

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

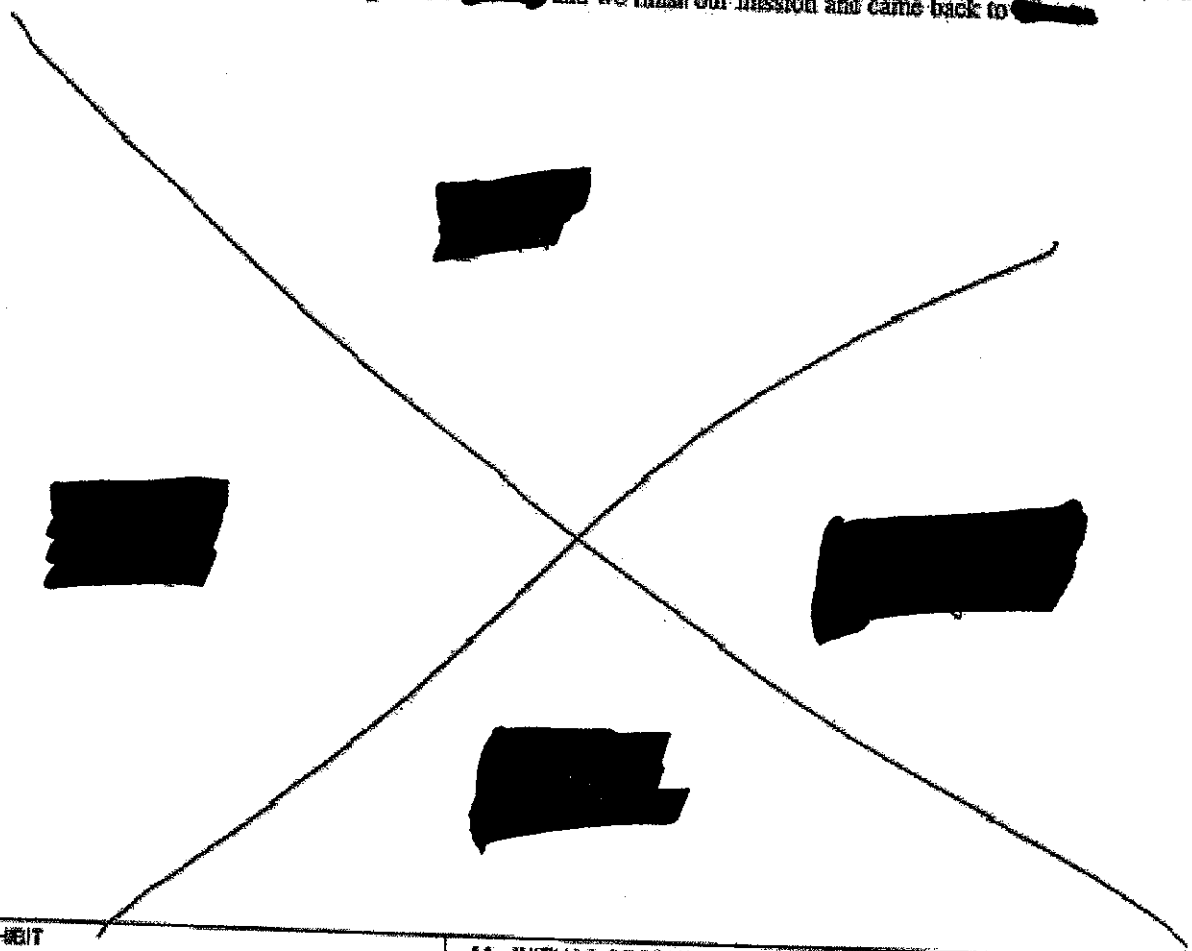
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1. LOCATION Route [REDACTED]	2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 2005/05/21	3. TIME 1340	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]	6. SSN [REDACTED]		7. GRADE/STATUS E-4/SPC

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
A Co 1088th

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

At around 1340 on May 21, 2005 we received small arms while on an EOD mission on Route [REDACTED] I was pulling security when I felt dirt flying from off the ground so I knew they were firing in our direction. I returned fire at the green sedan that had stopped in the alley way directly in front of me. Then I felt Sgt [REDACTED] try to grab me as he fell to the ground because he had a gunshot wound to the neck. I yelled for suppressive fire so I can pull Sgt [REDACTED] out of harms way in front of UH60, and then I pulled security. After that I helped 2LT [REDACTED], CPL [REDACTED], SPC [REDACTED] and SPC [REDACTED] administer first aid on SGT [REDACTED]. Within minutes an air medevac came to get SGT [REDACTED] and we finish our mission and came back to [REDACTED].



