

BTRY B, 1ST BN 623RD FA (MLRS)
MISSION PRE-BRIEFING SHEET

FRAGO # 623-5079 005

RCVD FROM: TOC 623^{re}

MISSION: Convoy From LSA A

LINK-UP TIME: 04145

LU PLACE: 04145 TOC

DATE: 20 MAR 2005

EXECUTION

PLT ASSIGNED 3rd PLT 3rd SQD

NCOIC SFC Hammons, Ricker.

SERVICE AND SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

COMMAND AND SIGNAL

CALL SIGN	VEHICLE NUMBER	# PERS	WARLOCK Y/N	MTS #	BFT#
33A	33A	3	No	4551	NO
TEAM LDR	SGT Burke				
DRIVER	SPC Young				
GUNNER	SPC Madue				
ADDTL					
33B	33B	3	Yes		
TEAM LDR	SFC Hammons				
DRIVER	SPC Vogal				
GUNNER	SPC Safford				
ADDTL					
33C	33C	4	No		
TEAM LDR	SGT Burke				
DRIVER	SPC Simbs				
GUNNER	SPC Gregoire				
ADDTL	SGT Peoria				
TEAM LDR					
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REMARKS:

SWORN STATEMENT

For use of this form, see AR 190-45; the proponent agency is ODCSOPS

AUTHORITY:

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2951; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately

ROUTINE USES: Your social security number is used as an additional/alternate means of identification to facilitate filing and retrieval.

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1. LOCATION

ASR Detroit AT MB 73586-62500

2. DATE (YYYYMMDD)

20050320

3. TIME

11:45

5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME

HAMMONS, Rickie D.

6. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

B-BTRY 1/623^{RE} FA LSA, Anaconda

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STATEMENT OF SFC, Ricke. D. HAMMONS

A/11/623 REC

TAKEN AT SCANIA

DATED 21 MARCH 2005

9. STATEMENT (Continued) - WE'RE TAKING HEAVY FIRE AGAIN AND HUMMER CANT TO RETURN FIRE, WE DROPPED SOLDIER OFF AT THE CCP WITH THE 33A ELEMENT THEY TOOK OVER TREATMENT WAITING FOR 2nd MEDIVAC, WE WENT BACK DOWN TO AREA WHERE STALLION 33C AND RAVEN ELEMENT WAS STILL ENGAGING ENEMY. WE WERE GETTING HIT AGAIN BUT NOT AS BAD WE HAD 2 FLAT TIRES AT THAT TIME. WHILE GOING BACK DOWN WE WERE FLAGGED DOWN BY SOLDIERS THAT HAD BEEN IN THE MILITARY CONVOY HEADING NORTH. THEY HAD TAKEN MORTAR RPG AND SM ARM AGH WE LOADED 125 SOLDIER AND TOOK THEM TO THE CCP. WE CAME BACK TO THE 33C ELEMENT AND THE RAVEN ELEMENT. AT THAT TIME OUR 33C AND RAVEN ELEMENT WERE DOING A SWEEP OF THE AREA. DURING THAT SWEEP, THE 33C HAD TO ENGAGE SOME IRONED INSURGENTS AND THE RAVEN UNIT DID ALSO BECAUSE THEY WERE TRYING TO REACH FOR THEIR WEAPONS AGAIN. AFTER THE AREA WAS SWEEPED THERE WAS 26 KIA INSURGENTS KILLED 4 WIA INSURGENTS. AND SOME DETAILED DON'T KNOW HOW MANY. AFTER THE SWEEP, THERE WERE 6 US SOLDIERS WIA WE HAD TRANSFERRED 4 TO CCP. L2. WE LOST 5 VEC IN MY CONVOY
2 TRACTOR TRANSMISSIONS (1 DESTROYED, 1 RECOVERABLE) 2 KIA TCV DRIVERS OF THOSE TRUCKS.
2 SUV'S (1 DESTROYED, 1 RECOVERABLE)
1 BUS (DESTROYED) 2 WIA. THEY HAD MINOR INJURIES AND WERE TRANSFERRED TO SCANIA.
ALL STALLION 33 ELEMENTS WERE NOT INVOLVED IN FIRE FIGHT, DID HAVE SOME OF MY MEN THAT HAD BACK PAINS AND MUSCLE ACHES. BUT WERE FINES. ALL 3 STALLION ELEMENTS HUMMMED. 33C HUMMER HAD MULTIPLE BULLET HOLES. 33B MULTIPLE BULLET HOLES. AND 2 FLAT TIRES. 33A VEC HAD MULTIPLE BULLET HOLES, AND HAD SHRAPNEL DAMAGE TO TRANSMISSION OIL COOLER. LOST BRAKES AND TIRES. ALSO HAD FLAT TIRES. WE CHANGED THE FLATS ON THE 2 HUMMERS AND HOOKED THE 33A UP WITH A TOW BAR. THERE WAS A MILITARY CONVOY THAT HAD BEEN BEHIND ME A FEW KILOMETERS OUT OF KILL ZONE. DRAGON 4/7 ELEMENT SAW THEY WOULD INCONVENIENT MY CONVOY INTO THEIR CONVOY AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR US AND OUR CONVOY. THE RAVEN ELEMENT LEFT ON SCENE TO WORK ISSUE WITH RECOVERY, NO PROBLEMS ON REST OF THE WAY TO SCANIA ALL OF THE TCV DRIVERS THAT WERE INJURED WERE BEING TREATED BY THE MEDICS AT SCANIA. ALSO, KIAS HAD BEEN PLACED IN TRUCKS IN CONVOY AND THEY WERE PROCLAIMED DEAD AND THE MEDICS TRANSFERRED THEM. AFTER OUR CONVOY IN THE YARD AND SECURED, WE ATE. AND WE WERE CONTACTED BY THE COMBAT STRESS TEAM WHO TALKED TO A FEW OF MY MEN.

