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MEMORANDUM THRU Staff Judge Advocate, MND-B, Camp Liberty, Iraq

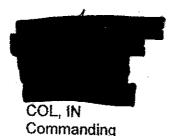
FOR Commander, MND-B, Camp Liberty, Iraq

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of AR 15-6 Investigation #06-163, Escalation of Force Resulting in Death of Local National Findings and Recommendations

1. The undersigned has reviewed thoroughly the aforementioned investigation conducted by Second Lieutenant James J. Hall and approved by Lieutenant Colonel M. Lee. Walters. I ratify and approve the findings and recommendations enclosed.

2. Commander's Comments:	
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17 May 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR Second Lieutenant James J. Hall, B Troop, 1st Squadron, 75th Calvary Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Camp Striker, Iraq APO AE 09398

SUBJECT: Appointment as Investigating Officer, Investigation #06-163

- 1. You are hereby appointed an investigating officer, pursuant to AR 15-6, to investigate the alleged Escalation of Force resulting in the death of a local national involving E Company, 1-22 on or about 17 May 2006. You are to make specific findings and recommendations concerning the causes of the incident. Until the investigation is completed, this will be your primary duty responsibility.
- 2. Your investigations and findings will include, but not be limited to the following:
 - a. The exact time and place of the incident.
- b. How exactly the incident occurred, to include the events leading up to and concurrent with the incident.
 - c. The type of weapon(s) involved in the incident.
 - d. The soldier's mission at the time of the incident.
- e. The existence, training and type of risk assessment and safety measures taken prior to the incident.
- f. Additionally, if negligence is found, analyze what steps could be taken in the future to avoid it.
 - g. Any other matters you deem relevant.
- 3. You will use informal procedures under AR 15-6, Chapter 4. If, during your investigation, you suspect that persons you intend to interview may have violated any provision of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or any other criminal law, you must advise them of their rights under the UCMJ, Article 31 as documented on DA Form 3881. Witness statements should be sworn and recorded on DA Form 2823.
- 4. Prepare the report of proceedings on DA Form 1574 and submit the original to me by the above suspense. You will also complete a storyboard documenting the incident to be attached to the report of proceedings. You must submit any requests for delay to me in

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writing. Include with your report all documentary evidence, sworn statements, and other information or evidence you considered.

- 5. Before proceeding with the investigation you must contact CPT the state of the Brigade Annex for an initial legal briefing. She will serve as your primary legal advisor and can be reached at
- 6. By virtue of your appointment, you may direct the assistance of personnel with special technical knowledge to assist or advise you during your investigation. Requests should be coordinated through your legal advisor.
- 7. If during the course of your investigation you discover systemic training deficiencies that potentially caused or contributed to the incident under investigation, you will immediately contact your legal advisor for further guidance.



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27 May 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER 1-75

SUBJECT: Findings and Recommendations for Investigation #06-163

1. Summary of Events:

- a. At 171925MAY06, Alpha section 1/A/1-75 observed a cargo truck approximately 200 meters from their mounted observation point in the south bound lane of , in vicinity of CP 21A. The approaching vehicle showed no indication of changing lanes or slowing down as it approached the OP at a high rate of speed. SGT in the position of gunner for the closest vehicle displayed proper EOF procedures by utilizing at Grid 2025225(P)(1) sirens, lights, and hand/arm signals in an attempt to stop the vehicle.
- b. At 171925MAY06, SGT fired 2x rounds of 5.56mm into the median of as warning shots. The truck passed through the traffic cones established by 1/A/1-75 approximately 100 meters from their TCP and proceeded toward their position, displaying no SUSCETSCOX) attempt to disable the vehicle. then fired 2x rounds 5.56mm into the engine block in an c. At 171926MAY06, SGT
- windshield. The driver was struck in the chest with 1x round. The truck came to a halt, the utilized deadly force and fired 2x rounds 5.56mm into the driver exited and fell to his knees on the MSR. He attempted to stand and then collapsed.
- d. At 171927MAY06, SGT and PFC administer immediate first aid and resuscitation techniques. At 171931MAY06, SSG arrives on the scene and pronounced the LN dead. exited their vehicle to approach the LN and
- e. At 171935MAY06, SSG earched the vehicle and found 2 cases of beer, 1 case of gin, and 2 empty gin bottles in the cab of the truck next to the drivers' seat.

