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ALLEGATIONS BY JFIT COMMANDER

1. The death of an internee whilst in the custody of 1 QLR is now a matter under investigation by SIB. The investigation should, at the very least, include a post mortem of the deceased and a full examination of the facts revealed by the RMP. It is to everyone's benefit that the investigation includes complete disclosure and scrutiny of the events surrounding the death of the internee from the point of arrest to his death and 1 QLR continue to co-operate fully with the enquiry.

2. Anything other than a full discussion of fact could jeopardise the RMP investigation and allow judgment to be passed by those who would further seek to damage the reputation of the Battalion and the Brigade. To that end the attitude and actions of the JFIT Commander towards the Officer who accompanied the internees to the JFIT, and his subsequent allegations, are most unhelpful. A copy of a statement by the Officer, who accompanied the internees to the JFIT, regarding the allegations and manner of the JFIT Commander is attached.


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Enclosure:

Statement by Lt Rogers

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