

1 SWORN STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] US ARMY, DATED 17 NOV 04

2 [REDACTED] INTRODUCES HIMSELF AND [REDACTED] IS SWORN IN BY [REDACTED]

3 Q. What type of vehicle were you in for this operation?

4 A. I was in an NSTV, a HiLux truck.

5 Q. On this diagram show where you were in the vehicle and any  
6 of the passengers that were in the vehicle with you. Label this  
7 diagram; when finished sign and date it. On that diagram also  
8 indicate what serial you were in and what position in that serial you  
9 were in. (Witness writes on the diagram)

10 Q. On this operational map draw your route. Talk to us.  
Enemy is blue, serial two is red and serial one is black.

12 A. I was never shown the route; I never knew where we were  
13 going. It was not discriminated. The information didn't get passed  
14 out, I was never shown. I was not shown a map or anything saying  
15 this is where we are now and this is where we are heading. It was  
16 just kind of crazy dealing with that towed vehicle and it really  
17 didn't seem like it was made clear to a lot of people. Especially  
18 the route because we went ahead and it was like where is everybody  
19 else? On this map, I can generally start from here and went up  
20 through this Canyon.

21 Q. Is that were you stopped?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Draw the number of vehicles that stopped at that location.

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1 A. I know there is vehicle one, our vehicle and another  
2 vehicle and we were in the lead and I turn around there was the  
3 Afghan vehicle that was with us traveling. I can't remember if there  
4 were a third vehicle with us.

5 Q. From that location what did you see on the 22nd of April  
6 2004?

7 A. We had stopped to reorganized and find out what was going  
8 on. It is not like we had a break in contact they were always far  
9 ahead of us or far behind us.

10 Q. How far behind were they from your best recollection?

11 A. I don't know; I just couldn't see them with all the twists  
12 and turns through the canyons I really couldn't tell how far back  
13 they were from us. We stopped the [REDACTED] was getting calls  
14 trying to figure out what was going on. As soon as we stopped and  
15 got out to stretch our legs is when we heard to first explosion and a  
16 plume of smoke and just seconds after that the tracer firing criss-  
17 crossing going up in the canyon.

18 Q. Can you label these incidents on the diagram?

19 A. From the diagram if this is the village, this is the hill  
20 that we went up. It was back here.

21 Q. Show me what actions you took and what you saw on the 22nd  
22 April.

1           A.    I am trying to remember if there were a third HUMVEE was  
2 the third vehicle or whether it was a NSTV.  I think it was a HUMVEE.  
3 We saw the contact and pretty much everyone went up this hill there.

4           Q.    Show me the direction you moved and where you went to.

5           A.    We moved up through these buildings it wasn't like a  
6 village it was more like a house and a couple of other houses we  
7 moved up through that.  Then there were like terraced fields right  
8 out here.  We started moving up those and then we got to the base it  
9 wasn't really the base because I remember the terrace.  Once we got  
10 past the fields, we started moving up the hill.  Contact was still  
11 being made so we got about three-quarters of the way up the hill.  I  
12 was the last one to get up there almost.

13          Q.    Show me where you saw the initial contact using the blue  
14 pen- enemy contact.

15          A.    I never saw a person at all.  I continued to see fire here  
16 and once we started getting up here, later on is when I started  
17 seeing tracer fire bouncing off the top of the hill.  I had a small  
18 mortar or a 40mm land 20 meters to my left.  I never saw, there were  
19 reports of enemy paxs up here on this ridge line to our right.  Up  
20 here.  I didn't see any enemy paxs.  One of our privates said he seen  
21 2 paxs up there.  I was more concentrating on my left side.  I was on  
22 the far left and all my guys were directly over here so I thought  
23 they had it covered.

1 Q. Did you see tracers or anything coming up from any  
2 location?

3 A. Not from there. Everything that I saw pretty much came  
4 from behind me. Everything I was hearing sound like it was coming  
5 from behind me.

6 Q. Show where you were position on the ridge line.

7 A. We finally got just below the top of it, we were using it  
8 for cover. Also on the far left I looked right and saw CPL Tillman  
9 and [REDACTED] Tillman said I am going to take my  
10 guys up over this hill and see if we can't see anything. Squad  
11 leader [REDACTED] said okay, we will meet you up there. He  
12 took off over crest of the hill kind of on the right side here. Then  
13 I moved up a little bit more all my guys moved a little more. As  
14 soon as we got down the mortar, what ever the hell it was, hit next  
15 to me kind of rung my bell pretty good.

