SWORN STATEMENT

Bronze

My name is (b)(3),(b)(6). I am assigned to HHC, 2nd battalion, 503rd, located in Vicenza, Italy. I am currently a Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and my current occupational field is All Source Intel.

In July 2008, I was with HHC, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, Camp Blessing, Afghanistan. At this time my rank was Sergeant First Class, and I was the senior Intel Sergeant for the S-2. I joined the battalion in May 2006. I participated in all the pre-deployment work ups and stayed with the battalion throughout the deployment. The first S-2 officer at the time of deployment was Captain (b)(3),(b)(6) and then followed by Captain (b)(3),(b)(6). The other officers in the S-2 were Lt (b)(3),(b)(6) and Lt (b)(3),(b)(6). We had 5 soldiers directly under me at the beginning of the deployment and we received an additional soldier half way through the deployment.

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Five of the soldiers in the S-2 were analysts and the other one was an 11 Bravo. The information they were analyzing came from HUMINT sources, information received from the company's, and information received from the brigade and division. In July 2008 the S-2's focus for the CONOP was specifically for Wanat.

My soldiers did not directly participate in the planning of the battalion operation in the Waygul Valley that was executed around July 2008. They were tasked to give pictures or compile significant historical activity within that area. This information was provided to the officer in the S-2 shop. Based off of the SITEMP that the officers put together, I concurred with the assessment of the enemy situation and was aware that this was made part of a CONOPS.

At the time this CONOPS was drafted there was no other enemy action in the area around Wanat. The enemy action was mostly around COP Bella, and it was just prior to them pulling out of the COP. We had sporadic activity around COP Blessing, but it was limited in this area. My understanding of the enemy situation in the Waygul was that the enemy was moving from the eastern area of the providence across the north of the Pech Valley into the areas of COP Bella, specifically around the

Aranas village, to try and push us out, and moving down further to attack us at Blessing.

Initially, we did not have a sense for the size of the enemy force. There were some reports received stating that the enemy was massing to conduct a large scale attack against Blessing, but I think that their tactic had changed because we moved to Wanat and pulled out of Bella.

When the analyst received information or thought something was going to happen, the information would be passed directly to the Battle Captain, the Battle NCO, the S-2, S-3, and the XO. I would also check the daily INTSUM for quality, look for grammatical errors, and ensured the comments made sense and were not way off track. By July 2008, the analysts had become good at checking the INTSUMS. I would randomly check it throughout the day, but did not complete a full scan.

The requests for ISR were done by Lt (b)(3),(b)(6) Black. He was the collections manager for the battalion. However, if something happened and a TIC occurred, I would either get on the phone or contact the brigade through MIRC Chat to request ISR if the analyst had not done it at the time. I recall having outside coverage just prior to Chosen Company moving into Wanat. I am not sure if they were already there and still had coverage or if was just before they arrived at Wanat that the coverage was pulled by the brigade to be used for something else that was going on within the AO. After going through and talking with the brigade and Captain Pry, we figured out that it was the brigade that did pull the coverage to be used for other reasons within the AO.

When I learned of the battle at Wanat, I was both surprised and not surprised of the intensity and the number of enemies in the area. At Wanat, I was surprised by the enemy's ability to get that close within Chosen Company's location, however I was not surprised because the enemy came within the other areas of our battle spaces and demonstrated the ability to shoot, move, and communicate effectively. At the Ranch House the year prior they did that and breeched the wire.

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 16th day of OCTOBER 2004 at CASERMA EDERLE, ITALY

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