from the (b)(2)High elements for CCA, around 0700 local is when the OH58's finally showed up. A QRF was spun up and set at the mouth of the valley which consisted of , (b)(2)High . Neither platoon went to help for reasons unknown to me.

G) H) Unknown because almost every Afghan national has a phone on this FOB so anything is possible.

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9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

I) Recommendations, dont allow local nationals to include terps to have cell phones on FOBs. Have dedicated CCA for a major combat op. At least (b)(2)High AO. Have a dedicated QRF on standby. Dont question the Commander on the ground, give him what he asks for.

J) None

Question D continued)

The comm plan was suffice knowing from previous missions you have no comms in that valley even if you have an ASIP Radio. The main Freq used was the ETT Freq & was working fine until chosin 11 jumped on & started asking questions that could've been asked through us on the BN Freq.

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I, Sgt (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, O NT.

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Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 11 day of September, 2009 at FOB Joyce

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Oath)

MAJ (b)(3), (b)(6)
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Investigating Officer
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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