DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: , Military Records Specialist

SUBJECT:

Background: Information retrieved from the veteran's personnel file indicates that he served with the U.S. Army in Iraq from 08/08/2004-08/01/2005. He is unit of assignment was the th Engineer BN, 2nd BCT, 2nd Infantry Division.

Claimed event:

1) Veteran claims being exposed to a blast from a vehicle born improvised explosive device (VBIED). He states that this blast occurred while he was moving barriers at a traffic control point. The resulting blast killed two members of his unit on

Supporting Evidence:

- Veteran's personnel file showing assignment to the Engineer BN and service in Iraq.
- SGT and PFC were killed by a VBIED on . They were manning a vehicle screening point. Their unit of assignment was Engineer BN, 2nd BCT, 2nd Infantry Division.

Source: http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=8298

Based on the available documents, it is likely the veteran was exposed to the VBIED blast. His military occupational specialty of heavy equipment operator would require him to perform duties such as positioning barriers at a traffic control point. Supporting documentation is attached.

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