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT
RDH

STATEMENT OF SFC, Rickie D. Hammons

ABN 1/623EA
TAKEN AT TOC. SCANIA

DATED 21 March 2005

9. STATEMENT (Continued) The A-Batt 623rd TOC had made arrangements for us to sleep last night, and the A-Batt 623rd MAINTENANCE CREW started working on our HUMMVS AND GAVE US ALL NEW SPAN TIRES. AND WERE CHANGING HOSES AND BELTS ON THE ENGINES. THEY TOLD US THAT THEY COULD NOT BE FIXED HERE. AND WOULD HAVE TO BE TOWED BACK. BEFORE WE LEFT THE FIRE FIGHT AREA. THE 206th ENG CAVIC AND BROUGHT US SOME 50CAL AMMO 249 AMMO AND M16 AMMO. ESTIMATED 25 MK 19 ROUNDS BEFORE IT JAMMED, ESTIMATED 380 M16 ROUNDS, DON'T KNOW FOR SURE HOW MANY EQUIPMENT LOST DURING THE FIRE FIGHT. WE LOST FLASH LIGHTS AND PORTABLE RADIOS. AND COULD NOT LOCATE ANOTHER THING THAT WE NOTICED WHILE DOING A SWEEP AFTER THE FIRE FIGHT TO REMOVE ALL WEAPONS. THE INSURGENTS OF THEM HAS GRAPPLERS AND HANDCUFFS ON THEM THAT WAS FOUND ON SOME OF THE INSURGENTS FOUND BY THE RAVEN ELEMENTS AND STALLION 33C ELEMENT.

Nothing follows
SFC Rickie D. Hammons

AFFIDAVIT

I, Rickie D. Hammons, 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.

Rickie D. Hammons

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 21 day of Mar, 2005 at CSC SCANIA, IRAQ

Ronald M. Knott

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Russell Randolph M.

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oaths)

WITNESSES:

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