

13 June 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, 400<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion

SUBJECT: Use of Deadly Force, Abu Guhrayb Detainment Facility

1. On, 12 June 2004, at approximately 1800 hours, the detainees became agitated and began demanding answers regarding their capture and the amount of time they would be held in custody. They were upset and declared that they were being housed improperly and lacked basic needs such as showers, shampoo, blankets and toilets. Several of the detainees threw rocks and tent poles out of the enclosure at the guards and one guard was struck on the hand. At that time, the Company First Sergeant, [REDACTED] (b)(6)-1, and myself responded to the yard and addressed the detainees through one of the prisoner interpreters. They were advised that many of the new detainees had release dates and that the Camp Commander would review other cases and provide us information when it was available. The detainees were all advised that throwing rocks and tent poles at the guards would constitute deadly force and that they could and would be shot if that behavior occurred again. The situation was deescalated, however, due to a lack of additional compounds, the individuals suspected of throwing rocks and tent poles were not pulled out and segregated. A sitrep was sent to battalion with a request to charge the individuals and have them sent to Camp Cropper.
2. On 13 June 2003, at approximately 1400 hours (b)(6) 4 a disturbance was again reported in the yard and involved an attempted escape by detainee [REDACTED]. The detainee attempted to go through the wire utilizing a cardboard box, however, was immediately apprehended as he exited the wire. At this time a count was initiated, however, detainees in both compounds refused to stand to be counted. The QRF was dispatched, and ultimately the count proceeded without incident. Shortly after the count the QRF was being called again and as they were responded multiple gunshots were heard in the yard.
3. Upon responding into the yard it was discovered that multiple detainees with multiple rocks and tent poles had targeted the military police working the enclosure compounds and were throwing the rocks and tent poles at them. As they attempted to flee military police in the tower feared for the lives of the enclosure guards. Simultaneously, three military police from three different guard towers, followed the rules of engagement and fired upon identified detainees who were engaging in the use of deadly force against U.S. personnel. Two military police shot with 12 gauge shotguns and one fired approximately 4 - 5.56mm rounds from his M-16. At the end of the engagement 7 Iraqi detainees were wounded, one was killed and one U.S. soldier from the 400<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion was injured from being hit by a rock.
4. All wounded were taken from the enclosure area and provided first aid by medics from the 400<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion as well as combat lifesavers from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company. Medivac was requested and the 7 wounded detainees were evacuated. The body and personnel affects of the KIA were release to Iraqi authorities.

The following is the list of wounded and KIA

SEC #	NAME		INJURY	OFFENSE	RELEASE DATE
	[REDACTED]	KIA	Gunshots lower abb and back	Theft and Curfew	20030616
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot left arm	Black Market	20030615
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot right Abdomen	Weapons	20030616
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot left arm	Looting	20030622
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot left shoulder	Raid	unk
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot lower back and butt	Gang	unk
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot left abdomen	Curfew	unk
	[REDACTED]		Gunshot left arm	Unk	unk

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3. POC for this action is the undersigned.

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