

Interview of (b)(3):10 USC

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*How long have you worked on in Camp 1? When you arrived in Camp 1, what sort of training did you get as Platoon Leader? Who trained you?*

He reported on 20 Sept 2005 and began training under a qualified platoon leader, working from the checklist called a Job Qualification Requirement, which lists all the duties required for the PLs. In training he stood watches both day and night. After completing the JQR under supervision of another CPO, he went to work. There was no interview with an officer after completion. JQRs are routed through the chain of command: 1st Sgt (LCPO), AOIC, OIC, then filed in Bldg 3. All billets from Sergeant of Guard down to Block Guard have same process of training by a qualified watchstander in that billet.

*Do detainees behave differently on day and night shifts?*

Hard to say; they act as they want; after midnight, they're mostly quiet.

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

(b)(3):10 received no brief by chain of command regarding commander's philosophy. The first OIC (b)(3):10 USC let the chiefs run the camp, and would brief the chiefs on only the extraordinary stuff. (b)(3):10 had been here a couple weeks, trusted CPOs; basically, the OIC just made sure the JQR was completed.

OIC/AOIC held weekly meetings with CPOs, sometimes even would hold them on non-scheduled days, and typically on (b)(2)

Changes happen almost every hour as guards adapt to detainees; the SOGs and PLs are the focal points of those changes, and they talk frequently at evening turnovers to ensure things get passed down.

When officers walk through, they change things; when not in the SOP or in GMMs, those changes are inconsistent. For example, in Camp 1, they allowed detainees to keep (b)(2) which then contributed to the rodent infestation. Then the rule was (b)(2). Detainees then put juice in water bottles and apples into the sealed containers. (b)(2)

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Problem is, officers don't always pass changes down to all PLs, so days later detainees want to know what happened. Difficult to tell whether detainees are trying to manipulate guards because PLs also have different levels of enforcement.

c.f. question on hanging stuff below.

Example of change without written guidance: (b)(2)

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*What are the procedures for a random headcount? Did guards have to sight skin or movement in random headcounts?*

(b)(2)

*What were the rules on hanging things in cells?*

(b)(2)

*Do you recall specific examples of complaints to Platoon Leaders about hanging things in cells?*

*Do you recall an officer giving training on random headcount procedures at guard mounts in the weeks before 9-10 June, and do you recall the substance of those procedures?*

*What sort of guidance did you give your Camp I guards about enforcing the SOPs? Did you ever find it necessary to tell guards to ease up on enforcement?*

Guards sometimes complained that block NCOs were doing what they're supposed to; two guards approached (b)(3):1 but wouldn't say who the Block NCO was, so he addressed all of them. Some guards say Block NCOs do small things like exchanging meals to prevent an uproar; (b)(3):10 would tell the Block NCOs to stick to SOP, but if not to let him know.

*What's the problem with an uproar? Why try to avoid it?*

Usually guards don't try to stop an uproar. Instead they close shutters. But an uproar can be followed by a detainee assault on a guard, and the guards are affected by the yelling and cursing.



In Camp 1, if detainees recognize guards who have been enforcing the rules on a discipline block, they'll harass the guards.

*If there are a lot of uproars, does it affect your performance evaluation?*

Not necessarily. When uproar starts, PLs notify the DOC and the chain of command. The OIC then asks what happened, what actions did PL take?

*Camp 1 is called a compliant camp, but none of this sounds very compliant, so why?*

OICs sometimes go in to talk to detainees, who then give the OICs a long list of complaints. OIC will say he'll try to do something, but detainees have selective hearing. OICs don't need to do that: if an OIC talks once to detainees, the block expects to talk to them constantly, which takes authority from PLs.

CPOs have discouraged OICs from speaking to detainees, but OICs still do it. For example, when exercise machines were put in, detainees would take hardware, so guards then would do cell searches. A detainee requested that guards take out the machine, or else detainees would break it. Chain of command came in, took detainee out into recreation yard: OIC, 2 AOICs, and cultural advisor (b)(3) all sitting down with the detainee, who only had his legs locked. They were trying to keep detainees quiet.

Have you worked with the guard team on A Block? (b)(3):10 USC §130b,(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Did any of those ever complain about procedures to be followed in camp.