

Further clarification on some issues from SQNLDR Chris Taylor

- When George left I inherited the ICRC liaison job and facilitating inspections. This task was handed over in mid-Mar to the Detention Operations JAG officer. I had only one more dealing with ICRC around 20 Mar 04 when the Detention Ops Jag was busy and meeting between ICRC and ~~US~~ ^{UK} Inspector General. I had no further formal duties with ICRC, afterwards just coalition op duties, particularly after I went to Poland in early April for a conference. Too busy for social contact with any ICRC representatives.
- With the changeover from CJTF-7/US Army V Corp and the current Multi-National HQ/US Army 3 Corp, and the handover to the Detention Ops JAG, there is a great deal of difference between George's tasking and mine.
 - then there were half the number of JAGs, very reactive environment, tumultuous time with a multitude of issues, no strict 'lanes' of work responsibility, task focussed not job focussed;
 - now work down particular lanes with no overlap of responsibilities, strict delineation between different roles, unusual for Ops JAG to do ICRC visits, very few dealings with Warren who now deals with 3 ranked ~~(9)~~ SJA level.
- Relevant documents from my CJTF-7 position are listed in my report and will email more detail. (S4) (S4) may need more detail here!)
 - a. Documents handed to Detention Ops JAG;
 - b. MAR ICRC report – sighted final, no longer have it, dealt with by US system, no copy kept;
 - c. Copy of signed Karpinski letter not on files, so requested copy from ICRC which they sent in March – handled in course of staff duties for CJTF-7 and passed on;
 - d. Memorandum sent to Australia;
 - e. CENTRIX on web;
 - f. Sent copy to Australia;
 - g. Memorandum from George as good example of ICRC inspection – on US computer system as email;
 - h. Emails
- (S4) (S4) requested that (S4) (S4) specifically annotate his list of documents, indicating location and ownership.

Comments from JTF633 Chief of Staff, (S4) (S4)

- COMD JTF633 requests any sourcing of US documents be open and transparent.
- (S4) (S4) replied that he strongly confirms that there should be no trawling through US computer systems ^{and} formal permission required from US for any of their documents.
- (S4) (S4) satisfied with Fact-Finding process and activities being undertaken to gather information.

QUESTIONS PROFORMA FOR ADO PERSONNEL WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH PW AND CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN THE MEAO

Strategic Operations Division (SOD) has been tasked to identify personnel who may have had contact with PWs and civilian detainees in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO), predominantly Iraq and Afghanistan, in the period 2003-2004.

SOD is aware that there are a number of ADF personnel who have deployed to the MEAO since the start of Op SLIPPER in 2001 whose activities may have meant that they came into contact with PWs and/or civilian detainees.

The objective of this questionnaire is to ascertain if, during your deployment, you had any contact with PWs or detainees (civil or military) or visited prisons or detention facilities, the nature of your contact and the possible need for a more detailed interview. This questionnaire is not part of a disciplinary investigation or administrative inquiry.

If you have information relevant to the aim of this questionnaire, that is of a higher classification than restricted, then you are to inform your chain of command.

Please complete the form as quickly as possible and return to the SOD Watchkeeper via fax on [Section 41], or email to [Section 41], AIROPS 1 SOD.

DSN - [Section 41]
DRN - [Section 41]

I. Personal Details

1.1 Full Name: [Section 41]

1.2 Rank: SGT

1.3 Service Number: [Section 41]

1.4 Unit to which you are currently posted: SCMA

1.5 Unit to which you posted or attached during your deployment to the MEAO: CPA-SC

1.6 Work Contact Number: [Section 41]

II. Potential Contact with PW and civilian detainees.

- 2.1 During your deployment to the MEAO, did you:
- Have any contact with PWs or civilian detainees ? NO
 - Stop any civilian persons who were later passed on to coalition security forces or Iraqi Police Services ? NO
 - Conduct/witness interviews/debriefs of detainees or PWs ?NO
 - Escort/guard detainees or PWs ? NO
- 2.2 If so, what was the nature of your contact with these personnel ?
- 2.3 Who were you with ? (If ADO members please provide names)

III Detention Centres

- 3.1 Did you visit any coalition PW or detainee detention centres, holding facilities prisons or interrogation cells ? Yes, I visited Abu Graib.
- 3.2 When and where (dates and locations including the name of the facility or town – the month will suffice if specific dates are not known) ? Early Jan to Early Feb, approx 3-4 times, in early Jan to Feb 04.
- 3.3 What was the nature of the visit ? To pick up mail and admin items for the mbrs of the 372nd MP Cot that had a detachment spt CP-SC. I did not visit or see and prisoners close up.
- 3.4 Who were you with ? (If ADF members please provide names) I was with members of CPA-SC. US and Spanish staff from CPA-SC.

IV Other Information

- 4.1 Were you privy to any official comment or authoritative discussion relating to the mistreatment of PWs or detainees ? I do not understand “authoritative discussion”, if talking to SNCOs from the unit that is guarding Abu Graid about events that occurred there in an informal setting then, Yes
- 4.2 If so, in what circumstances, where and when ? (the month will suffice if specific dates are not known) In the CPA-SC compound and on trips to and from the prison. In early Jan and Feb 04.
- 4.3 If so, what did you do and who, if anyone, did you report this to ? I did not report this anyone, nor discussed it with any one out side the informal discussions with the members of 372^{ne} MP. I was told that a “big investigation” was underway and that senior members of their unit had be relieved of duty.

- 4.4 Did you have any knowledge of ICRC or Amnesty International reports published in October 2003 through February 2004 ? NO
- 4.5 If so, in what context and what did you do and who, if anyone, did you report this to ? NO
- 4.6 Do you have any other information that you consider relevant ? I do not believe so