16 Q. Where did you see Tillman go?

17 A. I saw him go over the hill. He was on my far right.

18 Q. Would you show direction he went in with an arrow, then  
19 give me an indication to the best of your ability, where you thought  
20 he was located?

21 A. As far as I pretty much saw him go straight ahead and as  
22 soon as he crested, I lost sight of him. I couldn't see him anymore.

(Witness puts a T on the diagram indicating Tillman)

1 Q. Some type of round when off close to you, a mortar, can you  
2 indicate on the paper in blue where that mortar went off?

3 A. There was another wall, right here, like a cliff. This  
4 right here kind of opened up like a descent gully. This wall was  
5 meeting and this was kind of like connected and there was like a  
6 descent gully right here. So it was about 15 meters from me and it  
7 hit probably 10 ten meters to the right of this wall. Here. (Witness  
8 writes on his diagram) Initially, that's what I thought it was but I  
9 don't think it was a mortar. I think it was too small. I am  
10 thinking it was more like a 40mm or something.

11 Q. Then what happened?

12 A. The mortar went off and that was after Tillman had already  
13 gone. Called the [REDACTED] and thought we were getting mortared.  
14 [REDACTED] was next to me and we started to see tracers lighting  
15 up this right here in front of us up here. It was probably half way  
16 up the canyon, up a wall. There was it kind of flattened a bit. We  
17 all just massed our fires in there. [REDACTED] squeezed off two  
18 bursts. I squeezed off a couple of bursts and then called a cease  
19 fire because I couldn't see anything up there. I could not identify  
20 any targets up there. The light condition was really bad. It wasn't  
21 really sunny out and it wasn't dark enough for NODs. I told  
22 everybody to cease fire and just scan around, watch and shoot.

23 Around that time or a little bit after that is when I heard [REDACTED]

1 [REDACTED] say we had two friendly KIAs and was trying to get on  
2 the radio. He kept repeating it. I am not sure if he was talking to  
3 anybody but after we shot up here, is when I noticed the vehicles  
4 rolling around. I was trying to scan to my left and scan behind me  
5 while I was watching my guys starting to roll around this way. There  
6 was like a small opening between just the way that the hill was from  
7 my vantage point to where it was like a small opening gap where you  
8 could see the road and the curvature of the terrain. I knew the  
9 vehicles were coming because I saw one of the vehicles pass. I  
10 looked back and I saw it was just like the movies I saw rounds  
11 hitting the buildings on the village. I thought it was 50 cal because  
12 it was just like pop-pop-pop just moving down the buildings. They  
13 rolled around and I looked behind me when they stopped and I saw them  
14 dismount and I turned around because I kept seeing tracers kind of  
15 like bouncing off the top of the hill. I kept hearing this weird  
16 like cracking sound I thought that one of the Afghans had some sort  
17 of strange pea gun behind me shooting or something. I kept hearing  
18 this weird cracking sound pass me. I turned around and that was  
19 before the vehicles had stopped and I am looking and they stopped.  
20 Down when I saw them, downward and pretty much everybody was pointing  
21 their weapons up at least that is what it looked like.

22 Q. Where were the weapons pointing?

1           A.    Up at us.  That is when I started hearing rounds go past us  
2   and I was watching rounds impact around me and my guys.  Pretty much  
3   15-20 meters down from us and up and around us, just stuff impacting  
4   going past us.  Everyone was yelling cease fire, cease fire.  I saw a  
5   pin gun flair go off in their direction.  First thing I thought was  
6   great they are probably going to think it is tracer fire or  
7   something.  I saw the pen gun flare and pretty much just kept yelling  
8   cease fire until it kind of stopped.  Once it stopped, I turned  
9   around and continued to scan our sectors.  That is when I heard [REDACTED]  
10  [REDACTED] say we had two friendly KIAs getting on the radio and  
11  everything.

12           Q.    Let's go back to the ridge line, after the 203 mortar hit.  
13  You and [REDACTED] saw something across that ridge line?

