

Corroboration Matrix - Sworn Statement of Accused to MG Dahl dated 6-7 August 2014

#	ESSENTIAL FACT	CORROBORATING EVIDENCE
1	Persons and Places Involved: The Accused and Task Force Yukon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of CPT Billings, MAJ Silvino, COL Baker, COL Campbell, and MG Howard as to the mission and makeup of TF Yukon, and that a DUSTWUN was called up and the entire Brigade started looking for the Accused.
2	The Accused was Before the Enemy/Knowledge of Endangerment to TF Yukon. Example: (p. 117 “Here I am, a Private First Class, standing in Afghanistan, a war zone. We have been blown up. We have been shot at.”), (p. 76 “We’re out in the middle of a war zone at a TCP that’s been hit before in a platoon that has an area known for IEDs and attacks.”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of CPT Billings, MAJ Silvino, COL Baker, and MG Howard to show enemy threats, capabilities, and attacks in area.
3	Places Involved/The Accused was Before the Enemy/Knowledge of Endangerment to OP Mest. Example: (p. 121 “...I am willing to risk leaving the wire at a defense point, in the middle of a war zone. That we have been attacked at, that we have been blown up at, on multiple occasions.”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of CPT Billings about attacks or threats against OP Mest. Testimony of Mr. Buetow who was left on OP Mest when others were searching for the Accused.
4	Places Involved/The Accused was Before the Enemy/Knowledge of Endangerment to TF Yukon. Example: (p. 76 “...in order to get to this TCP we have to go down what we call IED lane or IED alley because there’s always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of Mr. Lanford, SSG Cross, CPT Billings, MAJ Silvino, and COL Baker – the roads, Audi and Dodge, were known to have many IEDs on them since they were commonly used roads and that was why OP Mest was created to help lower the threat in that area.

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	IEDs that are blowing up our trucks.”)	
5	<p>Intent: The Accused knew his actions were wrongful. Example: (p. 173 “The understanding was that I was going to get myself into a huge amount of trouble.”), (p. 174 “I understood that once I come to the FOB entrance, they will come pick me up and right there I am going to be arrested...I’m going to lose all control over my own effects and anything else that I had.”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of Mr. Buetow that he went with the Accused to mail his computer home. • Testimony of CPT Billings and MAJ Silvino that no one had authority to leave OP Mest alone. • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning.
6	<p>Motive: The Accused knew that a DUSTWUN would be called up when he left and the magnitude of a DUSTWUN. Example: (p. 119 “...so, I knew that if DUSTWUN was called from a Soldier disappearing, that call goes not only all the way up to Army command, it goes to Air Force, it goes to Marines.”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony of Mr. Buetow, CPT Billings, and MAJ Silvino that the unit did a DUSTWUN scenario at NTC.
7	<p>Motive: The Accused created a DUSTWUN. Example: (p. 119 “...if that happens when a Soldier disappears, then that can be utilized.”), (p. 136 “...the DUSTWUN would disallow it [the problems in my unit] from being buried...”), (p. 140 “So</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning. • Testimony of SSG Cross, CPT Billings, and COL Baker – at NTC the unit did a DUSTWUN scenario.

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	<p>I'm simulating. I make it. The DUSTWUN happens. I make it to FOB Sharana. I get my audience with the general.”)</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Motive and Intent. The Accused felt the deployment was not exciting and instead want to join Special Forces. Example: (p. 130 “I wanted to show up at the Q-course saying, I deserve to be here because I have proven myself...”), (p. 141 “...when I show up at the Q-course...I’ve got a better story than anybody.”), (p. 226 “...everybody knew I wanted to go Special Forces, right?”), (p. 227 “And I was a little annoyed about the fact that once I got to my unit and I saw how things were going and I saw how NTC was going, I was like, good grief, I’m going to have to do a deployment before I go to the Q-course, and then when I was on Rear D, I was hearing about all this stuff that was going on and it was like, I’m going to waste my time doing a year deployment dealing with all this bullshit when I wanted to go—at this point it was like, I should just go straight to Special</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning. • Mr. Fry will testify he was on rear detachment with the Accused for two months before the two deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009 and that their company had deployed in March 2009. He will testify that while on rear detachment he received messages from platoon members in Afghanistan stating they were pulling a lot of guard duty and not seeing much action.

