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Continuation of statement of:	Matthew John MADINE		

Whilst processing a number of detainees in the holding area, a soldier from C Coy, 1 QLR, who I cannot now remember, approached me and said that a detainee had told him he had been beaten by soldiers and had bruising to his arm and the side of his torso.

When I came to process this detainee, I asked him via the interpreter what had happened. He lifted the clothing that he was wearing, which I don't now remember and showed me his bruising.

I would describe this bruising as about the size of a tennis ball on the upper arm. I don't remember whether it was the left or right. The colouring of the bruising was an off purple colour. He also had about the same size bruising at the side of his torso, on the same side as his arm.

He told me via the interpreter that soldiers had caused the bruising. When I had finished processing the detainees I told the CSM, WO2 Parry what the detainee had told me. He assured me that he would speak to the soldiers and as far as I was concerned I thought he would report this to the OC.

At the time of seeing the bruise I was less than a metre away from the detainee and could see clearly, however, due to the time that has elapsed, I am unable to describe the injury any further, or indeed, the detainee. Although I am not a doctor the bruising did not look fresh. Apart from on this occasion, I did not see any other injuries present on detainees nor did any Iraqi civilians complain to me about being beaten by servicemen.

I believe that I saw this Iraqi male with the bruising towards the end of my tour, about a week or two prior to my departure from C Coy, 1 QLR.

As far as I saw when attached to C Coy, 1 QLR, all detainees were treated fairly. I do not think that the OC, Maj Kenyon, would have allowed any mistreatment to occur. My perception of the OC was that he was very professional and enthusiastic and tried to get involved as much as he could.

Having been asked by Sgt Neill N, RMP (SIB), I do recall an incident whereby members of the Garamsche tribe were arrested by C Coy.

On this occasion, the date of which I do not remember, it was the CSM's decision that I would deploy as a multiple commander with one of the multiples due to manpower shortage.

We were at Al Saudia police station when I saw three pick-up trucks containing Iraqi civilians who were armed with AK47s.

At this point we got into our wagon and followed the vehicles to a nearby roundabout.

I alighted from the vehicle shortly followed by the rest of my multiple and through the interpreter managed to get the Iraqis to put their weapons on the ground. After consultation with a male, thought to be the leader, we recovered all their weapons and ammo. By this time 15-20 Iraqi police had arrived and they subsequently conveyed these Iraqis to the police station.

I informed C Coy about what had happened and was told that the detainees were to be released on the authority of the CO, Lt Col Mendonca.

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