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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Chronology of Investigation of Casualties in AO Chosin on 08 September 2009

1. Outlined below is a chronology of the investigating officer's (IO) actions for this investigation:

a. 08 Sep 09:
   1. Approximately 1800(L): Received notification that I had been appointed as an IO for this investigation.
   2. Approximately 1845(L): I met with the Mountain Warrior SJA (MAJ (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) and CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) for advice on IO duties and responsibilities while conducting an AR 15-6 investigation.
   3. Approximately 1930(L): I began to research and collect storyboards, intelligence products, other pertinent information about the incident and scheduled a flight to FOB Joyce for early morning of 09 Sep 09.
   4. Approximately 2330(L): I reviewed final paperwork, packed and prepared to retire for the night.

b. 09 Sep 09:
   1. 0655(L): Flight to FOB Joyce on Molson Air (b)(2)High
   2. 0900(L): Initial interview and situation update with (b)(3), (b)(6) (XO, 1-32 IN) at FOB Joyce and begin to look at initial list of personnel to schedule for interviews.
   3. 0945(L): Conducted initial link-up with (b)(3), (b)(6) 1-32 IN paralegal on FOB Joyce.
   4. 1015(L): Received CSTC-A appointment orders with investigation focus topics.
   5. 1015-1130(L): Review appointment memo and start organizing interview plan and engagement strategy.
   6. 1130(L): Conducted initial interview and review list of interview personnel with (b)(3), (b)(6) S-3, 1-32 IN).
   7. 1300-1400(L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (S-2, 1-32 IN) to review the enemy threat assessment for the operation.
   8. 1525 (L): Interview with MAJ Granger (XO, 1-32 IN). He is the acting Commander of 1-32 IN and was located in the BN TOC during the operation and coordinated support for the mission.
   9. 1630 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (S-3, 1-32 IN). He was located in the BN TOC during the operation and coordinated support for the mission.

10. 1630 (L): Reviewed interview notes and revised engagement strategy.
11. 1800-1830(L): Conducted interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (IO, 1-32 IN). Statement not utilized for this investigation.
12. 1830-1930(L): Reviewed interview list and location of personnel with (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) (appointed S-3 rep for witness coordination), ar (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6)

c. 10 Sep 09:
1. 0830 (L): Product review
2. 0910-1110 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (S-2, 1-32 IN). He (b)(2)High and his team manned an OP south of the village and witnessed the initial portion of the operation in Ganjgal and called for fire.
3. 1115 (L): Received new appointment orders from CJTF-82 with new questions and talking points.
4. 1115-1200 (L): Go to the motorpool to obtain take photos of the ASV.
5. 1300-1345 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (Medical Section NCOIC). He treated the ANSF and U.S. WIA and saw the remains of the Marine Heroes.
6. 1400-1430 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (PLT LDR). He was present when the ASV rolled over and subsequent vehicle recovery operations.
7. 1500-1530 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the ASV driver at the time of the rollover and assisted with the vehicle recovery.
8. 1545-1625 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the ASV gunner.
9. 1645-1715 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (FS NCOIC, 1-32 IN).
10. 1915-2010 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (3/D/1-32 PLT LDR/SGT). His team was occupying a TCP and his team was ordered to conduct traffic control out of the valley and set up a Casualty Collection Point (CCP).
11. 2015-2030 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) Sworn statement not used for this investigation.
12. 2300-0100 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He led the recovery operation of ANA and U.S. WIA and KIA. He was also the first to locate the Marine ETT remains. He was unable to provide a sworn statement at that time.

d. 11 Sep 09:
1. 0830 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the night Battle Captain in the Chosin TOC starting at 0800 hrs on the morning of 08 Sep 09.
2. 1000 (L): Obtained sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6) Statement not used for this investigation.
3. 1230 (L): Obtain sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6) He provided a status of the weapons damaged in the vehicle rollover.

e. 12 Sep 09:
1. 0830 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the day Battle Captain in the Chosin TOC until 0800 hrs.
2. 0900-1000 (L): (b)(3), (b)(6) (CSTC-A) meeting. (b)(3), (b)(6) provided a overview of key events and some lessons learned from 08 Sep 09.

