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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

COMBINED SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND – AFGHANISTAN

OPERATION ENDURUNG FREEDOM

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

APO AE 09356

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. Friendly movement.

    c. What was your mission, task and purpose for this operation? What were the pre-mission briefing concerning enemy forces?

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

    e. 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.

    f. Did you observe any evacuation of wounded ANSF or U.S. Marine personnel? If so, how many, when, and by whom.

    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. Did you see any women or children assisting (collecting ammo, weapons, etc) the AAF or firing at ANSF or U.S. Forces? If so, describe.

    j. 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.

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

SWORN STATEMENT

For use of this form, see AR 190-45; the proponent agency is PMG.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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

PRINCIPAL 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.

ROUTINE USES: Information provided may be further disclosed to federal, state, local, and foreign government law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, child protective services, victims, witnesses, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Office of Personnel Management. Information provided may be used for determinations regarding judicial or non-judicial punishment, other administrative disciplinary actions, security clearances, recruitment, retention, placement, and other personnel actions.

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

1. LOCATION	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)	3. TIME	4. FILE NUMBER
Fob Joyce	20090911	1508	

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
HHC 1-32, 3BCT 10th MTN, (TF Chosin)

9.

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

A) My duty position is a sniper and during the operation I was mostly observing from the south and watching their infil into ganjgal. My call sign is (b)(2)High

B) - At (b)(2)High myself along with the (b)(2)High element set in place and began observation. Life in the village was normal with locals awaking early to cook and eat before the sun came up due to Ramadaan.

- (b)(2)High I got eyes on the vehicle element at the mouth of the valley. By (b)(2)High they were set into their ORP
- (b)(2)High at first light I was observing their movement on foot up the wadi into Ganjgal. ANA lead in a tactical file.
- (b)(2)High when I saw them get engaged from mountains North (above) the village. Enemy fighters where spread out in small teams, about 3-5 per team. ANA ~~[illegible]~~ U.S. Forces took cover in the terraces south of the village. Enemey engaged with small arms, PKM, RPG fire very effectively. Fighters were also located in the village itself.

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 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 20090911

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9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

- (b)(2)High was roughly the time we recieved indirect fire support from (b)(2)High mm mortars and (b)(2)High mm artillery. Fire support ceased not long after because of the confusion that air support was en-route. Air did not come on station until first medavac around (b)(2)High

- (b)(2)High ANA's lead element which was pinned down just south of the village section to the east began getting surrounded and taking heavy accurate RPG, PKM fire. Approx 10-12 ANA made a straight southward dash through the terraces toward friendly positions. All while recieving very high volumes of accurate fire. It appeared an ANA soldier if not multiple were hit during their dash for the 10-12 man element shrunk by half at the last terrace I watched them jump over.

- (b)(2)High we observed and looked for enemy positions. I spotted what I thought to be a enemy mortar team (we were recieving mortars sporadically throughout the day) when we called to get fires on the position it was denied saying polar fire missions were not acceptable. Then completely denied for reasons unknown. Enemy position was well away from village located on hill top to the east.

- (b)(2)High Fighting continued even with air assets on station. Enemy fighters continued to engage and manuever throughout the village and mountains.

- (b)(2)High myself and (b)(2)High engaged enemy fighter in Dam Darya ya at around (b)(2)High meters.

C) My mission was to observe and cover infil/exfil of coalition forces. We never got a pre-mission enemy size report. From own expierence with this village we knew enemy presence was high.

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

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STATEMENT OF ___ (b)(3), (b)(6) ___ TAKEN AT FOB Joyce DATED 20090911

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9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

D) No threat reports were given

E) (b)(2)High multiple requests for air were made and it kept getting pushed back. We were told multiple times throughout an hour that air will be there in (b)(2)High min. Fire missions were repeatedly called up by ground troops and ourselves and many were denied. (b)(2)High was requested for (b)(2)High purposed but no came. Repeatedly assests were requested for support but no asset urgency was shown.

F) No

G) No

H) No

I) women and children were moving around in the village during the TIC. Also noticed them screening houses (personal shields)

J)

(b)(2)High

I, SPC (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, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT. (b)(3), (b)(6)

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WITNESSES:

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

HHC 1-3

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

HHC 1-32

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

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

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

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Investigating Officer

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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

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