

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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1. LOCATION: CAMP COOKE, TAJI, IRAQ
2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 2005/06/27
3. TIME: 1900
4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
6. SSN
7. GRADE/STATUS: E-7/SFC

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD CAMP COOKE, TAJI, IRAQ APO

9. I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Approximately 1030 hours on June 27, 2005 while traveling west on Route [redacted] H-23, second of the five-vehicle patrol, identified a possible IED on the north shoulder of the MSR. As the last vehicle, H-24, I received the initial contact report from H-23 as my vehicle was passing the suspected IED. Our patrol established security on the west side of the possible IED. I immediately dismounted to attempt to confirm or deny, with the use of binoculars, by moving further south paralleling the road. I discovered a 220-watt white electrical cord protruding from the top of the can leading into the brush just south of the can. With the assistance of another dismount, we began searching the area east of the possible IED in preparation to cordon off the possible IED site west and east of the possible IED site along Route Avalanche. As I approached the intersection [redacted] I instructed my dismount to bring both mine and H-25's vehicle to the intersection to establish a cordon for EOD. As I reached the intersection, I identified a blue "Bongo" truck, which had been trailing us for the last 5-7 kilometers after we passed it on the road earlier on the route, among the six vehicles that had stopped just east of the intersection. After a quick scan of all the vehicles and their occupants, I became aware that the right side passenger of the blue "Bongo" truck looked very uneasy / nervous and avoided eye contact with me. This caused me to conduct another search of the intersection in which I identified another possible IED hidden under a pile of finished rock located just on the north side of the road above a culvert. I immediately attempted to move from the vicinity of the rocks and yelled to two Iraqi nationals (drivers of two dump trucks closest to me) to get into their vehicles, for I knew they would be in the blast area. When it was apparent that I was aware of the IED, the "trigger man" detonated the IED; twelve feet from my position. I was hit with the concussion of the blast, shrapnel to the right hand, and asphalt from the blast. It took me ten to fifteen seconds to get my bearing. When I did, the only vehicle I saw moving was the suspicious blue "Bongo" truck, which was traveling at a high rate of speed south down the unimproved road, near a deep canal bordered by heavy vegetation, that lead away from the intersection. Approximately twenty seconds after the blast H-25 (SGT [redacted] vehicle) and H-24 (my vehicle) arrived at my location. I instructed both vehicles to stop the blue "Bongo" truck heading south because their actions were suspicious in nature: trailing our convoy, avoiding contact, and speeding away from the scene of the blast. H-25 and H-24 caught up with the vehicle a couple hundred meters south of the explosion. During this period, H-21 (1L [redacted] s vehicle) moved one hundred meters east of the site and searched the remaining vehicles and their occupants finding no weapons, telephones, or electronic devices. H-22 (SSG [redacted] vehicle) and H-23 (SGT [redacted] s vehicle) maintained their over-watch position west of the initial (later to be determined as a fake) IED and searched all the vehicles in their vicinity with the same results - no items found. I, along with another dismount, searched the berm south of the site identifying no dismounted activities. After completing my search of the local surroundings of the blast site, I walked south along the southern route to reconfirm the identity of vehicle and their occupants. When I arrived at H-25's vehicle, I was instructed that SGT [redacted] had to use escalated force to stop the vehicle. I identified the corpse as the far right passenger of the truck that avoided visual contact with me. At the time of my arrival the two other occupants were bound and sitting together near their "Bongo" truck, being guarded by one of our dismounts. SGT [redacted] realized that they were talking to each other and had them separated. A search of the vehicle and the occupants did not produce any evidence that may have been used as a triggering device. There were 15+ propane bottles and what appeared to be part of an air conditioning unit in the bed of the truck. Following the results of the search, I immediately had several dismounts search the canal and heavy brush that paralleled the west side of the road for it was an excellent place for the passenger to quickly dispose of any evidence as they traveled down the road. The thickness of the brush and depth of the canal prevented us from determining if something was discarded into it. At approximately 1100 hrs, elements of the Warrior element from 4/1 FA arrived with an interpreter. The interpreter was able to spend ten minutes questioning one the two surviving occupants with my presence.