14           A.    No, we just saw fire going up into that little pocket.  It  
15  went up, it went up and like kind of flattened out a little bit and  
16  then went straight up.  We just saw tracer fire go in there.

17           Q.    Going in there?

18           A.    Yes.  There was tracer fire going into that little pocket.

19           Q.    What color of tracer?

20           A.    It was red.

21           Q.    Did you believe it was fired from friendly forces?

22           A.    I hadn't even thought about it at that time.

          Q.    But you engaged in that location?

1           A.    Yes.  (Witness draws on the map the tracer fire) It was  
2 pretty much to my left, just a little to my left just directly almost  
3 directly in front of me my twelve o'clock and about three-quarters of  
4 the way up.  Right here.  Like I said, three-quarters of the way up  
5 the wall.

6           Q.    After that, down to your right on the road you observed a  
7 vehicle?

8           A.    Roger.

9           Q.    Can you show me, draw a square down on that road where you  
10 saw the vehicle?  To the best of your ability.

11           A.    I am trying to remember if it was in front of me or when I  
12 was looking back and it was down by these buildings.  I am thinking  
13 it was when I was looking back.  (Witness makes a square on the  
14 diagram and labels it vehicle)

15           Q.    Was that a friendly vehicle?

16           A.    Yes.

17           Q.    At that time when you saw the vehicle, what was it doing?

18           A.    It was just driving.  It stopped.

19           Q.    Was it firing at all?

20           A.    I couldn't tell.

21           Q.    When did it fire at the buildings?



1           A.    When it was still rolling.  I am assuming that was the  
2 vehicle because there were like I said look like it was a 50 cal  
3 fire.  It could have been M19.  I don't know.

4           Q.    You saw this vehicle fire and you saw people dismount?

5           A.    Roger.

6           Q.    Did anybody before that call for cease fire?

7           A.    No.

8           Q.    So when the soldiers dismounted and pointed weapons in your  
9 direction, did they fire?

10          A.    I didn't see any muzzle flashes I just knew like they were  
11 pointing their weapons at us and it wasn't until then we were like  
12 receiving a lot of fire.  Before that it was like, crack, crack, what  
13 the hell is that?  As soon as they stopped and dismounted it was like  
14 pop-pop-pop-pop-pop just rounds all over the place.

15          Q.    Did you see them fire at you or over your position?

16          A.    Like I said, I couldn't see muzzle flashes I just know that  
17 I saw weapons being pointed at us.  They were pointed up the hill and  
18 until that point we weren't like receiving any like effective fire  
19 like that.

20          Q.    At that point in time, what did you do?

21          A.    Everybody started just screaming cease fire, cease fire  
22 signal.  I took a knee.  My team took a knee.  I was just like get

1 down. So I had my guys stay down and we just did it from the prone,  
2 where we just waved our hands.

3 Q. Did the fire cease after that?

4 A. It seem like it was 20 seconds. Then it stopped.

5 Q. Was that the same time that [REDACTED] fired the  
6 red pin flare?

7 A. Yeah. It was when they had dismounted.

8 Q. And the fire stopped?

9 A. Roger.

10 Q. What happened after that?

11 A. The report came that we had two friendly KIAs. They told  
12 us, I told the guys right next to me, there was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and  
13 [REDACTED] to just continue to scan their sectors. I gave them sectors to  
14 scan. They had said [REDACTED] said we don't need a lot of  
15 people over here. [REDACTED] said you guys stay over here.  
16 If you guys know who got hit, don't say anything just stay here and  
17 scan your sectors and we will try to get more information out to you  
18 or whatever.

19 Q. Where were you staying in, what location?

20 A. I stayed right where

21 Q. You stayed right where you were at?

22 A. Roger.

1 Q. Let me go back to this vehicle again and the weapons  
2 pointed at you. I just want to make sure that I am clear. Is it  
3 your opinion that you were being fired on by friendly forces?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And your reason for that opinion was you saw weapons  
6 pointed at you?

7 A. Roger.

8 Q. But you did not see muzzle flashes?

9 A. No.

10 Q. However, rounds were landing all around you?

11 A. Roger.

12 Q. After the firing ceased, you stayed up here for awhile, how  
13 long did you stay up there?

14 A. I would like to say it seem like an hour maybe an hour and  
15 half. It seemed like a long time.

16 Q. You heard that there were two KIAs, is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. When was the first time you were notified it was Tillman?

