

**PRISONER OF WAR
HANDLING**

**Geneva Convention
&
The Five S's**

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1949 Geneva Conventions

- Humanely treated, maintain protective clothing, boots, pro mask and food

POW's life may not be threatened, and can not be a human shield

He may not be humiliated through insults or public display

- Inhumane treatment is punishable under international law and the UCMJ

5 Ss of POW Handling

■ SEARCH

■ SILENCE

■ SEGREGATE

■ SAFEGUARD

■ SPEED TO THE REAR

SEARCH

- Disarm, and place in stress position, prefer two per POW
 - Check entire body for concealed weapons, shoe laces, razor blades, pocket knives
- New, unfamiliar weapons need to be tagged and sent with prisoner, others destroyed
- Protective gear remains with POW

SEARCH

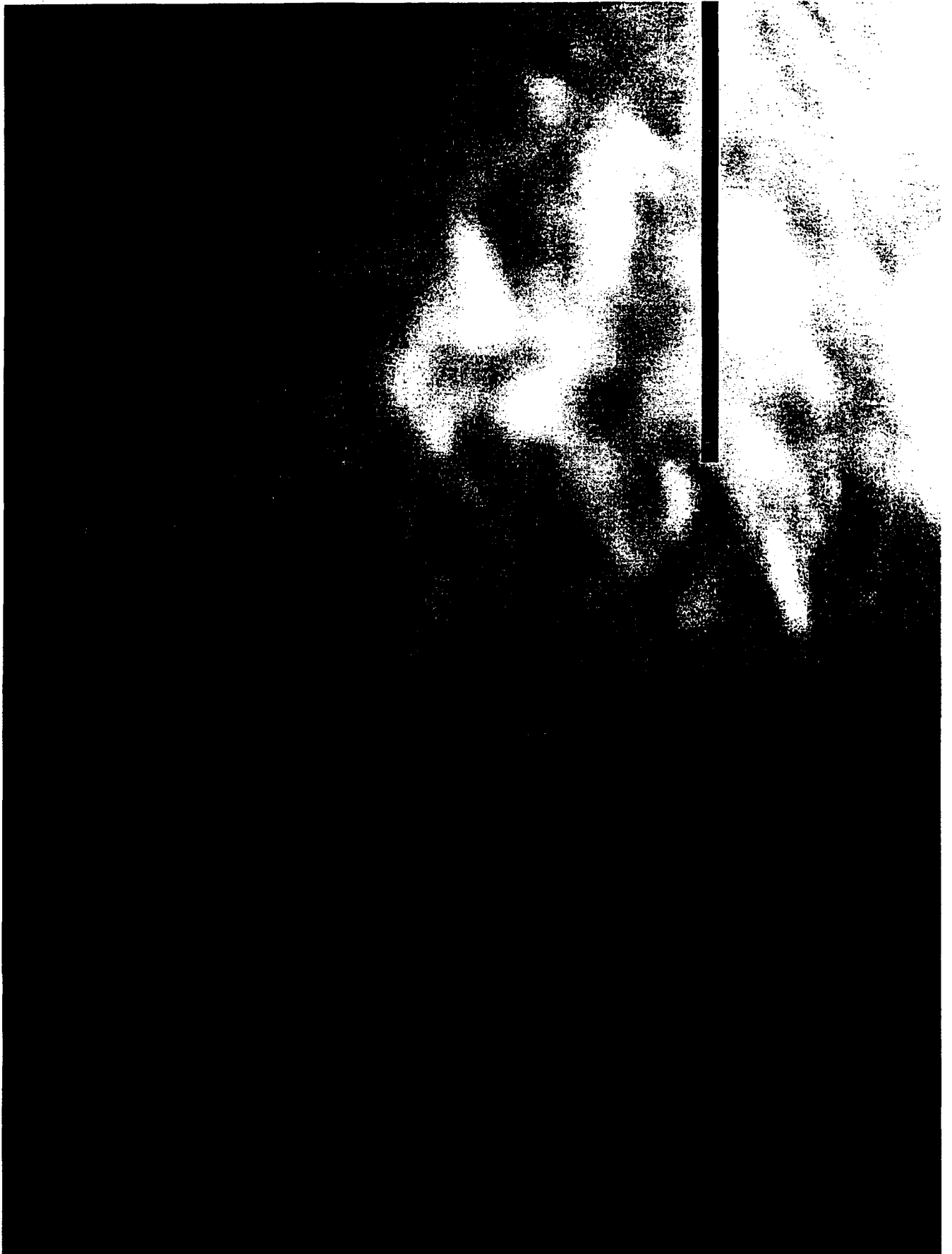
- Recorded information in POW possession is captured enemy document, need tagging
- Official: FM, maps, overlays, orders - are logged and confiscated
- Personal: Letters, diaries, books - should be logged and returned
- Valuables such as money and jewelry should be impounded, hand receipt to POW