[redacted] After a couple more questions, we were instructed that the Warrior element had to move out and needed their interpreter. We had the interpreter ask the drivers of the dump trucks, who

10. EXHIBIT: E
11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: [redacted]
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and pulled over to the side of the road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our medic, SP [REDACTED], administered living saving measures for 20 - 30 minutes with no avail. After EOD, who arrived on site approximately 1300hrs, determined that the IED consisted of at least one 155mm round camouflaged by rocks was placed to destroy coalition forces or EOD elements reacting to the false IED placed to the west. One copper wire leading north in the culvert approximately 20 yards was the only other evidence near the IED site. Coordination was made with Thunder X-Ray (2/70th AR BN) to have the blue "Bongo" truck towed by the local Iraqi Police. In reviewing and collecting all the information concerning the IED explosion, the contact with the blue "Bongo" truck, and the eventual death of the Iraqi individual I conclude that it is possible that the suspects named in the Multi-National Forces-Iraq Forces Apprehension Form concerning this event made some extremely careless and suspicious actions that appeared to be criminal in nature and resulted in the escalation of force that caused the death of the passenger who ran from the scene. I also believe that under the circumstance of events, the actions of the crew of H-25 were consistant to the actions a normal person would have made in their situation. The above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Nothing Follows.....

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AFFIDAVIT

I, [REDACTED], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE [REDACTED]. 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.

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD
CAMP COOKE, TAJI, IRAQ
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD
CAMP COOKE, TAJI, IRAQ
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 27th day of JUNE, 2005 at 1900hrs

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED]
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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1. LOCATION: Camp Taji, Iraq; 2. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 20050715; 3. TIME: 1030; 4. FILE NUMBER; 5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME; 6. SSN; 7. GRADE/STATUS: E-7 / 7A; 8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS: H Troop, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3 BCT, 1AD

I, [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Q: Did any other vehicles or individuals attempt to flee after the IED detonated?

A: NEGATIVE

Q: Did you search the other stopped vehicles for indications that they had initiated the IED?

A: WE SEARCHED EVERY VEHICLE TO INCLUDE ALL OCCUPANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS

Q: Did you X-spray any of the individuals in the suspect vehicle?

A: SSG [REDACTED] SPRAYED THE DECEASED IRAQI NATIONAL. I BELIEVE HE X-SPRAYED THE OTHER TWO OCCUPANTS. I DO KNOW THAT HE REPORTED A "NEGATIVE RESULT" FROM HIS TESTING.

[REDACTED]

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Q: Was there any other collateral damage due to the incident?

A: THE VEHICLE (BLUE BONGO TRUCK), IN WHICH THE DECEASED IRAQI NATIONAL WAS A PASSENGER OF, LEFT REAR TIRE WAS BLOWN FROM 7.62MM ROUND FROM H-25'S M240B.

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STATEMENT OF SEC [REDACTED] TAKEN AT CAMP Taji, Iraq DATED 20050715

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

Q: Did you have any aviation support on site?

A: NEGATIVE [REDACTED]

Q: Is there anything you'd like to add to your statement?

