

impressed by their professionalism and respectful treatment of anyone they detained.

17. Despite being out and about in Basra most of the time, I had very little exposure to the arrest and/or detention of prisoners. I can only remember one occasion during Op TELIC 2 when I was involved in the detention of some Iraqis. I cannot now remember the precise date of this incident but I think it was after the events of 14 - 16 September 2003. I do recall that while I was out on patrol there was been a report from a Company (who I believe was C Company) that they had been engaged by an Iraqi and had returned fire and injured him, but that they had been unable to locate him. With my Platoon we found the Iraqi receiving treatment in hospital for a chest wound, along with about seven other Iraqis who had come in with him. Some of these were friends or family of the injured man, and some were people who had simply found him and brought him to hospital. I believed that among these people there were likely to be witnesses to the shooting as there were some that were covered in blood and appeared to have been present at the time of the shooting, so I asked that they accompany me back to camp to answer questions. I recall that they all came back to the camp as requested. My Platoon took the Iraqis back to the camp of the Company who had put out the report which, as stated, I believe was C Company. In any event, I remember that the Company Sergeant Major of that Company at the time was WO2 Spencer Parry.
18. I cannot now remember the name of their camp, but it was not BG Main, and when we arrived I handed over the seven detainees to WO2 Parry and explained why I had brought them in. I then went into one of the offices briefly to book in and book out. I remember that when I came back outside the seven detainees I had brought had been added into a larger group of detainees in an open area outside near the fence, and were

being guarded by a number of soldiers. I do not now know who any of these soldiers were, and may not have even known them at that time, but I was very annoyed at what I saw. There were about 15 detainees in total and they were all hooded with sandbags and were plasticuffed, although I cannot remember whether they were plasticuffed to their front or back. They were being shouted at and moved around by the soldiers. I think that this was done to maintain the detainee's shock of capture (my understanding of 'shock of capture is explained below at paragraph 21).

19. Off to one side of the group of detainees I could see WO2 Parry sitting with an interpreter and I could hear him questioning one of the detainees in a quiet and calm manner. This detainee was not hooded. I assume he was trying to establish his identity. While this was going on the rest of the soldiers continued to shout at the detainees, move them around a little bit so they were never standing still by making them squat, stand up, sit down, kneel down and so forth. They were not placed in what I understand to be stress positions (namely positions where the maintenance of a single position causes discomfort or pain). I only saw this scene for about 30 seconds, and did not see any of the soldiers strike any detainee.
  
20. I immediately went over to the group and removed the seven detainees that I had brought into camp. I was particularly annoyed that these detainees had come with me voluntarily and yet they were being treated in this way. I recall that WO2 Parry complained when I took them and said that he hadn't been able to question them yet, but I told him that I was not interested and that I was not having them treated like that. I then drove all of the seven detainees back to their homes in Basra. When I returned to BG Main that evening I reported these events to Major Lighten and the fact that I was unhappy about the treatment of the detainees and he

confirmed that he would take it up the chain of command. I respected Major Lighten and am confident that he would have done this, however I never received any follow-up on this complaint.

### **Shock of Capture**

21. I understand that the term "shock of capture" describes the disorientation and dislocation felt by prisoners on their capture. In response to a question from the Inquiry, I cannot specifically recall when I first learned what the 'shock of capture' means, but it is a phrase that I have heard throughout my military career during various training courses and exercises when the issue of prisoners of war has been raised, from as early as my recruit training. Although I cannot now recall specific dates or locations of these courses and exercises, I recall that, for example, the phrase 'shock of capture' was discussed in a prisoner handling training film produced by the Services Sound & Vision Company in the late 1980s, which I believe all serving members of the Army would have seen at one point or another. However I do not recall ever receiving training specific to the shock of capture or how to maintain it. Rather, it was a phrase mentioned as part of general prisoner handling training in conventional war-fighting scenarios, which is the only kind of scenario we ever trained for prior to Op TELIC 2. I do not recall ever hearing the phrase during Op TELIC 2 at any time.

### **Press**

22. I have never given an account of matters relevant to the Inquiry's terms of reference to the press or other media.