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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS A CO 1088 ENGR BN 256 BCT			
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I, [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

AT 1340 ON 21 MAY 05 WHILE CONDUCTING BOD ESCORT, OUR CONVOY WAS AMBUSHED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE. I REALIZED THE SHOTS WERE COMING FROM THE ALLEY FROM A GREEN CAR, SO I BEGAN TO SUPPRESS THE ENEMY FIRE WITH MY M40B SO SGT [REDACTED], WHO HAD SUSTAINED A BULLET WOUND TO THE NECK, COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE KILL ZONE. WITH BULLETS FLYING AROUND, SPC [REDACTED] WITHOUT HESITATING, PULLED SGT [REDACTED] TO THE REAR OF UH 60, AT THE TIME THE ONLY PLACE OF RELATIVE SAFETY. AFTER THE FIREFIGHT ENDED, LT [REDACTED], SPC [REDACTED], SPC [REDACTED], SPC [REDACTED], CPL [REDACTED] BEGAN TO STABILIZE SGT [REDACTED] CONDITION. SPC [REDACTED] CALLED UP THE MEDEVAC, WHICH ARRIVED ABOUT 15-20 MINUTES LATER. SGT [REDACTED] WAS FLOWN OUT BY CHOPPER AND WE FINISHED OUR ESCORT MISSION WITH NO OTHER INCIDENT. //NOTHING FOLLOWS//

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1. LOCATION BAGHDAD, IRAQ		2. DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20060525	3. TIME 2300	4. FILE NUMBER
5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED]			6. SSN [REDACTED]	7. GRADE/STATUS CPT/ARNG
8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS CO B 2-156 th IN (AR)				