A: NEGATIVE [REDACTED]

EVERYTHING IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. NOTHING FOLLOWS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Platoon Leader 2PIF, 11/CAV
CAMP Taji, Iraq
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15 day of JULY, 05 at CAMP TAJI, IRAQ

[REDACTED]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED] AT EN
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED]
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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	6. SSN [REDACTED]	7. GRADE/STATUS E-5	
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD CAMP COOKE, TAJI, IRAQ APO			

9. I, SGT [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

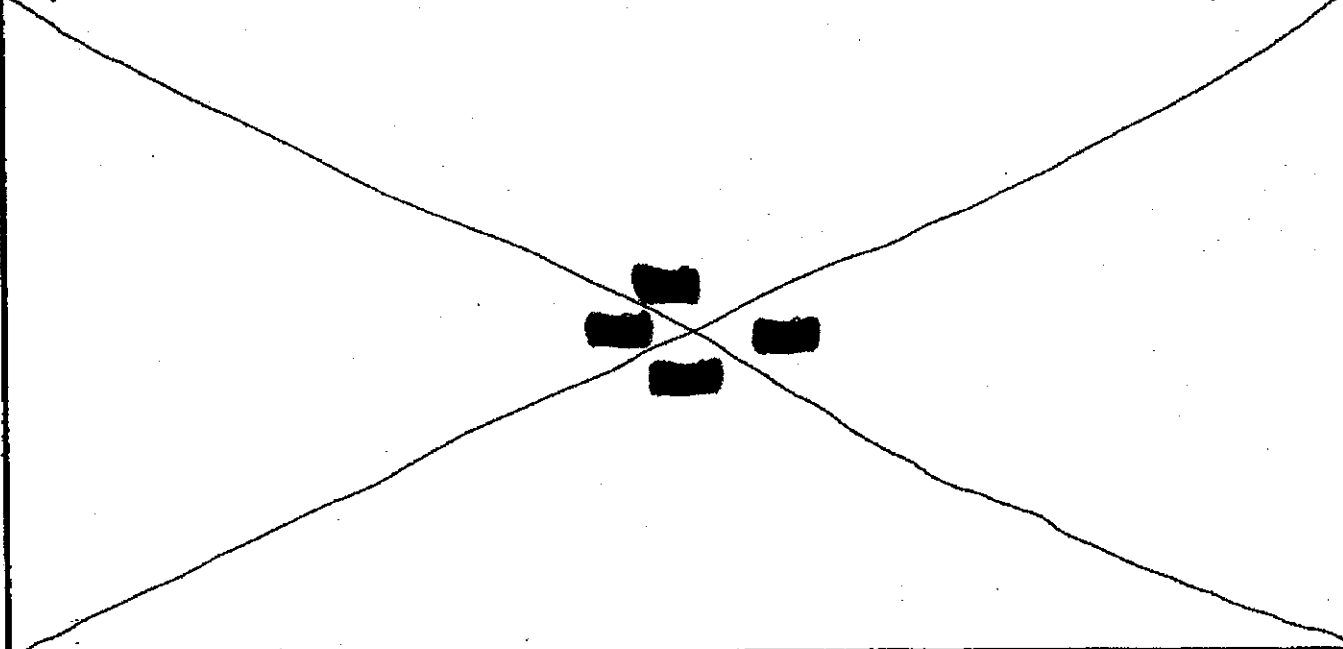
ON 27JUN05, vic grid [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was dismounted to investigate a suspected IED and I was set just to the west in support of his dismounted operation. At about 10:30, [REDACTED] was engaged by another IED and I responded to the attack by moving at a high rate of speed to SFC [REDACTED] aid. When I linked up with SFC [REDACTED], he identified a blue bongo truck moving south at a high rate of speed that was previously set in position to trigger/ overwatch the IED that struck him. At that time I [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At this time one individual jumped from the now slow moving vehicle and sprinted to the east. I then observed two other men jumping from the vehicle. I quickly evaluated the situation while jumping from my vehicle and yelling stop in Arabic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The two men that got out of the truck last went to the ground as I come at them. I quickly looked east and observed the man that was sprinting away had went down so I yelled back to SFC [REDACTED] to get a medic out to him. At this time I went back to the M1114 to call up my SITREP and get more personnel on the ground to provide security. I then rushed over to our medic who was treating the man who sprinted away. After a few minutes, our medic informed me the individual had died due to wounds. *End of Statement*

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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9. I, _____, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Q: Did any other vehicles or individuals attempt to flee after the IED detonated?

