

SWORN STATEMENT

Charlie

My name is (b)(3),(b)(6) . I am assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade ABCT, located in Vincenza, Italy. I am currently a Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and my occupational field is Infantry.

In July 2008, I was with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Jallabad, Afghanistan. I had been with the brigade for five years and I went through pre-deployment training and attended the entire deployment with the brigade. At this time my rank was Sergeant First Class, and I served as the night battle NCO.

The duties of the battle NCO are to assist the battle captain in synchronizing the assets within the brigade, reacting to significant acts within our area of responsibility, and also ensure that the TOC maintains its duty function as the central hub for all communications throughout the brigade and through our central headquarters. We monitor all communications within the battalions, the battalion itself, the companies, and sometimes to the platoon level. We had what they called a CAV which allows us to go down to all the frequencies within our brigade on our COMSAT. Our SOP's were set up as if the units below us would have significant acts they would come through MERC CHAT and once we received it there it would go through CPOF. CPOF gives it the capability of seeing everything within a battle space instantaneously.

We would receive unit supply issues through MERC CHAT or they could send it up on the radio if had something to do specifically with us. Generally, an everyday function such as being down on supplies would go to the S-4 and they would work the issue.

Operation Rock Move was not in my area of operations and I did not particularly work that issue or know what was going on with the operation. I was in a monitoring mode at the brigade. LTC (b)(3),(b)(6) would talk directly to the S-3's at the battalion level for issues regarding Operation Rock Move and synchronize the information. We may have gotten word of the issues, but we were not hands on with the issues.

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During my time in the brigade, the battle NCO would be directly involved in assisting in moving assets by keeping assets records that was displayed daily in our COP. We knew what type of assets the battalion or brigade had that was available to us to use.

On 12 July 2008 I was preparing to leave Jallabad to return home, and on 13 July 2008 I was on my way to Bagram. Prior to my departure we had a turnover with the unit that was replacing us. It was not a very good relief. The unit took a while to arrive. I met my counterpart maybe twice. We did not stand a watch together. We showed them the battle operating systems, and after that I did not see my counterpart at all. When I PCS'd, I left Captain (b)(3),(b)(6) there and he was the one who did the training for the relief, which was odd compared to how we normally do. Usually it is the NCO who does the training.

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Had I been on duty on 13 July I would have had a role in providing assistance to the unit in Wanat. I would have taken things up to the battle captain, synchronized what he was doing, monitoring MERC CHAT and responding to the unit; basically taking the smaller issues away from the battle captain in order for him to focus on larger issues. The battle captain would have talked directly to the aviation assets. Nothing got launched from the aviation until we told them to launch, so we controlled most of what was going on.

There should be an electronic record, both on the CPOP and the 15-94, for the incident at Wanat. Also at the end of the day it would have been written in a CDNE Report. We also would generate a shift change brief at the end of each shift and brief the oncoming battle captain.

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I, (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 STATEMENT AND HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE,

(b)(3),(b)(6) THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I AM MAINTAINING THE VERACITY OF THIS STATEMENT, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT.

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

Charlie

(Signature)

I, the undersigned, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 16 day of OCT 2009 at Casema Ederte, 27115

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