19 A. I did not find out until [REDACTED] as soon as we got down the  
20 hill they said get up on the vehicles. We got on the vehicles and  
21 [REDACTED] was like make sure everyone is okay, check on his guys because  
22 we were good friends. [REDACTED] came by and ask and that was  
pretty much when I knew because he was talking to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

1 just broke down. I pretty much figured out then it was Pat. I  
2 didn't know who the other person was at that time.

3 Q. How long did you stay out here before you returned to  
4 Salerno?

5 A. We stayed another day. Throughout that whole day third  
6 platoon came and helped us out and we just rested and we didn't leave  
7 until that next day.

8 Q. So was that the 24th?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And you returned to Salerno?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you do any form of AAR on the ground there while you  
13 were there?

14 A. I didn't. I left with [REDACTED] to Bagram. They sent me back.  
15 I was gone pretty much the day we got back.

16 Q. When was the first time became clear to you that this was  
17 fratricide?

18 A. When I came back, when we got to Salerno everyone was  
19 milling around talking and that day I was talking to one of the guys  
20 and I asked, "What the hell happened?" Everyone was talking about  
21 it, everyone was who was pointing the weapons, who was it, who did  
22 you see. One of the guys was like everyone was pointing their

1 weapons up there. One of the guys he was like, everyone was pointing  
2 their weapons up there and he was like, "I'll deny that until I die."

3 Q. Who said that?

4 A. It was [REDACTED]

5 Q. [REDACTED] told you that he would deny until the day he died  
6 pointing his weapon up there?

7 A. Roger. He didn't say he specifically was pointing his  
8 weapon up there. I said "who is pointing their damn weapon up  
9 there?" and he said, "Everybody was, everyone was pointing their  
10 weapon up there."

11 Q. What else did he say?

12 A. He either said, "I'll deny that" or "I'll never admit to  
13 that" or "I'll never" somewhere among those lines. I can't remember  
14 if he said deny or but it was definitely one of those lines. He  
15 would not talk about it and he wouldn't say anything about it, our  
16 guys pointing their weapons up there. He never said he was pointing  
17 his weapon up there specifically but he said everybody was and he  
18 would never admit to that. It is a big thing for me because Pat was  
19 one of my closest friends and I don't know who all were shooting up  
20 there, I feel bad for the guys that were because I was good friends  
21 with those guys too. But I am really close to the Tillman family and  
22 they are going through hell right now and so many were part of the

1 accident I know they need to know that. I think people need to be  
2 honest about that, their response for that.

3 Q. Is there anybody else that you know of that gave you a  
4 similar feeling as this individual did?

5 A. No. I knew [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] used to be in my squad.  
6 I was pretty close to him too. I just could tell from his reaction  
7 that he was responsible because the kid was like dying. He could not  
8 stop crying about it and he was really broken up about it. I kind of  
9 figured but I didn't know until we got back who all was to blame for  
10 the whole thing.

11 Q. When you got back how did it become evident to you that it  
12 was fratricide? How did you learn it?

13 A. I was pretty sure on the ground when it was happening that  
14 they were shooting at us and then just by [REDACTED] saying, "everyone  
15 was pointing their weapons up there," "everyone was shooting up  
16 there." I was like, "no kidding." That was pretty much it.

17 Q. When did you find out it was fratricide?

18 A. It wasn't until we got back from the memorial service. I  
19 got back into town when they had said there is going to be an  
20 investigation. "Don't talk about it; don't say anything to your  
21 family about it."

22 Q. Who told you that?

1 A. I think it was, I don't remember who told me that. I was  
2 there for a short period of time. There were officers talking to me,  
3 people I didn't know talking to me. [REDACTED] was  
4 talking to me, it could have been him; I am not sure who told me  
5 that.

6 Q. Why would they tell you that?

7 A. I think they told me that because nobody knew for sure, all  
8 the bits and pieces and positively that Pat was killed by Rangers or  
9 friendly fire or whatever. They didn't want me to tell anyone  
10 because I didn't have all the pieces and I didn't know for sure. I  
11 pretty much agree with that as well, because I didn't know all the  
12 bits and pieces. All I knew was my small bit and what I saw.