A: NO

Q: Did you search the other stopped vehicles for indications that they had initiated the IED?

A: yes, the western blocking position searched any vehicles heading east. Those vehicles that moved in from the west were stopped outside the danger area to prevent civilian injuries.

Q: Did you X-spray any of the individuals in the suspect vehicle?

A: yes

Q: What is your unit SOP prior to engaging local nationals?

A: show is how we insure proper escalation of force. positive I.D. of a threat to myself, coalition forces, coalition equipment or local nationals that may cause fear for ones life or directly injures one of the categories above can result in action on the threat with deadly force.

Q: Was there any other collateral damage due to the incident?

A: NO. all damage was to the target vehicle only.

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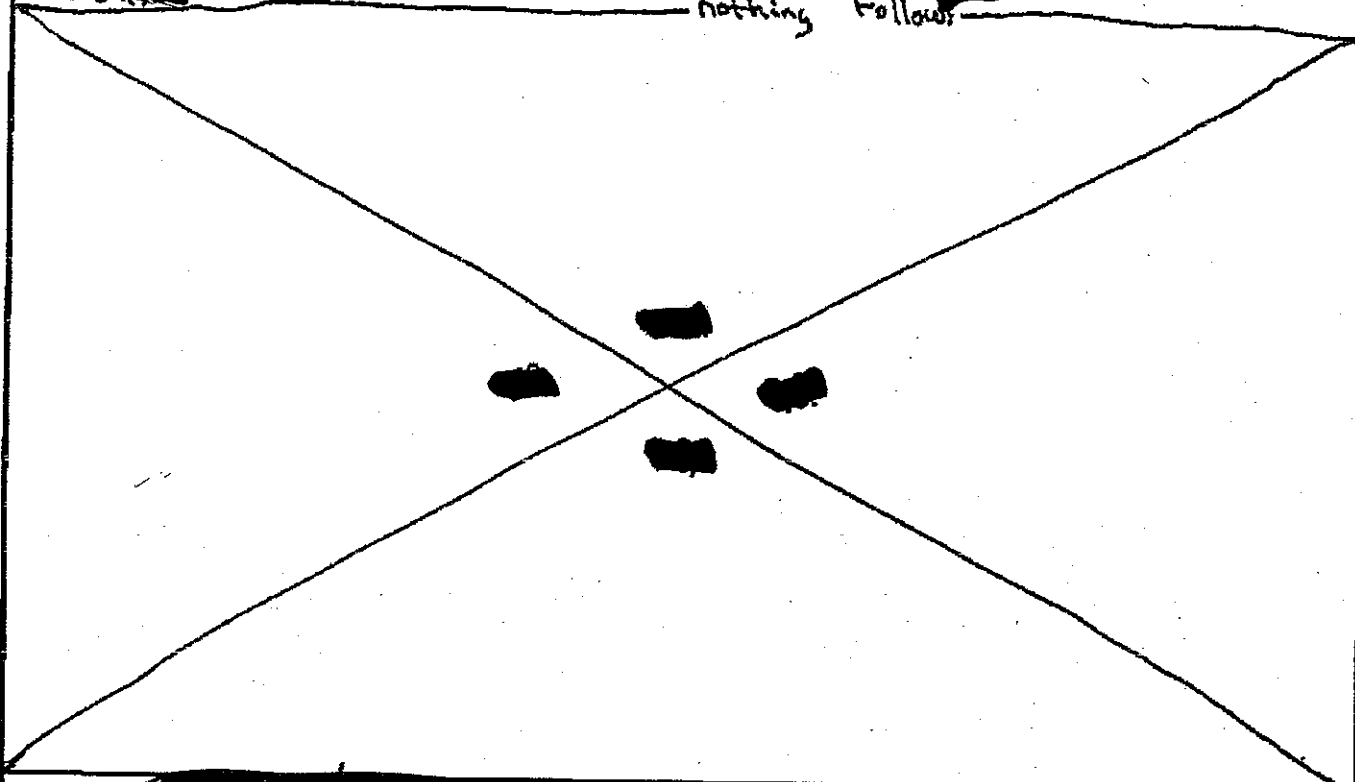
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Q: Did you have any aviation support on site?

