

SWORN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 977th Military Police Company, APO AE 09375			

9. [REDACTED] WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

General command climate with regards to support, mission, training, Hague and Geneva Convention and Military Customs and Courtesies. The main body of the 977th Military Police Company arrived on 9 January 2004. Since our arrival the support from the 310th Military Police Battalion has been good with relation to QOL. Camp Bucca has had the best life support of any location we have occupied the last six months. Since our arrival the camp has continued to improve adding another MWR internet cafe, equipment in the gym, a barber shop, and has held numerous bazaars. As far as mission support, we have been able to make any changes and or improvements we deemed necessary to improve our ability to accomplish the mission. We started out on twelve hour shifts but were able to transition to eight by realigning our troop to task. We have designed and started upgrades to the security of the ECPs. We have made improvements to the towers and suggested more improvements and our awaiting approval for plexiglass. The S2 given here has been very limited. We were used to get all INSUMs posted by the 18th MP BDE and the MNDCS. Normally the briefs are limited to the local area, because we travel to both Baghdad and Basra we need or in-depth knowledge. We would have to ask for that specifically to prep for our missions. Our missions daily involve convoy escorts to NAVSTAR, force protection of Camp Bucca itself including eight static posts, area security patrols, and a QRF. We also conduct the detainee escorts to BCCF, the Schieba Military Hospital, or to Basra Airport. We also operated the two ECPs on camp. On visitation days, we provide additional security at the ECP for visitor entrance and at the visitation site itself. We also assist with the searching of the visitors prior to entrance into camp. We also augment the Fog Plan by providing dismounted support to the north side of the IF and mounted support by pulling the ASO patrols and QRF to positions outside the IF where previous escapes occurred. The patrols also search the area exterior to the IF. As far as training, we have been conducting most these mission through out the deployment. The detainee escort has been the only unique mission. Prior to every mission, the platoon involved conducts in-depth reassures on the required actions dealing with the detainees from search technique and the use and hand and leg irons to actions on contact. We have conducted searches all through our deployment during our law and order role in Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq. Prior to jumping to Camp Bucca, we had eight NCOs assist on a detainee escort mission to BCCF. They provided significant train the trainer instruction to our Soldiers on the nuance of the mission. During the RIP, we were assisted on our first mission by members of the unit we replaced. We conducted refresher training on the ROE particularly how it pertains to the IF and detainees. We review the ROE weekly, as we have since our deployment. The 716th MP BN our previous higher required weekly ROE reviews and we have continued that policy here. The CDR and I also conducted an in-depth ROE class in December 03. Although each Soldier does not currently carry a ROE card, we did not have enough, the updated ROE is posted in each tower and ECP. The Hague and Geneva convention standards are posted at the IF. We have not conducted any specific training on the Hague and Geneva conventions since our predeployment training in March 03. We did brief our Soldiers on General [REDACTED] letter dated October 03 ref to proper treatment of detainees. Contrary to my verbal statement, it was the ROE training and how it pertains to the IF that we conducted. Do to our limited contact with the Detainees, we had not conducted any Hague and Geneva training. We have now mandated that published a class on the Hague and Geneva Convention and will brief the unit. Military Customs and Courtesies has been lacking here at Camp Bucca. Particularly evident by the lack of saluting. We have been saluting in base camps since May. I was surprised when we did not salute here. Initially our Soldiers continued to salute as we had been doing. We were corrected many times. The 724 MP BN and 310th MP BN ordered that this would be a no salute area. We continue to salute just our officers, I was again corrected and told to have our Soldiers to stop saluting. The double standard of who to salute and who not to salute was confusing to the Soldiers so we stopped. I also found uniform standards to be lacking. Civilian clothes were authorized in the gym and in the MWR room on Friday and Saturday nights both counter to the theater policy. Soldiers uniforms were also incomplete missing patches. Lots of "do rags" were being worn and uniforms were worn incorrectly i.e. no headgear, unauthorized sunglasses, id card holders worn on the arm sunglasses on the top of the head, sleeves improperly worn rolled up a few turns, and numerous other small violations. Also nobody was carrying personal weapons. Our unit maintained ours despite what everyone else was doing. We were never corrected on this point.

10. EXHIBIT	11. INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT [REDACTED]	PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES
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9. STATEMENT (Continued)

The reporting of Detainee Abuse would be handled in our unit by reporting it from the lowest level through the chain of command to operations cell. From our operations cell, we would report the situation to 310th BN operations, our higher headquarters and Camp Commandant. Our Soldiers also knew the IG could be used to report abuses or problems. Our contact with detainees was limited to their transport and security between Camp Bucca and BCCF or to exchange and release sites. For these missions, we search the buses and detainees and also place them in leg irons prior to loading them on Buses. We secure them on the buses until they are off-loaded at BCCF or the release or exchange site. Each bus is manned with an NCOIC, and two Soldiers. During the Fog Plan our headquarters until is place on the South Side of the IF, outside the individual compound wires but within the IF wire itself. They are unarmed. They roll is to provide additional visibility during the limited visibility period. Our ASO patrols and QRF patrol the exterior of the IF concentrating on areas where escapes have occurred previously. They patrol the areas just outside the IF wire and berm. They also conduct searches for prisoners in the area surrounding Camp Bucca if an escape occurs.

Nothing Follows

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I, [redacted], HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1, AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this

20th day of Feb 04

at (Camp) Dana, Kuwait

[redacted signature]
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

[redacted name]
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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