13 Q. Did you participate in an AAR when you returned to Salerno?

14 A. No. We had like a little briefing or meeting with the  
15 [REDACTED] to talk about it.

16 Q. Were you there for that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And where were you?

19 A. I was on my way up to Bagram to meet [REDACTED]

20 Q. So you know of no AAR that was conducted at Salerno?

21 A. The only thing I knew is that they had a meeting with the  
22 [REDACTED]

Q. Were you present for that meeting?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did anyone ever tell you personally that "everyone shared  
3 the blame" for Tillman's death?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Let me go back and ask some questions on your SOPs in the  
6 field. Did you ever conduct any type of previous training with any  
7 Afghan forces?

8 A. No.

9 Q. What did you understand the policies to be for movement in  
10 day? What do you think your guidance up from higher on your  
authority to move in day or night? Did you understand that the

12 [REDACTED]

13 A. No.

14 Q. [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 A. No.

20 Q. Was that standard operational procedure or not?

21 A. If it was, we didn't follow it.



1 Q. What did you normally do? What was your normal mode of  
2 operation? As far as just the operation, did you conduct most of the

3 [REDACTED]

4 A. [REDACTED]

5 Q. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]

7 A. [REDACTED]

8 Q. [REDACTED]

9 A. [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]

11 [REDACTED]

12 Q. Did you ever hear anybody express any concerns about  
13 splitting up the [REDACTED]?

14 A. Splitting the [REDACTED]? No.

15 Q. Your internal SOPs, what are the known SOPs for cease fire?

16 A. Pretty much cease fire, cease fire, cease fire. Your hand  
17 going across your face.

18 Q. Did anyone do that while you were in the field when you  
19 thought you were being fired upon?

20 A. Oh yeah, everybody was. Everybody down line was doing it.

21 Q. Did you ever hear anybody say cease fire?

22 A. Everybody was.

23 Q. Did you only hear cease fire from your position?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did anyone ever tell you personally that "everyone shared  
3 the blame" for Tillman's death?

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6 field. Did you ever conduct any type of previous training with any  
7 Afghan forces?

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9 Q. What did you understand the policies to be for movement in  
10 day? What do you think your guidance up from higher on your  
authority to move in day or night? Did you understand that the

12 [REDACTED] role was that you could not move in the day?

13 A. No.

14 Q. I am specifically referring to if you conducted tactical  
15 movement to set up for a cordon and search operation or clearing  
16 operation. Was it your understanding you were to move tactically at  
17 night get in position and then in daytime move into the village  
18 contact the elders and then conduct the clearing?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Was that standard operational procedure or not?

21 A. If it was, we didn't follow it.

1 Q. What did you normally do? What was your normal mode of  
2 operation? As far as just the operation, did you conduct most of the  
3 searches at night, day?

4 A. During the day.

5 Q. Did you conduct your movements mainly at night or during  
6 the day?

7 A. Half and half, both.

8 Q. Half and half?

9 A. Roger. We did most of our walking and searching during the  
10 day and we moved most of the time at night was to go back to Salerno.  
11 Most of our moving was during the day in our vehicles or walking.

12 Q. Did you ever hear anybody express any concerns about  
13 splitting up the [REDACTED]?

14 A. Splitting the [REDACTED]? No.

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17 going across your face.

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19 thought you were being fired upon?

20 A. Oh yeah, everybody was. Everybody down line was doing it.

21 Q. Did you ever hear anybody say cease fire?

22 A. Everybody was.

23 Q. Did you only hear cease fire from your position?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you hear cease fire anyone else from the distance?

3 A. No.

4 Q. In your position, did you receive enemy fire or think you  
5 were receiving enemy fire from any location?

6 A. I thought we were before the vehicles stopped, once we got  
7 to the top, I kept hearing this weird cracking noise but it sounded  
8 like a pea shooter behind me. I kept looking back like what is that?  
9 It was sporadic, every six seconds, every ten seconds. It wasn't  
10 really effective.

11 Q. Did anybody in the element that you were in fire to your  
12 rear?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Have you ever been reduced in rank?