A: NO [REDACTED]

Q: Is there anything you'd like to add to your statement?

A: NO [REDACTED] nothing Follows [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] (Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES: [REDACTED]

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of JULY, 2005 at CAMP TAGI, IRAQ

[REDACTED] PLATOON H/1 CAV
PLATOON leader
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

[REDACTED] (Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[REDACTED]
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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9. I, [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

That on 2005/06/27 at about 1000 Monday there was a suspected IED on route [REDACTED] where 2nd Platoon H Troop 1st Cavalry Regiment stopped east and west bound traffic to investigate. I'm the gunner on Highlander 5 and I pulled security for the trucks and the dismounts that were investigating the suspected IED. I had far security and I looked with binoculars to the south along the canal and into the field. I did not observe anyone acting unusual or out of place while I was checking out the suspected IED. At approximately 1030, after a thorough search by the dismounts, there was a secondary IED attack at [REDACTED]. The IED attack occurred right next to [REDACTED], who was standing less than 5 meters away from the blast, and my truck immediately went to SFC [REDACTED] location to see if he was still alive or needed any kind of medical attention. After getting to SFC [REDACTED] we asked him if he was okay, and he said "Yes, go stop that Bongo truck." Highlander 5 then pursued the Bongo truck. Our truck was unable to go very fast because it was still in low lock so as soon as we got eyes on the fleeing Bongo truck [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SGT [REDACTED] secured the two individuals and PV2 [REDACTED] checked on the driver. It was obvious he needed a medic. Our medic, SPC [REDACTED] got to the driver and worked on him [REDACTED] after he was shot. The area was secured by our dismounts and trucks...

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[REDACTED]
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Serious Incident Report

1. Unit Reporting: H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD
2. Type of Incident/Category: Iraqi Civilian Killed
3. Date Time Group (DTG) Incident Occurred: 27 1100 JUN 05
4. Location of Incident: [REDACTED] Ex 1
5. Personnel Involved: Highlander Platoon (2nd), H/1 CAV, 3BCT, 1AD

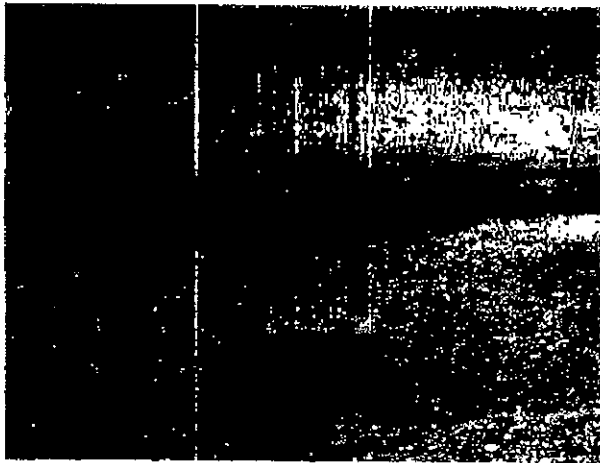
Name	Rank	Unit	SSN	Sex	Age	Race
[REDACTED]	SFC	H/1 CAV	[REDACTED]	M	41	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	SGT	H/1 CAV	[REDACTED]	M	23	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	SPC	H/1 CAV	4 [REDACTED]	M	29	[REDACTED]