Michael C. Helms WANTS TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 21 May 2005 at approximately 1100 hours I encountered an IED with my patrol of 3 each M114s. The IED was located between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the westbound lane on the south shoulder of the road. I called TF 1-49 TOC and sent a request for EOD to come and respond. I set up an outer cordon to facilitate EOD in an inner cordon with 3 each M114s and 1 M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The three M114s were in the west bound lane about 150 meters east of the IED site. I positioned the M2A2 in the northern median between the west bound lane and the northern service road of Al Ameriyah. EOD escort called me at approximately 1230 hours and let me know they were on the way on my company FM net. I guided them to my location by giving them a description of a "orange jersey barrier" at my location between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. EOD along with EOD escort arrived at my location traveling east in the westbound lane of RTE [REDACTED]. I talked up with the NCOIC, SFC [REDACTED] and place him inside of my outer cordon. I gave EOD a description of the IED and they launched their robot. After initial investigation and a change of DET CORD the IED was 2 pipe cylinders, a battery and a Motorola radio. EOD said they would do a controlled DET. I warned SFC [REDACTED] about the enemy activity that we had received in this area with small arms and RPG fire from the north and recommended to him to watch the north. I additionally described to him a TTP that AIF was using in the area is a look out vehicle who would drive by and conduct ISG. I told him to let me know if he sees the same vehicle making several passes on the northern service road. At approximately 1240 hours 2 rounds of 60 MM mortar fire were observed impacting on the southern median of RTE [REDACTED]. I ordered everyone to hunker up and hold in place so that EOD could continue their mission. I had planned on moving to the east if rounds were "walked" in our direction. There were no additional impacts of indirect fire during the incident. As EOD was preparing the demolition charge, I was informed of a white sedan with a dent on the fender (making several passes. I instructed my 2nd PLT, 1st Squad Leader, SGT [REDACTED] to prepare for a "pounce," where we drive across the median to isolate a suspicious vehicle. SFC [REDACTED] cleared the air space through the 1000th EN TOC for the controlled detonation and EOD finalized their preparations for the charge, when SGT [REDACTED] positioned his vehicle to the north of the A1088 inner cordon oriented on the northern service road to intercept the AIF scout. At approximately 1310 EOD detonated the first charge and it was a "dud." They began preparing a second charge when the white sedan made a third pass on the northern service road. As the car made its third pass, SGT [REDACTED] moved across the northern median and turned east on the northern service road. At 1315 when he moved past the first north-south road adjacent to "Short Cut Road" I witnessed a burst of automatic machine gun fire from an RPG machine gun from the road SGT [REDACTED] just passed. Most of the rounds from the machine gun fire impacted the northern median to the north of A1088's inner cordon and rounds ricocheted in different directions. This was evident by the tracer rounds used by AIF. At this time I aimed my M-4 at the north-south road and used the door of my M114 to shield me. I could not identify a target nor could my soldiers in my unit. As soon as the enemy opened fire A1088 fired back at the insurgents with 240 B and M-4W-16 direct fire. I talked to my TF TOC that I was in direct fire contact. I noticed two local national vehicles traveling west along the northern service road and drove into the cross fire between A1088 and the insurgents. The two LN cars were a gray 4 door sedan and a orange and white sedan. The gray car was in the lead with three occupants, 2 adult males and 1 male teenager. The second vehicle, the orange and white sedan, contained two adult males. During the ensuing firefight, I saw the occupants of both cars and attempt to exit the area by low crawling. SGT [REDACTED] dismantled his vehicle with two soldiers in order to maneuver on the insurgent's vehicle to their north. I ordered a seize fire when I saw SGT [REDACTED] dismount. SGT [REDACTED] moved back west to the north-south road where the insurgents fired and poured around the corner. He then moved around the corner and could not locate the vehicle in question. He did identify the vehicle as a green sedan, BMW. I then called for a casualty assessment and my units reported no injuries or damage. I then asked who fired, and none of my units fired. I saw the local nationals in the vehicles, who did not dismount, were injured so I moved my vehicle to the incident site and directed my medic to assess the casualties. The assessment came as 1 adult male LN KIA, 1 male teenager LN litter urgent, and 1 LN adult male litter routine from the gray sedan. The orange and white sedan occupants sustained no injuries. I looked at the injured and they had wounds to both sides of the body, the KIA had wounds on the side of the body facing A1088. I looked at the vehicles caught in the cross fire and noticed entrance holes and exit holes from the north and the south. Clearly, it was the "wrong place at the wrong time" for the gray sedan and orange and white sedan. I requested IPs and an ambulance to transport the wounded as I conducted my investigation. While I was waiting for the ambulance and IPs I noticed an air MEDEVAC helicopter landing on RTE [REDACTED] in the vicinity of A1088. It was at that time I discovered that they had casualties. IPs arrived on scene as well as the ambulance to evaluate the LNs. I moved back to my position of the outer cordon and EOD detonated the second detonation successfully. I thanked SFC [REDACTED] and wished him well for the soldier that was wounded in the firefight. At approximately 1420 A1088 and EOD left the site and I continued my mission of route security and route clearance on ROUTE [REDACTED].

NOTHING FOLLOWS

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EXHIBIT IV

STATEMENT OF _____ TAKEN AT 1900 DATED 08 APR 05

9. STATEMENT (Continued)

AFFIDAVIT

I, CPT _____, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE _____. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. (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.

