

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I arrived at Guantanamo (GTMO) Bay on July 03. After three month on site, I deployed to Iraq. I arrived at Abu Ghraib on 6 October 2003. I deployed as a member of a GTMO team consisting of CW3 [REDACTED] who focused on CITE-7/C2 (SSG [REDACTED] Analyst) focused on setting up the fusion cell and get analyst to better support interrogation operations. [REDACTED] (96B) was placed on the Extremist Foreign Fighters, [REDACTED] (96B) help [REDACTED] plus he conducted interrogations as part of Former Regime Elements Tiger Team and myself, an interrogator. Our mission at Abu Ghraib was to help set up the Tiger Team Concept and help them get back on track. I wasn't there to teach interrogation techniques. I would say that [REDACTED] is very knowledgeable on interrogation operations and presses responsibilities down to the soldiers. He would give me a task and expected me to complete it. He took care of soldiers and wanted the needs of the Army done. [REDACTED] is a hard working Marine who does everything by the book. [REDACTED] was quiet but did a good job. [REDACTED] was outspoken. He spoke his mind and wasn't afraid to speak out. He wasn't as experience as he thought. [REDACTED] is one of the most intelligent individuals I know. He wanted to jump into things more than he should have. He knew his job well. When we first arrived, we settled in and I was given a tour of the Hard Site, Camp Vigilant and Ganci. Within two day, we received training on the Interrogation Rules of Engagement. The first day I arrived, I was told to conduct an interrogation. [REDACTED] gave me the file of the detainee. She told me that some detainees were in sleep deprivation and some on dietary management. I interrogated a detainee who apparently was a Foreign Fighter from Syria (I can't recall seeing on the file if the detainee was on sleep deprivation or dietary management). I was then placed as the Section Leader on the Former Regime Tiger Team. My Tiger Team consisted of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was the section leader for about a month. My responsibilities were to prioritize detainees for interrogations, separate sources with interrogators, proofread all reports the interrogators on my team wrote and most of the administrative tasks for the team. I was the first authorization for approval of interrogation techniques to be used during an interrogation. My team would request a detainee to interrogate and tell me the approaches they were going to use. I would make the decision to approve and then forward them to [REDACTED] and they would sign off the interrogation plan and techniques to be used. Those requiring approval from [REDACTED] would take a while to get back. My team submitted a request for a stress position (stress positions were authorized when I first got there) to be used against a detainee who apparently was the head of a cell of a mortar team who was firing mortars at our troops. The team members were [REDACTED]. The technique to be used was to have the detainee sit against the wall. The duration would be for 15 minutes. I oversaw the interrogation and after a few minutes, I told them to stop. In late October, [REDACTED] also requested to interrogate a detainee naked. The request was forward to [REDACTED] and it was approved. I oversaw the interrogation and after a couple of minutes, I told them to stop because I believed this was not a productive technique. I had heard about nakedness at GTMO, but I never used it. Most of the detainees we had had no intelligence value and were brought to us by the 4ID. I would oversee some of the interrogations and the majority of the interrogation techniques were the direct approach, fear up and pride and ego down. I would spot check the team and I saw a few interrogators scream and yell but no physical abuse was conducted. I worked mainly with CW2 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The manpower was low and that is why believe I was placed as a section leader. I still had a responsibility to oversee other teams implementing the Tiger Team Concept. I was not able to truly mentor the other teams because I was pretty busy with my Section Team Leader duties and responsibilities. Once more personnel arrived from the 66th MI, 470th MI and 500th MI, I turned over my team to [REDACTED] and I was taken out as section leader. I gave a tour of the site to [REDACTED] (500th) SSG [REDACTED] (66th), [REDACTED] (500th), [REDACTED] (66th), [REDACTED] (66th) and [REDACTED] (500th). While on the tour, I never saw any detainee abuse. One of my responsibilities as a GTMO Team Member was to present classes on Cultural environment. What was strange was that I was there to help implement the Tiger Team concept and I was placed as a section leader on a Tiger Team [REDACTED]

