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Continuation of statement of:	William Hewitt MOORE		

for the Land Component in Iraq from Mar 03 – Sep 03 entitled FRAGO 29 to  
OPO 005/03 – Internment Procedures.

I have signed and dated the attached label.

Given this was policy issued by 1 (UK) Armd Div, I remember that a covering letter from the Brigade was attached to the document and despatched to all units within 19 Mech Bde, including 1 QLR. There was no requirement for me to issue additional instructions or policy on detainee internment.

The vast majority of the Brigade conducted themselves professionally throughout what was a challenging tour in a demanding environment. There was the odd occasion when soldiers and officers let themselves and their units down, but these were few and far between. As regards 1 QLR, there were only a couple of such incidents. As I have detailed in my earlier statement, on Thu 14 Aug 03, Capt Dai Jones, an officer in 1 QLR was murdered in a roadside bomb attack on a marked Military Ambulance. Having offered CO 1 QLR my condolences, I did advise him that I had seen similar incidents in my career and, as a result of which, soldiers had over reacted. I told him to ensure that this did not happen with 1 QLR. Shortly after this, I had recourse to speak to CO 1 QLR again on this subject. At that time I had in my possession a number of photographs of a dwelling which had been searched by members of 1 QLR. It was clear from the photographs that the soldiers had been unnecessarily robust in their search and Lt Col Mendonca undertook to ensure that this type of incident did not happen again. I am not sure exactly who had taken the photographs or what has happened to them subsequently.

The only other time that I had to speak to Lt Col Mendonca on a similar subject was shortly afterwards - the exact date I do not recall. I had heard several unsubstantiated rumours, from whom now I do not recall, that soldiers serving with 1 QLR were being 'overly robust' in their handling of and dealings with Iraqi civilians. I raised these issues with Lt Col Mendonca, though where exactly I do not remember, as I saw or spoke with him on a frequent basis. Lt Col Mendonca was clearly upset by these allegations and I understand that he spoke with all his officers and soldiers to explain to them that such allegations undermined the excellent job that the Battalion was doing to bring security and stability to Basrah.

Education of the soldiers remained an important task and Lt Col Barnett and Maj Clifton, both AGC (ALS) officers, were pro-active in delivering updates on humanitarian law and reinforcing the key elements from the Law of Armed Conflict and Rules of Engagement to the Battlegroups throughout the tour.

In early Sep 03, a further Fragmentary Order was compiled and distributed by Division which detailed the policy for apprehending, handling and processing detainees and internees. While I cannot remember the exact details of how the Brigade distributed this order to its battalions, I would suggest that a covering letter from the Brigade would have been attached to it.

Signature: WH MOORE

Signature Witnessed by: DPW SPENCE

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