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 25 day of MAY 2005

at 2300 Hours, Camp Liberty Iraq

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

MAJ _____
(Type Name of Person Administering Oath)

INVESTIGATING OFFICER
(Authority To Administer Oaths)

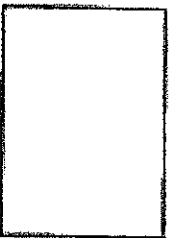
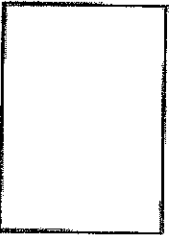
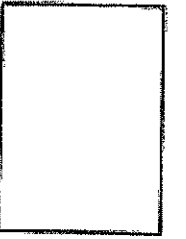
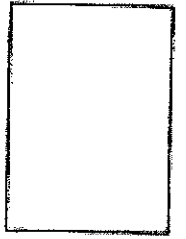
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EXHIBIT V

Service Road



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Route West Bound



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C/2-156 IN (OUTER CORDON)



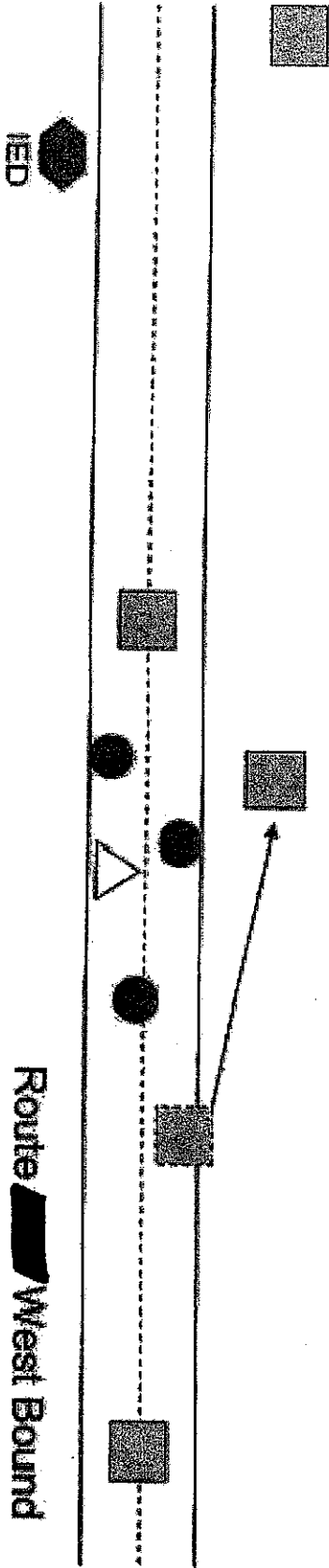
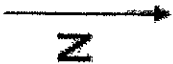
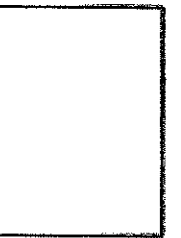
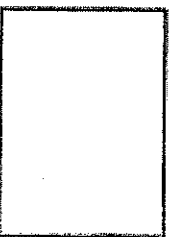
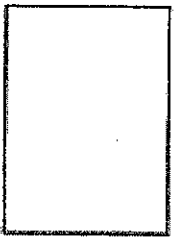
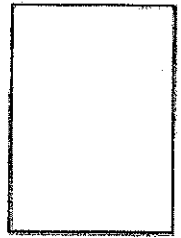
EOD VEHICLE






A/1088 INNER CORDON (EOD ESCORT)

Route East Bound

Slide 1: C/2-156 IN established Outer Cordon, A/1088 EN arrives w/ EOD and Establishes Inner Cordon as EOD prepares to Disarm/Blow the IED. Traffic moving East and West on Service Road. Traffic is stopped East and West on Irish.

