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STATEMENT

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This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable for prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated 06 11 03 2003

Signature: SO11

Sir I am SGT SO11 serving with the 1st Battalion the King's Regiment.

On 05 Nov 03 at approximately 2350 hrs we were tasked by OC C Company to carry out the search of a house. This search was conducted after being given information by a walk in to the effect that 15 persons had entered the building with small arms, RPG and grenades.

When 10A and 10B got to the target building, I SGT SO11 tried to open a cast iron gate, which was secured, so I called forward a snatch vehicle to force an entry through the gate. I then moved across the courtyard and kicked in the front door. I moved into room 1 then crossed to room 2. As I entered room 2 I heard 5 shots of automatic fire coming from the stairwell. I moved into room 4 and immediately saw two men armed with long barrelled weapons coming at speed down the stairwell. I did not believe I had time to issue a warning shot and I believed that there was a contact underway so I fired one round at the first male and then turned my weapon on the second male who dropped his weapon.

I tasked KGNS JONES and MORRIS to clear the rooms left and called for medical assistance.

I unarmed male came down the stairs and he was taken into room 4 with the other two men. They were searched and first aid was given to the injured man by the medic CPL SO14

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