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**Synopsis:** Mooney writes about life as a female soldier in Afghanistan. She describes in great detail, her interactions with Afghan men. She perceives Afghanistan as a primitive society in which she is somehow helping to pioneer the liberation of women.

**Quotes: “**As part of my job I had to meet with many members of the ANA as well as Afghan civilians, and I had begun to understand what my presence meant to them. I was helping to open the eyes of men in Afghanistan to the possibility of women as equals.”

“And I was the star of at least a dozen pictures with ANA soldiers ranging in rank from private to  general who wanted to show off to their friends the foreign female soldiers who wore no veils and seemed to have no shame in bossing men around.”

**“**These were men who had been plucked from villages that are accessible even today only by donkey. To my amazement, out of their shabby robes and headscarves they somehow pulled camera cellphones; capturing proof to bring home of these strange, confident, uniformed women.”

“Not only was I doing a job that I considered important to development, but I was pioneering a little bit of female equality in a country where there had been so little in previous years.”