

interviewed at the centre on Salisbury Plain, but no EPW were transported back from the Gulf.

- c. Northern Iraq, post-Gulf War. Interrogation of Iraqis captured crossing the border was conducted by UK personnel during operations in Northern Iraq.

CURRENT DOCTRINE

4. References A to D are the current national and NATO publications covering EPW handling and interrogation in war. They are somewhat dated, stemming from the Cold War and the in-built assumptions that conflict would be more simplistic and at a higher level than is currently the norm. By adopting STANAGs 2033 and 2044 the UK appears, by default, to have adopted their content as national doctrine. Extensive searching has not revealed any parallel national requirements.

5. Reference E will be the replacement for Reference A but is still at the draft stage. Although it details D INT CORPS as the provider of advice on interrogation, tactical questioning techniques and the processing of captured documents and equipment for intelligence purposes, it otherwise deals with interrogation in a cursory manner. There is, as yet, no evidence of any intention to replace Reference C.

CURRENT INTERROGATION CAPABILITY

6. To date an interrogation capability resides within all 3 MI Battalions, JSIO, the RNR Interrogator Branch and 7630 Sqn, R Aux AF. Of those units, only 22 MI Coy (V) of 3 MI Bn (V) currently possesses formed, trained and exercised Forward Interrogation Teams (FITs). It is configured to provide \blacksquare x FITs \blacksquare from each Section of the Coy. The Coy is presently \blacksquare strong of which \blacksquare are trained Interrogators. (It does not, however, have any vehicles or equipment, other than personal, dedicated solely to the FIT task.) The other two Regular MI Bns and JSIO have FHTs only and although many of their personnel have done the JSIO Interrogation Course they are largely devoid of language capability.

7. The RNR Interrogator Branch (currently \blacksquare Officers), those Interrogators in JSIO who are not already part of the FHT, and 7630 Sqn (currently \blacksquare Officers) are not warned off to form any part of any JFIT and have not been since the demise of the Joint Service Interrogation Wing (JSIW). Consequently there has been a period of at least 3 years where many trained Interrogators have done little or no exercising in their primary function and there is no organisational framework in place to accept them should an exercise or operation be called.

8. Prior to 1991, the war role of the three Reservist Interrogator Units (HMS FERRET, 22 MI Coy(V) and 7630 Sqn RAuxAF) was to be allocated to Interrogation Teams in the UK at Detailed Interrogation Centres at JSIW Ashford, Pontrilas and Edinburgh. They would also form 2-man JFITs at certain ports, airfields and in UK and BAOR.

9. Post the Gulf War, JSIW proposed to PJHQ/MOD the formation of 12-man JFITs (now called Field HUMINT Teams). No answer can be identified but history