15 A. Yes.


16 Q. When was that?

17 A. Right after I returned.

18 Q. After you returned?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What was it for?

21 A. It was, I disobeyed a direct order from the 

22 Q. What did that entail?

1           A.    I had orders cut for me to attend the memorial service and  
2 spend time with [REDACTED] and his family. The NCO in charge of me told  
3 me the [REDACTED] wanted me to come in two days prior to the end  
4 of what the leave was cut for. I overstayed, given my reasons why I  
5 did not return at that time I pretty much just cut my contact from  
6 the [REDACTED] and just stayed there with [REDACTED] and his family and  
7 with my family.

8           Q.    Can you tell me why you did that?

9           A.    I came to the [REDACTED] on September 10th, 2001 before  
10 everything hit the fan and I started off as a scared young guy  
11 thinking I was going to die to doing various training exercises with  
12 my [REDACTED] over in Jordan when we got back and I gained a  
13 huge amount of confidence in my unit and a lot of pride. I felt safe  
14 around my guys, I felt confident that no matter what happened we  
15 would prevail through anything together, that always made me feel  
16 safe and confident. I love my job and to have the guys who you love  
17 and have form a bond with and your job is your life to have them have  
18 something like that happen just blew everything that I loved about my  
19 job about where I was at, about the guys I worked with and it just I  
20 lost confidence, I lost respect for my people in charge of me. It  
21 just really pissed me off and when I went home and saw all the pain  
22 and frustration and I always had that piece in my head that my part  
of the puzzle and I couldn't tell them about it. I was just pissed

1 off and I really at that time did not want to come back. I didn't  
2 want anything to do with the [REDACTED] I didn't know what I was  
3 going to do but all I knew was that I was really mad. I didn't want  
4 to come home, I wanted to stay with my friends, I wanted to stay with  
5 the people that love me. I came back and started to decompress and  
6 really started to think about it as I put in my statement it was not  
7 the right thing to do at that time, but at that time I really thought  
8 that I was doing the right thing for me. I've had time to figure all  
9 in my head, since then as in my statement it wasn't the right thing  
10 to do at the time but at the time I felt given my emotions at the  
11 time I was doing the right thing.

12 Q. Did you go through any decompression training?

13 A. No.

14 Q. You said that you lost confidence in your leadership, can  
15 you elaborate on that? What was your reason for that?

16 A. It was like for one the dissemination of the information as  
17 far as what we were doing that day, as far as going back all started  
18 from the time the GMV broke down. It was like when we first got  
19 here, they showed us all the videos of the Pakistanis getting rolled  
20 up in canyons like the canyons we were in, it was like we stayed very  
21 long giving people time to get on us. Everybody was like let's get  
22 this thing airlifted out of here. Let's not stay here too long. I  
23 know the [REDACTED] was trying to getting that airlifted three times whatever

1 it wasn't going to happen. I was kind of pissed off at that, it  
2 pretty much started from there and elevated to "where are we going"  
3 "what am I doing?" We are going to follow this route or whatever,  
4 okay. There wasn't good dissemination information; I never saw a  
5 map; I never saw route; there was no contingency plan, there was  
6 nothing disseminated out to me. When I asked it was like "we're just  
7 fucking following this route," but I never saw anything and it was  
8 like when we stopped it was like okay where are the rest of everybody  
9 else? Did we have a break in contact, what's going on? It was  
10 really confusing, it was like nobody knew what the hell was going on  
11 and then the ambush happened and the fratricide happened and all  
12 that. It all just added up and it really got under my skin.

13 Q. Who reported seeing enemy on the southern ridge line?

14 A. It was probably [REDACTED]

15 Q. [REDACTED]

16 A. Roger.

17 Q. Was it a field grade or company grade that you received?

18 A. I think it was the lower one, company grade.

19 Q. Who gave it to you?

20 A. It was [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

21 Q. Do you have anything you want to add to this, [REDACTED]

22 [REDACTED]

23 A. No.

1 Q. Any questions that we left out that you think that we need  
2 to address or anything else that you feel you haven't told us?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Were you ever told not to say anything to [REDACTED]

5 A. Like I said, I was told before I left for Bagram to meet up  
6 with him I don't remember who told me, just to pretty much keep my  
7 mouth shut up about the incident until all the pieces were put  
8 together.

9 Q. Why do you think they told you that?

10 A. Just so there wouldn't blame put in the wrong places, that  
11 they wouldn't just have my piece and what I saw, they would have the  
12 whole picture, so there wouldn't be any type of confusion.

