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Furthermore, I did not witness at any time, any of the detainees being punched, slapped, elbowed, kneed, kicked or being subjected to any other form of physical abuse by members of C Coy. Had I witnessed any such action taking place at any time throughout the entire tour, I would have ensured that disciplinary action was taken against the offender. Abuse of detainees in this fashion was not tolerated by me and I am certain that it was not tolerated by Maj Kenyon either. I noticed that the detainees were standing in the sun and I moved them to a shaded area close by where I gave them water.

I believe the RMP NCO came across at that stage and documented the detainees by attempting to record their details. He also took photographs.

I recall that I spoke to them with the aid of an interpreter for a few minutes and then left to speak to Maj Kenyon.

I believe he was in his office adjacent to the dining facility and he informed me that the CO 1 KINGS would be visiting to speak to the detainees because the Garamasche tribesmen originated from his area of responsibility. It was a few hours later that the CO 1 KINGS arrived and his attendance will be recorded on the Ops log. During this period of time I periodically checked on the detainees to ensure they were all right. On these occasions I did not see them adopting any stress positions or being physically abused.

On arrival of the CO 1 KINGS, the detainees were handed over by Maj Kenyon and the detainees were placed on the back of a Bedford lorry. The lorry then left our location.

Throughout the tour one of our responsibilities was to maintain security at petrol stations as there was a risk of theft and they were decreed to be terrorist targets. I am aware of a couple of incidents at petrol stations where locals fired off a number of rounds and C Coy personnel were required to respond.

I am not aware of any incident involving the arrest of an Iraqi at a petrol station in Basrah, where members of C Coy are alleged to have physically assaulted the man whilst in the back of a Saxon vehicle.

During the second third of our tour I recall an occasion when Maj Kenyon addressed the entire Company whilst on the volleyball court within OSB. He made a point of stating that he would not condone violence or abuse of any detainee by any member of the Company. He stated that he fully appreciated the difficulty of dealing with serious incidents on a daily basis and informed the troops that they were doing a good job. I am not entirely sure, but I believe this briefing was given after and as a result of the death of a detainee by the name of Baha Musa. I do not believe that it was in any way directed at the activities of C Coy personnel.

There were occasions when detainees were being held at OSB and would have been out of sight of both myself and Maj Kenyon. It is a possibility that the troops guarding them could have assaulted them or directed them to adopt stress positions, however, I did not see that occur at any time throughout the tour. The majority of detainees brought to OSB would have spent most of their time in the corridor outside my accommodation. It would not be normal practice for detainees to be hooded

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