2. Findings:

- a. The key elements to this are the alcohol possessed by the local national and the empty bottles signifying that the local national was intoxicated at the time of the incident. After three years of presence in Iraq, it is unlikely that the local national was completely unaware of the proper movement of a civilian vehicle upon approaching a military check point. In an intoxicated state, the local national was unable to comprehend the extensive danger of driving
- b. Rules of Engagement: SGT followed the rules of engagement properly. The patrols use of traffic cones established a solid line that the local nationals understand as a responded properly to the vehicle not slowing down

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3. Recommendations:

- a. After reviewing the facts of this case, I recommend that no further action be taken against any of the soldiers involved in the incident. SGT and followed orders to perform the proper steps of an EOF according to the ROE in theatre. SGT and PFC and properly administered first aid on the local national and SSG properly searched the vehicle for other threats after pronouncing the LN dead.
- b. The leadership of 1st Platoon should continue to review platoon SOP, ensuring that ROE and EOF standards are reviewed before every mission. Briefing of the SOP should ensure that all members of the platoon are as prepared as SGT to react to an escalation of force incident.

4. Chronology of investigation

180930MAY06 2LT Hall's appointment as Investigating Officer
181130MAY06 Conducted initial interview with 190900MAY06 Received sworn statements from SGT 190930MAY06 Conducted interviews with SGT 190930MAY06 Completed Report and findings memorandum

5. The point of contact is 2LT

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Investigating Officer

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EXHIBIT E

From: COMMANDER 1775 CAV

Thru: 2nd BCT

To: 4th ID / Division Operation Center

Subject: Escalation of Force resulting in the death of 1x LN

- 1. Category: 1
- 2. Type of incident: Escalation of Force; cargo truck failed to stop approaching a CF TCP when the driver was engaged with deadly force
- 3. DTG:
 - A. DTG of Incident: 17 1945 MAY 06
 - B. DTG Unit was notified of Incident: 17 1948 MAY 06
 - C. DTG received by DOC:
- 4. Location: SUSCSTZ(DL)
- 5. Personnel involved:
 - A. Subject:
 - 1. Name:
 - 2. Rank or grade: SGT, E-5
 - Social Security Number:
 - 4. Race: Caucasian
 - 5. Sex: Male
 - 6. Age: 23
 - 7. Position: Gunner
 - 8. Security clearance: SECRET
 - 9. Unit and station of assignment. A TRP 1-75 CAV 2nd BCT 101st ABN(AASLT)
 - 10. Duty status: AD
 - 11. Marital Status: Single
 - B. Additional personnel involved: None

Summary of incident:

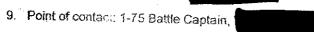
On 17 MAY 06, 1/A/1-75 carried out an Escalation of Force (EOF) resulting in death of one Local National. At 1945, the unit observed a cargo truck approaching their position in the southbound lane of The driver showed no indication of 502552LSX1) at Grid changing lanes or slowing down. The unit displayed proper EOF procedures utilizing sirens, lights and hand/arm pestures signaling the driver to stop. When all signaling attempts failed, two rounds 5.56mm were fired by the gunner of the lead vehicle, SGT into the median of the MSR as warning shots. The truck passed through the traffic cones established by 1/A/1-75 approximately 100 meters from their TCP and proceeded toward their position, displaying no signs of slowing. SOT fired two rounds 5.56mm into the engine block attempting to disable the vehicle. The truck continued forward, so SGT utilized deadly force and fired two rounds 5.56mm into the windshield. The driver was struck in the chest with one round and stopped the vehicle. After the truck came to a halt, the driver exited and fell to his knees on the

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MSR. He attempted to stand and then collapsed. Immediate first aid was administered to the Local National followed by resuscitation techniques to no avail. He was pronounced dead at 1951.

Upon further investigation of the vehicle, multiple cases of alcoholic beverages were discovered in addition to several open bottles in and around the driver's seat. 1/A/1-75 determined that the Local National driver was intoxicated at the time of the incident. The lack of reaction during the EOF is attributed to his impairment. The body and vehicle were transported to CP 22A and transferred to 2nd Co, 3/4/6 tA for over watch until the morning of 18 MAY 06 due to the fact that the Iraqi Police will not respond during hours of darkness.

- 6. Other Information:
 - A. Racial: N/A
 - B. Alcohol Involvement: None
 - C. Last Deployment to OfF/OEF: 02 APR 2004
 - D. Is Soldier o Mear "D"? No
- 7. Remarks: None
- 8. Commander reporting: LTC:



- 10: Report originated by:
- 11. Released by: 11.T
- 12. Unit Notifications: 2ND BDE

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