6. Summary of Incident:

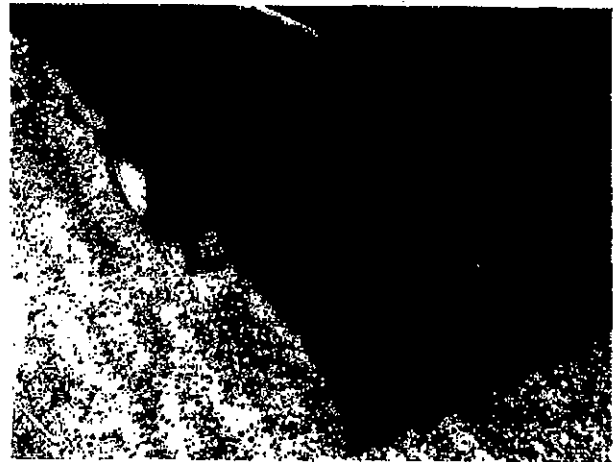
Approximately 1030 hours on June 27, 2005 while traveling west on Route [REDACTED], Highlander Platoon identified a possible IED on the north shoulder of the MSR. This was the same area where 2-70 AR found men laying wire the day prior and identified it as a IED danger area. The patrol established security on both sides of the possible IED. SFC [REDACTED] dismounted to confirm or deny IED using of binoculars. He discovered a white electrical cord protruding from the top of the can leading into the brush just south of the can. With the assistance of another dismount, he began searching the area east in preparation to cordon off the possible IED site. As he approached the intersection at MB 096041, he identified a blue "Bongo" truck, which had been trailing the patrol for the last 5-7 kilometers among the six vehicles that had stopped just east of the intersection. After a quick scan of all the vehicles and their occupants, SFC [REDACTED] came aware that the right side passenger of the blue "Bongo" truck looked very uneasy / nervous and avoided eye contact with him. This caused him to conduct another search of the intersection, where he identified another possible IED hidden under a pile of finished rock located just on the north side of the road. When it was apparent that he was aware of the IED, the "trigger man" detonated the IED twelve feet from his position. SFC [REDACTED] was hit with the concussion, shrapnel to the right hand, and asphalt from the blast. Once [REDACTED] recovered from the blast, he saw the suspicious blue "Bongo" truck traveling at a high rate of speed south down the Unimproved road, near a deep canal bordered by heavy vegetation, that lead away from the intersection. Approximately twenty seconds after the blast H-25 (SGT [REDACTED]) and H-24 (SFC [REDACTED]) arrived on location. [REDACTED] instructed both vehicles to stop the blue "Bongo" truck heading south because their actions were suspicious in nature: trailing the convoy, avoiding contact, and speeding away from the scene of the blast. H-25 and H-24 caught up with the vehicle a couple hundred meters south of the explosion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A search of the vehicle and the occupants did not produce any evidence that may have been used as a triggering device. Several soldiers searched the canal and heavy brush that paralleled the west side of the road for it was an excellent place for the passenger to quickly dispose of any evidence as they traveled down the road. The thickness of the brush and depth of the canal prevented them from determining if something was discarded. The dump truck drivers affirmed that they had not heard the explosion, but as the coalition forces and the blue "Bongo" truck closed up to their location, they heard shots and pulled over to the side of the road. They also stated that they heard the coalition forces yell at the running suspect to stop and heard the warning shots before the individual was engaged after refusing to stop running. Highlander's platoon medic, SPC [REDACTED], administered living saving measures for 20 - 30 minutes with no avail. EOD, who arrived on site approximately 1300hrs, determined that the IED consisted of at least one 155mm round camouflaged by rocks was placed to destroy coalition forces or EOD elements reacting to the false IED placed to the west.