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	Forces because that's what I want and I know that's where I should be. Because it cuts out all this stupidity.")	
9	<p>Motive. The Accused provided inconsistent reasons for why he left OP Mest. Example: ("p. 255 "They are all different individuals, so I am obviously not going to talk to Sutton on the same things that I am going to talk to Barrow on. Because Barrow has different interests, Sutton has different interests, so when I got to talk to them, it is going to be a completely different relationship."), (p. 255 Q: "...you tend to be who...that person wants you to be." A: "Yeah." ... Q: "Is that an unfair comment?" A: "No, that is a very fair comment.")</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witnesses will testify to various motives the Accused gave for walking off OP Mest. E.g. Mr. Fry: If deployment was lame. MG Dahl: To report his command; to demonstrate he should be a member of the SF. SSG Cross: To walk into the mountains of Pakistan.
10	<p>Motive and Intent. Example: Example: (p. 228 "If deployment's lame, I'm just going to leave. I don't think that was my exact words, but I can't remember my exact words.")</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning. • CPT Billings and MAJ Silvino will testify to the types of missions Blackfoot Company was executing in Afghanistan including security at OP Mest and QRF duties. • Mr. Fry will testify he was on rear detachment with the Accused for two months before the two deployed to Afghanistan in May 2009 and that their company had deployed in March 2009. He will testify that while on rear detachment he received messages from platoon members in Afghanistan stating they were pulling a lot of guard duty

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		and not seeing much action. He will testify that the Accused told him that if deployment were lame, he was going to walk off.
11	Motive and Intent. Example: (p. 229 “I just needed a certain amount of time in country to get the rank and I didn’t want to waste my time in a regular unit that was just playing gate guard, which is what we were getting. When I could be somewhere else doing something else.”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPT Billings and MAJ Silvino will testify to the types of missions Blackfoot Company was executing in Afghanistan including security at OP Mest and QRF duties.
12	Method. The Accused withdrew 300 dollars before he left OP Mest. Example: (p. 176-177 “one of the things I learned from reading is having cash to bribe never hurts. When you are in a third-world country, dealing with people, whether it’s local or whether it’s a sergeant, having cash that you could use to bribe somebody for one reason or another never hurts.”), (p. 318 Q: “So and you were thinking what’s going to happen to my pay?” A: “Yeah, I was thinking ‘I’m about to go head to head with the Army command.’ One of the things they can do is take away my money from me. So it was just like I’m going to sacrifice myself here,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Buetow will testify he went with the Accused to finance and explained to him how to withdraw money. • Eagle cash transaction report

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	however, it's kind of unnecessary to go to the full extent of just losing everything.”)	
13	Method. Example: (p. 153 “The original plan was to run from TCP to Sharana. I needed to go as light as possible. I also knew that the possibility of being caught out in the middle of the daytime, visually, I needed to look not out of place. A guy walking through with a giant weapon, obviously is going to look out of place. Guy walking through the desert with a uniform on is going to look out of place. The point was being lightweight and bare essentials. “)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, and SSG Cross will testify that the Accused was assigned a SAW and the SAW was left in the Accused's tent the morning of 30 June. • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning.
14	Method. The Accused inquired about stealing a handgun to take with him. Example: (p.184 “And the reason why I didn't take the .09 millimeter with me was because...I said, ‘What happens if your 9 millimeter goes missing?’ He said, ‘I'd get in a lot of trouble...’”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony from SSG Cross and Mr. Lanford that the Accused was assigned a SAW and that SSG Cross was assigned an M9 pistol. Testimony from SSG Cross that the Accused asked him what would happen if his 9mm pistol was missing.
15	Opportunity and Method. The Accused exploited a weak point in security to leave OP Mest undetected. Example: (p. 120 “The idea was simple. The	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify to security at OP Mest.

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	<p>security at the TCP was crap. There was weak points everywhere. And nighttime was just, you know, I have been on guard shift at that place. Your visibility is like next to nothing on a good day. The whole setup to that thing was just—it was just a joke.”)</p>	
16	<p>Time. The Accused left OP Mest after midnight in the early hours of 30 June 2009. Example: (p. 146 Q: “Roughly, what time did you—do you have any idea what time you departed?” A: “Sometime around midnight, probably after.”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSG Cross will testify he saw the Accused at 2200. • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, SSG Cross, and CPT Billings will testify the Accused was not on OP Mest the next morning.
17	<p>Time. The Accused left OP Mest the day his unit was scheduled to leave OP Mest. Example: (p. 194 “I chose that particular time because that should have been the last day that we were on the TCP, which meant that the third platoon would have been prepared to come out.”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPT Billings and MAJ Silvino will testify that the platoon was going to rotation back to FOB Sharana on 30 June 2009, the date that the Accused went missing.
18	<p>Intent and Time. The Accused knew he was supposed to be on guard shift on 30 June 2009. Example: (p. 167-168 “Q: You don’t recall when your next shift was? A: It was just in the next morning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lanford, Mr. Buetow, and SSG Cross, will testify that there was a guard shift posted and that the Accused was not present for his shift.

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<p>Q: 0600? 0800? Something like that? A: I think it was like five or six possibly.”) (p. 169 Q: “Where did they post that so you knew...? A: I think they put it inside the MRAP on a spot where we could all look at it.”)</p>	
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