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APPENDIX 2 TO
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PW HANDLING AIDE MEMOIRE

COMBAT TROOPS	
WHO IS A PRISONER OF WAR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enemy personnel in or out of uniform who carry arms openly. • Civilians who accompany the Armed Forces of the enemy e.g war correspondents, supply contractors, civilian members of aircraft crews. • Crews of merchant ships and civil aircraft belonging to the enemy.
IF IN DOUBT - TREAT AS PW	
ACTION ON CAPTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disarm - Search - Administer First Aid (if required) • Segregate Officers, NCOs, Other Ranks, Females from Males, and Juveniles (under 15) from both. • Escort to Unit or Sub-Unit HQ as directed.
ACTION AT UNIT OR SUB-UNIT HQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tag or Label PW. • Remove and Tag or Label: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weapons. • Documents or equipment captured with the PW. • Do not Remove: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing. • Protective Equipment. • Personal effects. • ID discs or documents. • Any medication. • Medical or religious accoutrements from Retained Personnel • Safe Custody: Treat humanely. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter PW from enemy fire and the elements. • Provide food, water, and protective clothing. • Move PW out of the combat zone as soon as possible. • Do not fraternise with PW. • Carry out Tactical Questioning. • Escort PW to Collecting Point.
MINIMUM INFORMATION	Do NOT use force to gain information from a PW. When questioned, a PW is required only to give: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name - Rank - Number - Date of Birth

THE STAFF	
RESPONSIBILITIES	J1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW Policy. • All aspects of safe custody and evacuation of PW. • Determination of PW status. • Transfer of PW between nations. J2/J3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimating PW numbers. • Organising Tactical Questioning and Interrogation of PW. • Establishing and manning the PW Handling Organisation. • Locating PW facilities. • Ordering the construction of PW facilities. J4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of medical support. • Provision of construction materials for PW facilities. • Administering PW (feeding, clothing, moving and accommodating).
THE COMMANDER	
INTELLIGENCE	As part of Intelligence Preparation of the Battlefield, J2 staff make assessment of likelihood of significant numbers of PW being captured in the course of the operation.
THE ESTIMATE	J3 staff make provision for impact of significant PW capture in considering 'Other Relevant factors' as part of the Estimate Process.
THE PLAN	J3 staff make provision for Handling PW in Plan.
COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES	Commander's responsibilities for PW are summarised as ensuring that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals under his command comply with the four 1949 Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocol I. • PW captured by forces under his command are treated in accordance with the Laws of Armed Conflict. • An appropriate PW Handling Organisation is in place within his formation. • PW are evacuated as soon as possible and are not needlessly exposed to danger.

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