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7. Damage to government and/or civilian property: None
 8. Actions taken: AAR of incident with Troop Leadership; sworn statements completed; 2 detainees process through 2-70 AR.
 9. Personnel /Units Notified: Thunder X-Ray
 10. Received By:



IED BLAST SITE



BONGO TRUCK



2 DETAINEES

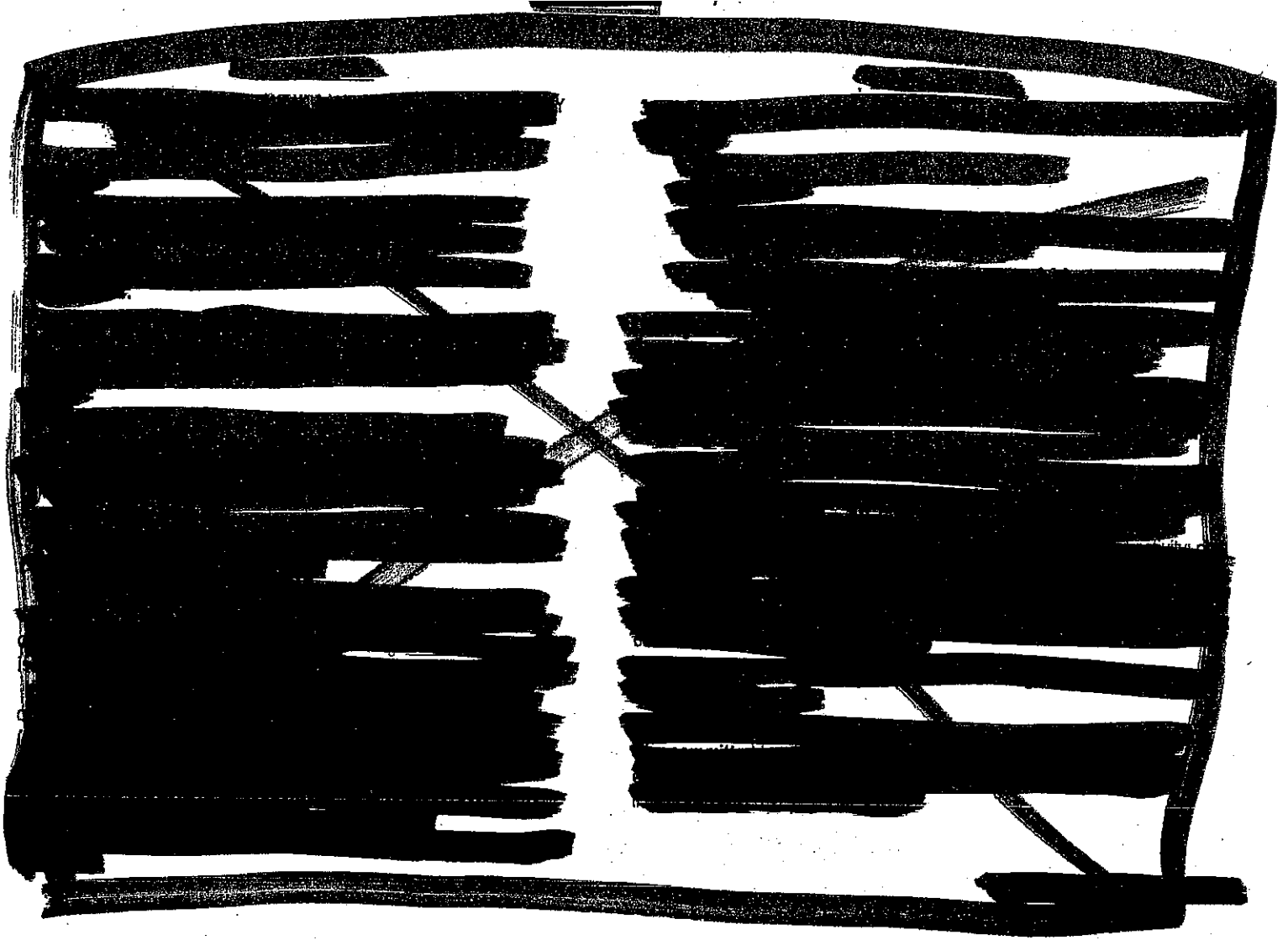


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