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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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15-6 Investigation Talking Points-1LT (b)(3), (b)(6)

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 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.

    b. What are the nature, extent, and cause of loss or damage of military equipment?

    c. What was the mission and purpose of your element during the mission and did it change? What were the pre-mission briefing concerning enemy forces?

    d. What personal protective equipment was worn by the U.S. Service members at the time of the incident?

    e. What, if any, medical treatment was provided to the U.S. Service members? What are the nature, extent, and cause of injuries to any U.S. service members

    f. Who were you communicating with and what was your initial PACE plan? What commo challenges did you experience?

    g. It appears that an ASV rollover occurred during the incident as well. Describe the facts and circumstances surrounding the rollover. (5 W's) Be specific as possible describing, the cause of the rollover (vehicle condition, road condition, threat level, etc.) and the mechanisms / procedures used by the personnel to avoid injury.

        i. Terrain and speed at time of accident
        ii. Crew members
        iii. Training and driver experience
        iv. Recovery timeline

    h. 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.

i. Did you observe any women or children either firing at CF/troops or providing support to Anti-Afghan Forces?

j. 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.

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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 Joyce, Afghanistan	20090910	1550	

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	6. SSN	7. GRADE/STATUS
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

3rd PLT DCO, 1-32 INBN FOB Fortress, Afghanistan

9.

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

1) Facts and circumstances surrounding attack (5 ws)

40-65 AAF surrounding three sides of Ganjgal village. Enemy was using AK, PKM, RPG and mortar fire effectively on approximately 80 ANSF and 15 US soldiers within the village. The coalition mission was to clear the village of Ganjgal and my platoon (b)(2)High was responsible for TCPs on RTE (b)(3), (b)(6) as well as overwatch of Northern approaches to the ANA OP on the North side of the valley. From my position at the 53 Northing on RTE (b)(3), (b)(6) I observed the first indirect rounds at around 0530L. By 0600 Chosin TOC had instructed my element to collapse the TCP and move into the valley iso coalition forces. By 0715 we had established a VPB and started pushing x1 1167 and x1 ASV east with x1 ANA HMMWV and x1 ETT MMMWV. Our intent was to extract known US and ANSF casualties from the village of Ganjgal. It was at about 0800L approximately 600m from the village that the ASV rolled over. We then conducted recovery operations while the ANA and ETT element continued to push forward.

2) Nature, extent, and cause of loss or damage to military equipment.

The ASV rollover caused both damage and loss to military equipment.

Damaged Destroyed Lost

(b)(2)High

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3) Mission and Intent of my element

D3 mission was to conduct over-watch of ANA OP to provide early warning of enemy infil from the North (1900)(07 Sep 09)

Conduct TCPs on RTE (b)(3), (b)(6) ICW ANP and provide over-watch of ANA OP to provide early warning of enemy infil (2200)(07 Sep 09)

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 1555 DATED 20090910

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

Provide direct fire support for coalition forces pinned down in Ganigal valley by AAF fires IOT extil US and ANSF casualties. (0600) 8 sep 09

4) Pre mission enemy brief

2-3 3-4 man teams with SAF using harassing fires on coalition forces in the area. (07 Sep 09 2200)

5) PPE worn by US soldiers

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(b)(2)High

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6) Medical treatment to US soldiers and nature and extent of injuries

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

all soldiers were involved in ASU rollover and were checked by myself upon arriving at scene of accident (0815) and again by SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) (the medic) (0915). All three had bruising and soreness caused mostly by force of safety restraints. All three were evaluated at FOB Joyce level 1 aid station and RTD (2300)

7) Commo PACE Plan

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A - (b)(2)High
C -

03 was instructed to use BN CMD for the duration of the mission. When we arrived in the valley besides PLT internal comms we could talk to BN TOC and (b)(2)High. We did not initially have comms with any ETT element or their FM frequency. Even after recieving their frequency comms with any element within Ganigal was sporadic and garbled if at all. At points throughout the mission as more assets arrived the ~~[illegible]~~ freqs. (BN CMD and ETT) were packed with traffic increasing the difficulty of comms

8) ASU roll over

terrain and speed. - ASU was 4TH (b)(2)High in convoy the road was unimproved and loosely packed. there were large rocks and boulders strategiously placed throughout the road to make maneuvering slow and deliberate. I would estimate speed to be between 5-10 mph at time of rollover. At that point the loosely packed road gave way on the driver side causing the slide and resulting rollover

Crew members - SGT (b)(3), (b)(6) (licenced driver) SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) (Gunner) SPC (b)(3), (b)(6) (TC)

Training and experience - Driver was one of two consistent ASU drivers throughout the deployment and was licenced in November prior to deployment.

Recovery time line - 0800 - Rollover

0815 - (b)(2)High 1/67 turns around and arrives back at scene

0820 - recovery attempts unsuccesful under heavy enemy fire begin evac of SI and Ammo

0835 - All SI and Ammo recovered cross loaded to (b)(2)High vehicle

0840 - CCA on station enemy fire subsides 2nd recovery attempt

0850 - ASU running and unstuck begin movement back to VPB

0715 - ASU returns to VPB with all SI and ammo

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

STATEMENT OF (b)(3), (b)(6) TAKEN AT 1555 DATED 20090910

9. STATEMENT *(Continued)*

9) Recommendations and improvements
On scene commander OSC - when I arrived it appeared that there were four individual groups working (ANA, ABP, US, ETT) the OCC-P would have been able to provide oversight of all units and provide cohesion. Additionally lack of a commo plan and knowledge of Front line troops and the inability to communicate among positions further disrupted operations. An OSC would have aided in the disarray caused to the ANSF by the large number of AAF attacking. As I approached the village I passed 70 - 80 ANSF soldiers exfilling most without weapons and none in any sense of order.

10) Did you observe any women and children aiding AAF
From my vantage points I did not observe women and children aiding AAF in any way. In fact I did not see any women or children until the majority of fighting had subsided. I was not within great visual range of Tangiguel but I did observe Dam Darye ye and did not see any such actions

I Am Platoon leader for (b)(2)High Company Third Platoon. My call sign is (b)(2)High

Nothing Follows.

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I, 1LT (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:

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

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

HHC, 1-32 IN, 3 BCT
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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

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

D.Co 1-32 IN
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 10 day of September, 2009

at

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

Investigating Officer
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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