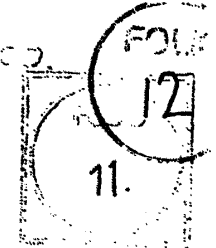


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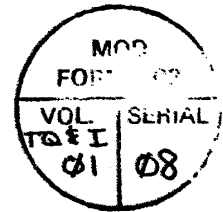


**UK DEFENCE POLICY FOR**

**TACTICAL QUESTIONING AND INTERROGATION**

**References:**

- A. JWP 1-10 – Prisoners of War Handling (Published Mar 01).
- B. STANAG 2033 – Interrogation of Prisoners of War (PW) (Last amended 01 Oct 97).
- C. STANAG 2044 – Procedures for Dealing with Prisoners of War (PW) (Last amended 01 Oct 97).
- D. Prisoners Intelligence and War<sup>1</sup> (Published 1990).

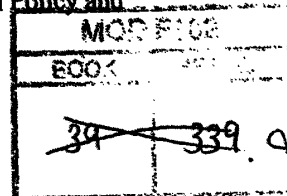
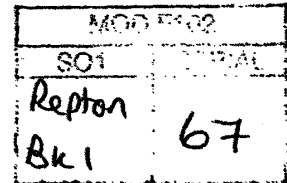


**INTRODUCTION**

1. Reference A sets out the current UK PW handling principles and processes for PW handling and References B and C detail the UK-signed STANAGS which underpin it. Currently, there is no coherent operational capability for Tactical Questioning (TQ) and Interrogation that enables MODUK to comply with any of these references.

**PURPOSE**

2. This paper addresses current and future UK TQ and Interrogation Policy and Capability requirements and makes recommendations.



<sup>1</sup> A Defence Fellowship Study conducted at Kings College London University 1988-1989 by Col DM Burrill Late INT CORPS.

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consequence is that deploying units were not appropriately trained to handle PW nor were they trained to conduct TQ or sustain the 'shock of capture' which is critical to successful interrogation.

11. Interrogation. There is no MOD-endorsed doctrine for interrogation. The advent of the Field HUMINT Team (FHT) concept has complicated understanding but FHTs are not designed, equipped, manned or trained to conduct interrogation. They cannot interrogate one day and be expected to conduct [REDACTED] the next, particularly if any PW/detainees have been released back into the community or if local interpreters have been employed. It is vital that JFITs are considered separately from FHTs. A recent development is that 1 MI Bde has directed 3 MI Bn (V) to provide up to 3 JFITs<sup>10</sup> in support of the Defence Missions in its Bde Plan 02/03, although it is not clear what now constitutes a JFIT. Moreover, the Reservist interrogation units have not trained in a properly-conducted exercise for at least 3 years. They have no vehicles or equipment with which to do their job [REDACTED]

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12. Consequences of Failing to Maintain An Interrogation Capability. The consequences of failing to maintain an interrogation capability are:

- a. It will not be possible to exploit PW other than by cursory TQ at the Point of Capture.

<sup>10</sup> 1 MI Bde letter 3/710/3 dated 12 Aug 02.

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