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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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5. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME [REDACTED] 6. SSN [REDACTED] 7. GRADE/STATUS E-4/ AR

8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
B Co 325 MI BN, Waterbury, CT 06705

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

I was assigned to Camp Cropper just after 4 July 2003. The units already at Camp Cropper when I arrived were from 519th MI BN, the B Co. 325th MI BN and an MP Co in which I do not recall exactly who they were. Personnel in charge of MI Operations at Camp Cropper were [REDACTED] (B 325 MI Bn company commander) and [REDACTED] (interrogation operations). At Camp Cropper I didn't receive any Interrogation Rules of Engagement (IROEs). I was deployed to GTMO last year and didn't receive the IROEs there either, but was familiar with the term and meaning. I sat in on a few interrogations with [REDACTED] when I first arrived. We always conducted our interrogations outside the detainment area in a tent. While at Camp Cropper, I never saw or knew of any detainee abuse, Humiliation of detainees or anything out of the ordinary. On 15 September, I moved to Abu Ghurayb. The unit there, 519th MI BN, was not prepared to receive us so early. So they put us to work on the night shift from 2000 to 0800 in the morning, almost immediately, working around the detainment in a tent. No IROE had been given at this time. After a mortar attack on 19 September 2003, we were then given the space in the building to run the ICE. After the ICE was to a standard to work in, our shift was now moved to daytime hours to avoid any more injury or death during the daily evening attacks. It wasn't until a few weeks (date unknown) is when the IROEs were briefed and signed. I was not present for the first signing of the IROEs, however, there was a change to them and a second briefing was given and I signed the IROEs then. Before we moved into the "hard" building, I sat in on interrogations with [REDACTED] (97E/325th) and [REDACTED] (97E/ 325th) and [REDACTED] (97E/ 325th). The majority of the interrogations were outside in the interrogation tents. There were a few times when I had to go to the MI Holding area also called the "hardsite" with [REDACTED] to sit in on interrogations. The linguists we used were [REDACTED]. The interrogation techniques mainly used by the interrogators in my team were the direct approach. [REDACTED] was very detailed when interrogating detainees and used repetitive questioning. [REDACTED] used the sympathetic technique, and [REDACTED] used the direct approach. I never witnessed nor heard any of my team physically abuse or humiliate a detainee. In reference to naked detainees: One time when [REDACTED] and I went to the Hard Site to pick up a detainee to interrogate, we found the detainee naked in the cell. The detainee was identified as a high level official. The detainee was not scared nor hurt, he was embarrassed because all he was a sheet that we provided him for the interrogation, and that there was a female in the cell with him and not having clothes. Detainees would tell us that they were beaten when they were initially arrested and they would show us their bruises. We would ask them if they were in pain and offer to send a medic to check them out. Often times the detainees that were beaten during arrest were quite relieved that they weren't being abused at the prison. One detainee that I recall admitted to lying to us because he thought that he was going to be beaten, and decided to talk after he found out the we wouldn't hurt him. As far as the naked detainee in his cell, we (myself and [REDACTED]) asked the MP (I do not remember his name) to put his clothes back on. I do not know why the detainee was naked. His clothes were not in the cell, we actually waited about 10-15 minutes for the MPs to find his clothing, after they said that they didn't know which clothes were his because they were all together with other detainees clothing in a closet, we just got a sheet for the detainee to cover himself up with for the interrogation. We did leave him with the sheet when the interrogation was over. There were a quite a few others naked in the cell. I did not discuss this with anyone because it was known that the detainees were in their cells naked. It was a call by the MPs to keep them naked in the cells. This occurred during the night shift when we were still working outside in the tents. After we moved into the "hard" building, I continued to sit in on interrogations with [REDACTED] until I became part of a permanent tiger team with [REDACTED] and linguist [REDACTED]. We were part of The Force Protection Section - Tiger Team 2 (I am not certain if team 2 was us or not) My team leader was [REDACTED], he was from the 519th. I did sit on interrogations with him at times as well, but for the most part I was with [REDACTED] everyday for at least one to two interrogations a day. I do know that she used stress positions but after we signed the IROEs, she seized using those. I did not sit in on any interrogations with her when she used a stress position. After the tiger teams became permanent, [REDACTED] and I would talk together about the detainee and information he might know. She would put together her interrogation plan based on any information that I needed to know and find out. Never did I see or hear of [REDACTED] abusing or humiliating detainees in public. [REDACTED] and I were assigned to a group of detainees that were being held in the "hardsite". We were down there practically everyday.

