

Place: Camp America, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Date: 14 August 2006

I, (b)(3):10 USC make the following free and voluntary statement to Col (b)(3): (b)(3):10 whom I know to be appointed by RADM Harry B. Harris, Jr., to conduct an informal investigation into whether (1) the Camp Delta SOP was followed by relevant Joint Detention Group personnel during the overnight hours of 9-10 June 2006; and, (2) if the SOP was not followed, whether this failure contributed to the ability of the detainees to commit suicide on that night. I make this statement of my own free will and without any threats made to me or promises extended. I fully understand that this statement is given concerning my knowledge of the death of three detainees in Alpha Block.

(b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

My assignment at JTF-GTMO is Platoon Leader for the Camp 1 Detention Facility. The Camp 1 Detention Facility includes Blocks (b)(2) My duties include administers fair, firm, and impartial enforcement of all Camp Delta rules and regulations. Supervises 72 guard force personnel in the day-to-day operations of detention cellblocks. My chain of command on the night of 9-10 June 2006, beginning with COL (b)(3):10 was. I was not in the camp during this time frame; my chain of command was (b)(3):10 USC

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How long did you work in Camp 1? 10 days.

When you arrived in Camp 1, who trained you as Platoon Leader?

(b)(3):10 USC right seat left seat for two days. I was already qualified as PL in camp 4.

What sort of guidance were you given by your chain of command regarding enforcement of rules?

I did not meet with the OIC when reporting in. OIC didn't give me commander's philosophy, or any other guidance. The only guidance I received was from the PLs and AOIC. It was explained to me that the detainees in camp 1 were compliant and the SOP was to be used as a guideline. It was also stated that the SOP was a living document that constantly changed.

What are the procedures for a random headcount?

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Did guards have to sign (b)(2) in random headcounts?

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No. The headcount required physical sighting of the detainees. In camps 1 and 4 the guards would not wake up the detainees like they did in 2/3.

What were the rules on hanging things in cells?

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How was word passed to PLs from higher up the chain of command?

Mostly by word of mouth given to the PL.

What sort of guidance did you give your Camp 1 guards about enforcing the SOPs?

I emphasized strict enforcement of the SOP and reminded the Guards that if it was not in the SOP or a Guard Mount message or a verbal order given by the AOIC or above then it was wrong.

What was compliant about detainees in Camp 1?

I don't feel the detainees were compliant, I think they complied with the rewards or extra benefits given them.

Did the chain of command above you back up your efforts to enforce SOPs?

Most of the time, but while I was working in camp 1, I was questioned why the camp seemed to be in an uproar when I was working.

Did guards complain about SOP not being enforced consistently? Yes

It was obvious when I instructed the guards at guard mount to adhere strictly to the SOP that they had a lot of questions and concerns about how the camp had been operating. There was some resistance to my direction. When I insisted to complete thorough cell searches a lot of contraband was confiscated. Guards would confiscate (b)(2) and other contraband items that weren't registered in DIMS, OIC or AOIC would tell the next shift to give them back. Examples: 1.) one time guards found TU-061 with fourteen water bottles---how could he collect so many, especially if the rule was (b)(2)

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(b)(2) This violated SOP, but guards weren't allowed to take the garment off that detainee; they were told it would cause too much trouble. 3.) Detainees transferred to Camp 1 from Camp 4 brought with them large prayer rugs, (b)(2)

(b)(2) I authorized confiscation because according to DIMS, there was no authorization for them (b)(2) On the next shift, the OIC or AOIC would have the rugs returned. 4.) (b)(2) A detainee had a second one made from a re-sewn trouser leg. Guard said "Which do you

want?" Detainee indicated both, guard took the one off detainee's head, creating an assault on the guard and caused an uproar on the tier.

Have you worked with the guard team on A Bloc? Assessment?

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(b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(3):10 was in my platoon during pre-service training. He is a good sailor. (b)(3):10 was the team leader for IRF's.

(b)(3):10 USC I counseled him twice for being late to work. He's not energetic, not enthusiastic, and basically not a good Sailor.

(b)(3):10 USC currently works in my Camp. She always has a sharp military appearance and enthusiastic about all tasks given. So far I can count on her to complete all tasks given in a timely manner. My opinion a good Sailor.

What were the biggest morale challenges in Camp 1?

The guards not being allowed to enforce the SOP. We couldn't enforce the SOP. When a block guard tells a detainee "No," we should back him up. This would prevent detainees from going up the chain of command. The detainees knew that when they didn't get the answer they wanted all they had to do was request the next higher person in the chain of command until they received the answer they wanted. This would undermine the authority of the block guards.

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