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None of the other Team members had to give classes or placed in a leadership position. In my eyes, we were misused. Analysts were not allowed to conduct interrogations in GTMO unlike, at Abu Ghraib, where [REDACTED] an analyst was allowed to conducting interrogations. The GTMO Team would get together every once in a while and discuss how the implementation of the Tiger Team Concept was going on and on how the interrogation plans and files were coming along. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were focused on establishing a database and making sure everyone could find it and gather information from it. They were able to properly train other analysts by sitting with them. They didn't have to write reports but they reviewed some. In reference to GHOST DETAINEES: One day when I came on shift, I was told by someone that a detainee had died the night before. What I was told happened was that OGA chained a detainee up in the shower area and the detainee ended up dying. I went to [REDACTED] and told him that I had a problem with what OGA did to this Detainee and that what happened could come back and get us in trouble. [REDACTED] said that OGA had their own rules. I then went to [REDACTED] and he told me the same thing. My concern was that they were being placed in the cell without being documented. I told [REDACTED] that the OGA issue needed to be changed and he agreed that they needed to change it. After I moved from the Tiger Team, I was going to be placed as the coordinator with OGA, but that didn't happen. I didn't see OGA treat their detainees any different than the MI detainees. One day when I was walking through the Hard Site, I remember seeing naked detainees in the Iraqi Police site (MPs area). I do not know why they were naked. I saw them naked every once in a while (about weekly). I never questioned the MPs. Anyone who walked through the area should have seen the same thing I saw. In reference to ladies underwear: I remember one MP put a detainee in underwear. The MP was an African American male and an E-5. I believe he said that the detainee was placed in pink silky women's underwear because the detainee was being punished for something he did wrong. I did not get any other information on why the detainee was in silk panties. The individual was in a cell on the second floor and anyone who walked by could see this. I didn't report it because I knew that [REDACTED] would walk around daily and would see this. I saw some detainees shackled to the bed bars, but never to my team's detainees. The MPs ran the cages and they knew I was one of the GTMO guys and they didn't mess with my detainees or me. I would tell them that if they do not touch my detainees unless I told them specifically to do something. We would suggest to the MPs what we wanted them to do to the Detainees, i.e., give them more food, but we had control of our detainees. I was not at the Hard Site the night of the shooting on 24 November. I was volunteered to go. I had heard that there was a detainee who had a weapon in the cell and that the MPs were yelling at him "Drop it. Drop it!" The detainee would not drop the weapon. The detainee shot at our MPs and our MPs fired back. I did not see this. No one really had a duty when I arrived. I am not sure if it was [REDACTED] who came up with a plan. There was a Detainee who was sitting in a vehicle (he had good knowledge of who was a Former Fedayeen). We would take the Iraqi Police and he would identify them as a Former Fedayeen or not. His results were very accurate with names we already had. Once identified as Former Fedayeen, they were set aside to later be questioned. That individual selected to question the selected individuals was [REDACTED] and he had his interpreter, [REDACTED]. I did one interrogation that evening in the storage area off to the side of the MI Hold. I then became part of the group who kept the Iraqi Police quiet (Shut Up Group). I did see dogs that evening. They were checking the cells. At one time, the dog almost bit me, but the dog did bite the handler. I do not know if the detainees were in the cells when the dogs went in there that evening. [REDACTED] did one interrogation, I found out he was questioning the [REDACTED] reporter, when I found this out, I told him to stop because this was my detainee. He stopped. There was nothing violating the IROE in that particular Interrogation. The MP's conducted a search of the cells to find out information on any more weapons possibly smuggled in the Hard Site. The next day, I was on a team with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who checked all the IPs from the next shift. I did this until I left. The only thing close to detainee abuse that I saw was when a detainee was being forced fed with an I.V. I was told this was to help him eat. The MPs would hold him down while the IV was on him. I did hear that before I got there two interrogators from Fort Bragg had interrogated a female detainee without approval and they were taken out of interrogation operations. There was also the incident with [REDACTED]. The night of the incident, she told me that [REDACTED] had taken her out of interrogations because she had walked a naked detainee back from interrogations. She asked me if I knew what actions they would take against her and I told her She was in trouble. After the incident, [REDACTED] had a formation and told everyone to make sure they were following the IROEs and we had to sign them again. Those that worked in the night shift knew about the incident, but it is possible that those who were on the day shift did not know what happened. I saw an MP (E-6 with Mustache, later identified as [REDACTED] from a photo. I also identified the female the photo was taken of in one of the photos provided by the investigator ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] take a picture of a female detainee who was leaving the Hard Site. I told [REDACTED] that he was not authorized to have a camera or take pictures. I also told him that if I find out he is taking photos of MI Detainees, he was going to deal with me. I asked of the DISK and I destroyed the disk. I never reported the incident to higher. I do not know why he had the camera in the hard site and I do not know what they do with their detainees, but I told him not to mess with the MI Hold. Soon after that, I departed IRAQ. I was e-mailed by [REDACTED] on several occasions where he told me of the investigation going on and provided some questions being asked. I have provided those e-mails to the Investigative Team as part of this statement. I was also ordered not to discuss anything about this investigation with anyone. Q. Is there anything else you would like to add to this statement? A. No.

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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 4TH day of JUNE, 2004 at METRO PARK, SPRINGFIELD VA

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