13 Q. Do you feel that was the right thing to do at the time?

14 A. Yes.

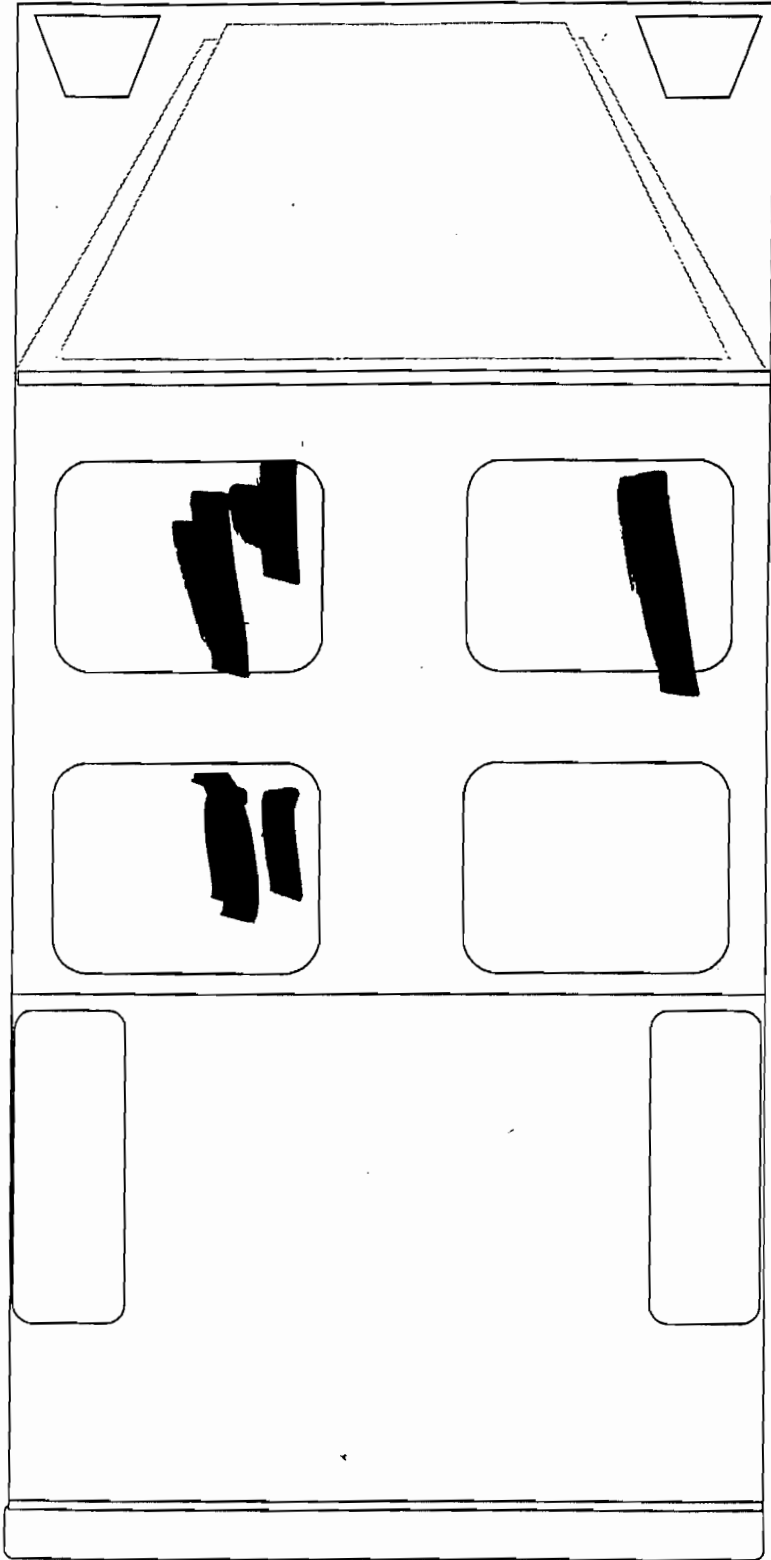
15 Q. Is there anything else that you can think of that you  
16 didn't tell us just take a few minutes and think about it and feel  
17 free to tell us.