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We would go down to the "hardsite", request the MP to open the door for the detainee we wanted to interrogate and the MP would bring the detainee either to the shower upstairs on the second floor in the juvenile side or the staircase on the MI Hold side. We always preferred the staircase but sometimes OGA would get there before us. [redacted] always had the detainee sit down either on the floor on a chair and never used stress positions then. We did interrogate on certain individual which was the leader of the group, more often than any other individuals. We asked the MP [redacted] on duty to strip him naked for us for the interrogation, in this instance, for this detainee we were always in the staircase. However, once the interrogation was done or when we led him out of the room, he was always, clothed. Never did he leave that room with nothing on. We would always ask the MP to escort the detainee for us back and forth from his cell to the interrogation room. If we used solitary, it was for a short amount of time, not more than 30 minutes in the early morning hours (0300-0400), we only did this twice. [redacted] and I would request to do an interrogation in the early morning hours (0300-0400), we only did this twice. [redacted] would always start off her interrogation with the direct approach, depending on the turn of the interrogation use love of family and fear up and other approaches. The detainee that we interrogated naked was named [redacted] (I am unsure of the last name, but if I see his name or photograph I can pick him out) Some of the techniques requiring higher authorization when I first arrived at Abu Ghurayb were Sleep deprivation and eating habits. We could use stress positions without the approval of higher. My team did not request/conduct any sleep deprivation or eating habit changes. After the IROEs were given to us in mid-October (timeframe is uncertain), we could no longer conduct stress positions without higher approval. My team followed the techniques posted on the IROEs that were posted in the ICE. [redacted] would say that she always followed what was in the regulation and what was taught at AIT. When the IROEs came out in mid-October, we had to sign them and then they were posted in the Interrogation Control Element (ICE). A team from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba came in to assess the operations run at Abu Ghurayb. Shortly after [redacted] from 519 went on as a CI Agent and [redacted] was our section leader. Other members of the Force Protection Section were [redacted] (97E), [redacted] (97B), [redacted] (97E), [redacted] and others that I do not recall at this time. The interpreter I used most often was [redacted]. Interrogation plans had to be approved by the section leader and then higher. I do not know who approved it from higher. [redacted] was the one who wrote the interrogation plan with the techniques she would be using. If we wanted to use a technique that required commanding approval a memorandum had to be written, explaining why and what type of information he could provide, it had to be given to our section leader and he then took care of it from that point on. When we first started, interrogation plans were not really done ahead of time. The analyst would talk to the interrogator and after we told them what we had found out, the interrogator would write down the plan right before going into the booth. [redacted] and I would plan and prepare the day before an interrogation and get the interrogation plan signed off the morning of. I do not know who signed off on the plan, after our section leader. I do remember one time I had to take an interrogation plan for signature and [redacted] was not around so I gave it to [redacted] to sign. I do not remember what techniques were being requested on that particular interrogation plan. I don't create or write any interrogation reports or plans. I only brought it to [redacted] to get it signed because we were on a strict time slot to get into an interrogation. I do not recall who the interrogation plan was specific to, but [redacted] reviewed the plan and signed off on it. I then returned it to our team leader [redacted]. I can't say for sure that the operations personnel knew of our detainee being interrogated naked, I can only assume since they had to sign the interrogation plan. I departed Abu Ghurayb late October to early November soon after COL PAPPAS moved in permanently. We would see COL Pappas almost everyday walking around in our LSA where [redacted] worked and in the ICE area. He never spoke to us. I did walk the hard site every day but I do not remember seeing naked detainees other than at the beginning when I went to the hard site with [redacted]. As far as humiliating a detainee, I do not know of any incident other than when we had them stripped naked for our interrogation only. [redacted] would sometimes come by and check on us when we were interrogating. [redacted] would also come by and check to see if everything was okay or if we needed him for anything. The only time that I saw any officers down in the hard site is when they were doing their "tours" to the Red Cross or visiting high ranking personnel. I would see the CPT of the MP company down there most often. I know we had observers after we built the interrogation booths. I do not know who was there because the booth had a one way mirror. We went off of the IROE [redacted] and the ICE leadership, directed to us. I don't know who directed them to give it to us. In the beginning, a lot of the techniques and approaches were discussed verbally between people and approvals were given that way (but I can't name specifically who would talk to whom). Later on, they started buckling down on a lot. I do not know specifically why. After being read the interrogation techniques from the power point slide, I am not sure what technique the naked interrogations fell under. It doesn't seem like it would fall under any of the IROEs listed. I never sat in on an interrogation where a detainee was told to sit against the wall. I never saw or was aware of any detainee abuse, humiliation, photos of detainees or videos of detainees. I had redeployed by the time CID began their investigation on the abuse. The only CID investigation I remember was the one after the mortar attack. I do not know of any other detainees being interrogated naked. I only heard rumors of it being done.

Q: Is there anything else you wish to add to your statement?

A: [redacted]

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 20 day of July, 2004 at FT. Richardson, AK 99505

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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