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Subject: EPW issues

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We're in the process of finalizing some EPW issues for the Pentagon. Last night a report went to the White House via SecDef of all the Iraqi detainee issues (abuse & death cases) and one incident that the USMC reported that I had not seen involved the following:

Unit - 3rd Bn, 7th Mar, 1st MARDIV, I MEF
Date: 19Apr04
Location: Husaybah, Iraq (3/7 Holding area)
Victim: Unidentified

Summary: "On 19 Apr04, a detainee (suspected Muj martyr) captured during heavy combat operations died of unknown causes 36 hours after he was apprehended. The detainee is suspected to have died from head injuries suffered during one of over 20 escape attempts, including one in which he escaped from his restraints and threw himself through a 1/2 story window, landing on his head. Subsequent examination by a medical officer (MO) had him conscious, with good pupils, and responsive. However, a few hours later he took a turn for the worse and died with a Corpsman present. The examining MO surmised that the detainee died from internal cranial bleeding from the fall that was slow to kill him. The entire period of the detainee's captivity occurred during an intense combat engagement. Since the fall out the window did not appear to have caused any injury, the detainee was not evacuated due to military necessity."

Disposition: No allegations of abuse
Status: Closed

We need to determine what (if any) type of Command report was initiated to document this incident.

[REDACTED] can you please make inquiries at the I MEF there in Iraq.

[REDACTED] anything that you have at HQUSMC would help.

Thanks,
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