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Good Morning All - reference the tasking for comments to be included in our Post Op Report - herewith my comments.....

General

1. From a personal point of view - and based on my past experience of Op Granby and service throughout the Arabian Peninsular - I found OP Telic a most rewarding experience. We had the opportunity to practise all the skills we teach within the Branch - and we learnt a lot about both ourselves and each other!!!! Even the attachment to the IEB was a learning experience!! But without doubt it was the attachment to 16 AA Bde that was the most rewarding experience - especially the deployment fwd with the BGs - which is the way FHTs should work in the future.

Specific Points

2. Handling of PW: bearing in mind that this was 'conventional warfare' the handling of PW was abysmal - though this could just be unique to 16 AA Bde units. This was inexcusable as all units should have been aware of the content of JWP 1-10. Someone must grasp this nettle - and frankly I don't think it is down to us!!!! Which leads me onto the PH & TQ Course!!

3. PH & TQ: I stand by my original comments concerning this course - TQ is an outdated concept and as it is not supported by units it should be discontinued. The way ahead is Tactical Interrogation.

4. Tactical Interrogation: the F Branch Team had the opportunity of practising Tactical Interrogation carried out within BG AORs. This was outstandingly successful and much valuable tactical intelligence was gained as a result. This has got to be the way ahead in future deployments. Which leads me on to the makeup of an FHT deployed on operations other than Peace Keeping.

5. The FHT: our composite FHT [REDACTED]

Despite having no transport and comms this ad hoc Team achieved exceptional results. The ideal future combination for members of an FHT is that they be trained [REDACTED] Interrogators. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All Arm/Service/Reservist Interrogators should also be capable of deploying forward into BG AORs if required. I see the future composition of HUMINT units as there being a HUMINT Unit comprising a JFIT, which would be located in a semi-permanent location (where the EPW are located) and any number of FHTs, capable of carrying out Tactical Interrogation [REDACTED]

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