SILENCE & SEGREGATE

- Strict discipline should be used to maintain silence, preserving shock of capture
- └ Segregation should occur ASAP
 - Officers; NCOs; Lower enlisted
 - Female soldiers (same grouping as above)
 - Deserters/Non-combatants
- Ranking individuals will influence subordinates

SAFEGUARD & SPEED TO THE REAR

- Safeguard- POW must be protected against violence, insult, curiosity or reprisal
- Speed to the Rear- Normal chain of evacuation is by SOP, usually to the Brigade Support Area

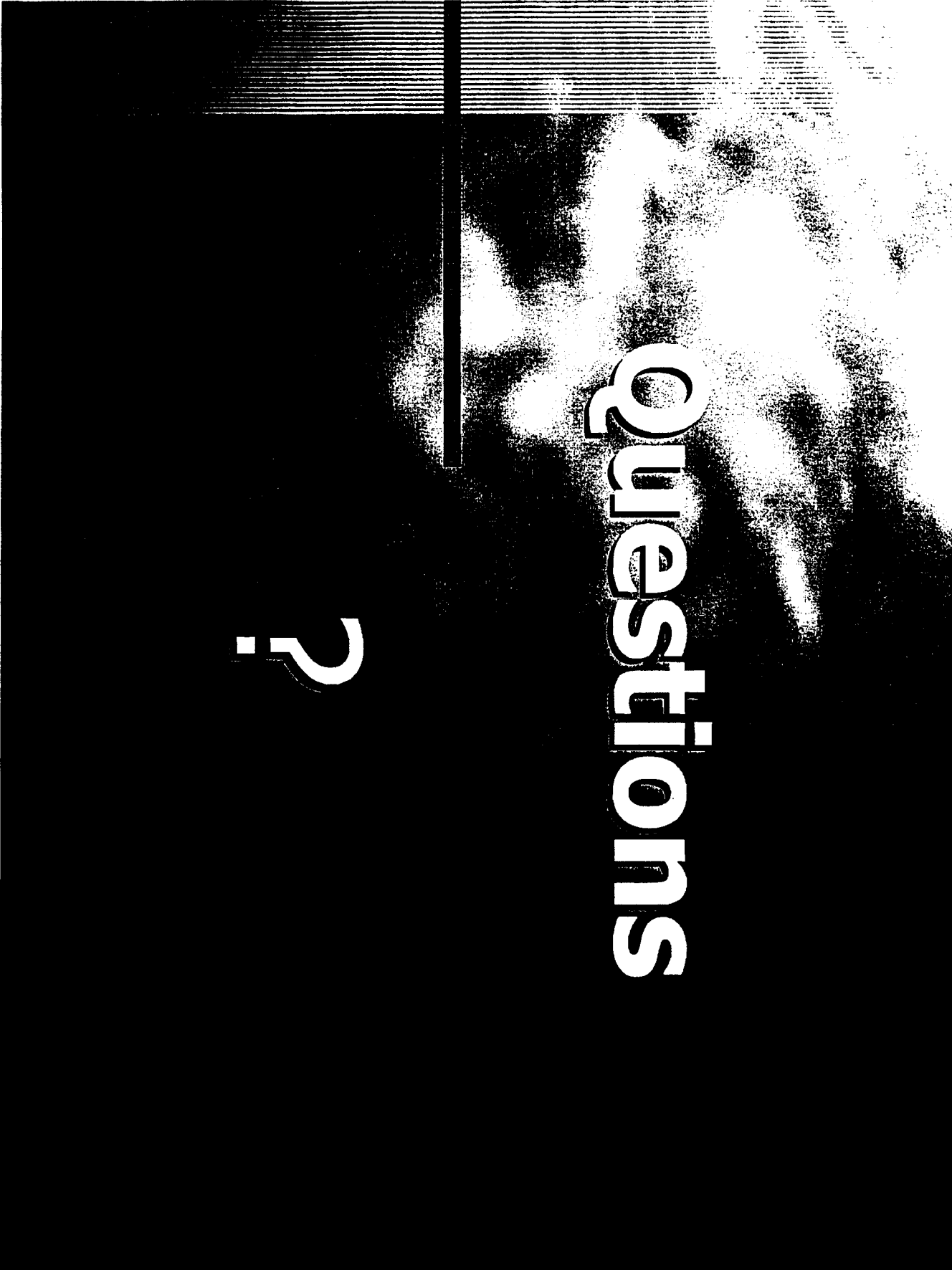


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