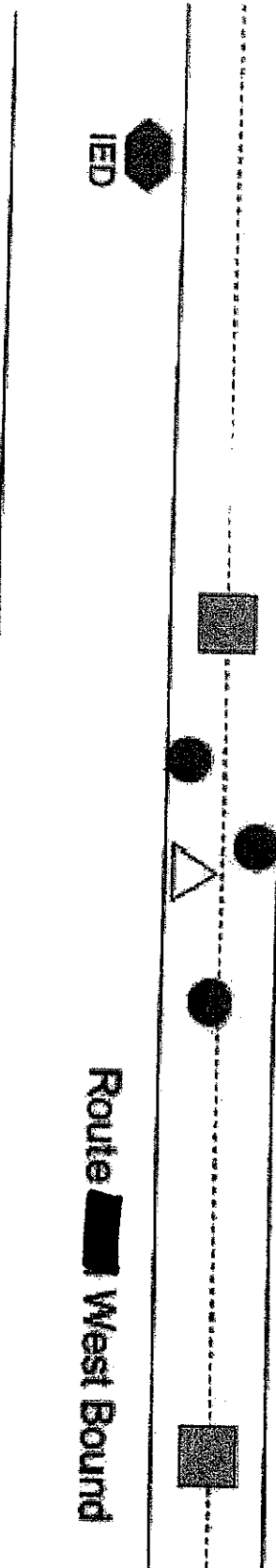
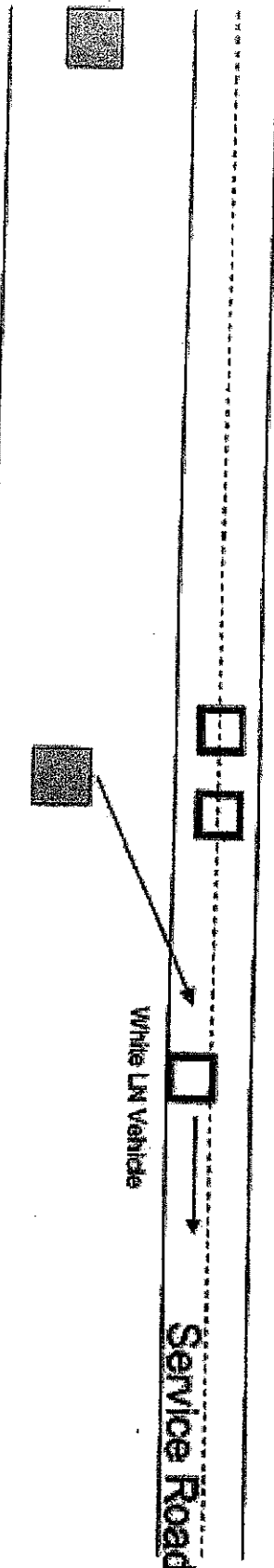
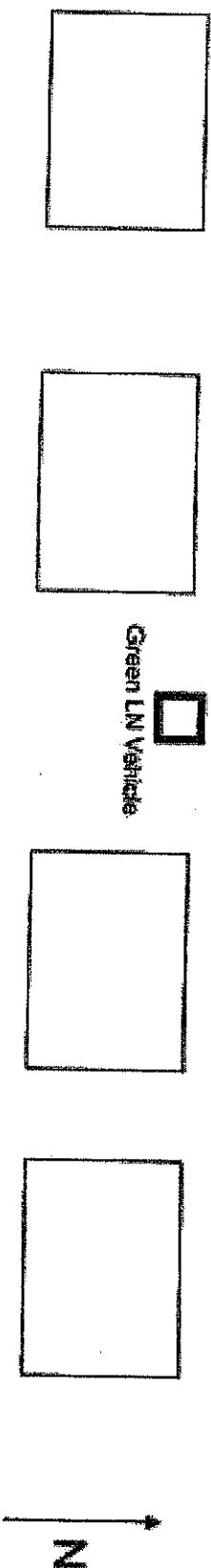


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-  EOD VEHICLE
-  A/1088 INNER CORDON (EOD ESCORT)

Route East Bound

Slide 2: White LN sedan begins to move back/forth on Service Road (Suspicious). C/2-156 IN repositions vehicle to cover Service Road