3. 1030-1200 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He assumed command of the Marine ETTs when (b)(3), (b)(6) was WIA and was MEDEVAC'd.
4. 1230-1330 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He became the senior ground tactical commander when (b)(3), (b)(6) was WIA and was MEDEVAC'd.
5. 1400-1610 (L): Combined Operation (b)(2)High AAR.
6. 1620-1645 (L): ANA/ABP S-3 Interview to discuss possibility of joint investigation.
7. 1645-1715 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the senior tactical ground commander until he was wounded and evacuated back to FOB Joyce.

f. 13 Sep 09:
1. 0830 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the senior medical provider at FOB Joyce on the morning of the operation. He examined both ANA and U.S. wounded.
2. 0900 (L): Sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6)
3. 1040 (L): Sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6)
4. 1300 (L): Sworn statement from
5. 1345 (L): Coordinate flight to COP (b)(3), (b)(6) for (b)(3), (b)(6) interview for the following day.
6. 1400-1420 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (FSO, 1-32 IN).
7. 1500 (L): Received sworn statements from Palehorse pilots (b)(3), (b)(6) CPT (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) and (b)(3), (b)(6)

g. 14 Sep 09:
1. 1055 (L): Flight to COP Monti on Molson Air (b)(2)High
2. 1130 (L): Arrive at COP Monti. (b)(3), (b)(6) unavailable due to current mission support.
3. 1400 (L): Receive TF Palehorse sworn statements. They provided SWT and MEDEVAC support for the mission.
4. 1800-2100 (L): Sworn statement and second interview with (b)(3), (b)(6)
5. 2130 (L): Interview with Interpreter (b)(6) He was present with the Marine ETTs at the beginning of the mission and was present with (b)(3), (b)(6) when their remains were recovered.

h. 15 Sep 09:
1. 0830-1300 (L): Investigation document review and 15-6 paperwork compilation.
2. Approximately 1400 (L): Flight from COP Monti to FOB Fenti
3. 1530 (L): Arrive at FOB Fenti.
4. 1600 (L): Provide TF MW SJA with summary of findings and investigation update. Informed of revised completion suspense date.
5. 1700 (L): Received missing sensitive item data from (b)(3), (b)(6) RCAC 3-7, G-3 Mentor.

i. 16 Sep 09:
1. 0900 (L): 15-6 packet review with SJA and obtain further guidance on products.
2. 1100-1145 (L): Telephonic interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He was present during the operation.
3. 1300-1500 (L): Compile SITEMP sketches for 15-6 packet.

4. 1500-1600 (L): Telephonic interview with (b)(6) He was in the lead ANA element with the 4 Marine/Navy EITs at the onset of enemy SAF.
5. 1800 (L): Attempted to contact (b)(3), (b)(6) for telephonic interview. Patient unavailable.
6. 2215 (L): Attempted to contact (b)(3), (b)(6) for telephonic interview. No response from nursing station.

j. 17 Sep 09
1. 1200-0230 (L): Compile formal findings and recommendations memorandum. Initial Legal Review started.
2. 1330 (L): Receive sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6) He was located at the OP south of the village with (b)(3), (b)(6)
3. 1530 (L): Receive sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6) He was manning the ETT northwest OP and offered information about the missing sensitive items.
4. 1700 (L): Received sworn statemer (b)(3), (b)(6) He was located with (b)(3), (b)(6) and assisted with the recovery of ANA WIA and KIA.

k. 18 Sep 09
1. 1400 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) He is the TF Palehorse S-3 and provided information regarding rotary wing aircraft planning and coordination. MFR posted.
2. 1430 (L): Sworn statement from (b)(3), (b)(6) He was the TF Palehorse Battle Captain on duty on the morning of 08 September 2009.
3. 1530 (L): Telephonic discussion with (b)(3), (b)(6) TF Chosin XO, regarding the request process for Close Combat Aircraft (CCA) on the morning of 08 September 2009.

l. 19 Sep 09
1. 0830-1500 (L): Findings and Recommendations review and update.
2. 1930 (L): Coordinate for sworn statement with (b)(3), (b)(6)
3. 2048-2200 (L): Interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) an (b)(3), (b)(6)

m. 20 Sep 09
1. 0900 (L): (b)(3), (b)(6) telephone interview ((b)(2)High
2. 1100 (L): Fire support, ISR, commo plan MFR.
3. 1330 (L): (b)(3), (b)(6) telephone interview regarding personal effects processing.
4. 1445 (L): Personnel effects MFR drafted and posted.
5. 1935 (L): Telephonic interview with (b)(3), (b)(6) 1-32 IN S-6.
6. 2130 (L): Receive sworn statements for CW2 (b)(3), (b)(6) CW2 (b)(3), (b)(6) and (b)(3), (b)(6)

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