18 A. I got nothing.

19 (Witness left the courtroom)



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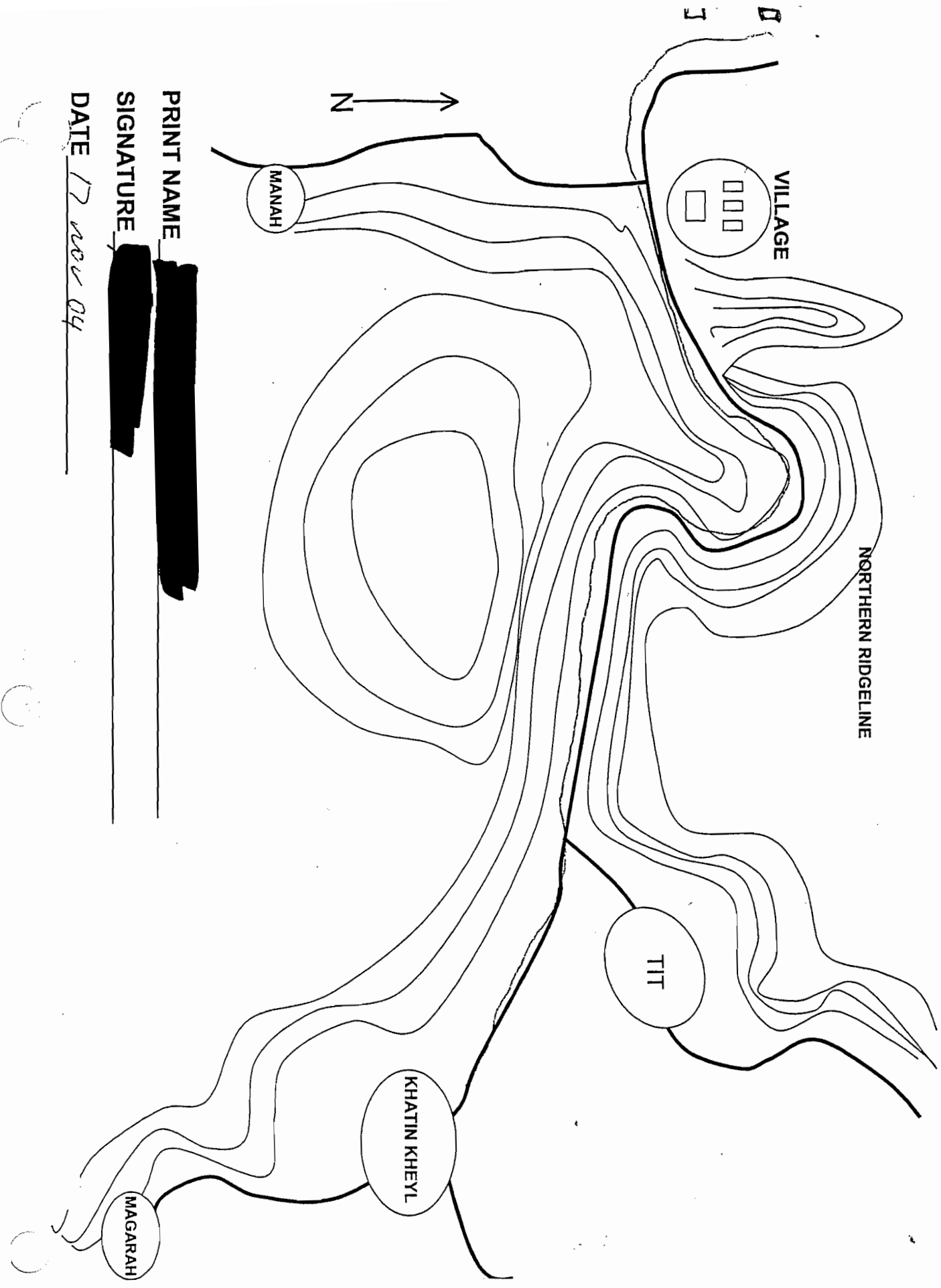
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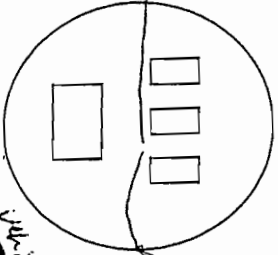
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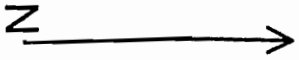


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