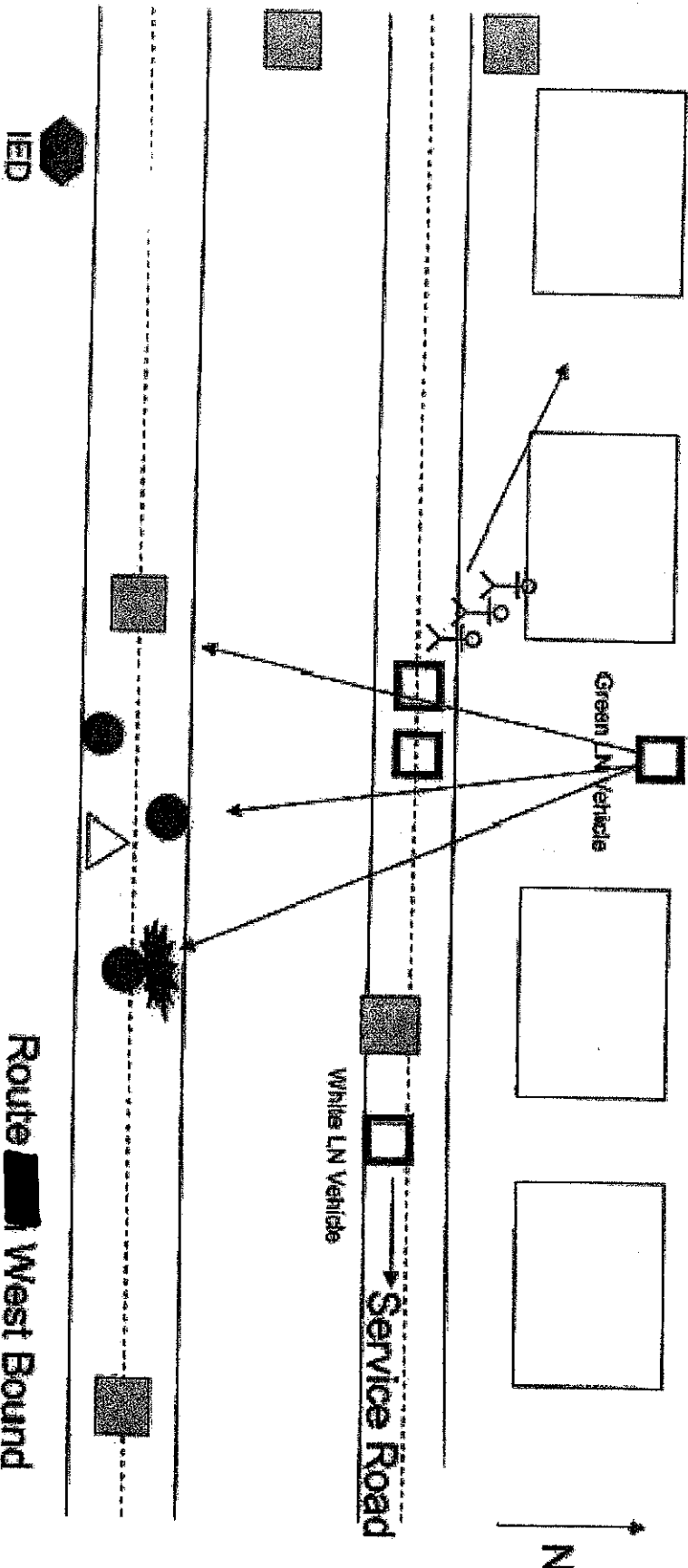


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Slide 3: White LN sedan reappears and moves East on Service Road. C/2-156 IN vehicle begins chase. A Green LN vehicle appears between 2 buildings facing Route East Bound. An additional 2 LN vehicles are moving on Service Road

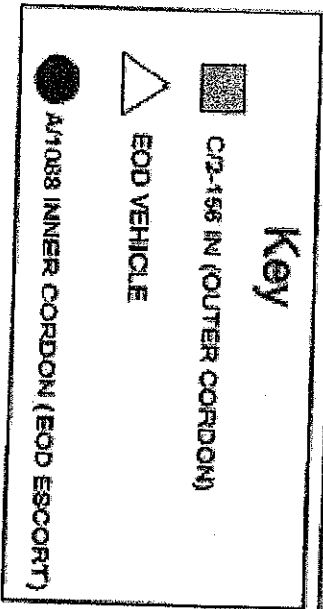


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Route ██████ East Bound

Slide 4: Green LN vehicle fires at both units – hitting rear vehicle of A/1088 (SGT ████████), A/1088 EN occupants of 2 other LN vehicles dismount and run away. The 2 LN vehicles are hit by fire from Green LN Sedan (Shooter).



Slide 5: A/1088 EN returns fire. 2 LN vehicles between the units and Green LN vehicle (Firing LN vehicle) are hit. Green LN vehicle escapes.

Route ■ East Bound

Route ■ West Bound

