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MOD Form 266A/B
(Introduced 12/03)SERVICE POLICE
WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, S.9;MC Act 1980, SS.5A(3a) and 5B;MC Rules 1981, r70)

Statement of: James Blackburn DUNN	
Rank/Status: Cpl	
Age if under 18: Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")	Occupation: HM Forces (Army) (TA)
This statement (consisting of 7 pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.	
Signature: JB DUNN	Dated the 8 th day of February 2006

I am [REDACTED] Cpl Dunn JB.

In furtherance to the proforma statement I have provided to the Service Police I shall now expand on certain questions in the proforma.

Sometime during my tour on Op TELIC 2 I was in the C Coy lines, due to the time that has elapsed since I cannot specify an exact date.

I was aware that an operation had taken place to arrest numerous members of a local tribe.

I was tasked to meet with the troops on the ground and transport them and the prisoners back to C Coy lines.

When I arrived at the RV location I saw about 7-8, maybe more persons, dressed in non-descript national Iraqi clothing, all of them were cable tied and had black tape over their eyes.

The Iraqis were all seated on the roadside, guarding them were a number of British soldiers but I cannot recall who they were but knew that they were QLR BG.

The only person I can remember being there was Sgt Taylor who was still placing tape over the last of the prisoners' eyes.

About four of the prisoners, together with an escort, were placed into the back of the Saxon I was driving. As they were being manhandled into the vehicles the soldiers were punching and kicking the detainees with a lot of force causing the prisoners to scream out in pain.

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Signature Witnessed by: KD O'FARRELL

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Once loaded I drove my vehicle back to the camp. The escort in the back consisted of four soldiers from the QLR; I cannot recall their names but can describe three of them:

1. "Dave" - White male in mid 20's, 5'7" tall, of muscular build, bald head.
2. White male in mid 20's, 5'6" tall, of slim build, short hair.
3. White male in mid 20's, 5'9" tall, of slim build.

I believe that I would recognise these three soldiers again if I saw them again.

The vehicle commander was Sgt Taylor.

Throughout the journey the escort kept punching and hitting the prisoners, they were screaming and squealing like pigs.

I protested to the last person in the vehicle who was Cpl O'Donald, QLR.

Cpl O'Donald was dismissive and took no action. As Sgt Taylor was at the top hatch of the vehicle I am unsure as to whether he saw anything.

Once back at the camp the prisoners were let out and put behind the cookhouse buildings near to a refrigerated ISO container and by the perimeter wall.

The prisoners were lined up against the wall except for an older Iraqi male who was about 70 years old who was not made to line up and was not masked.

Now present in this area was Maj Kenyon, WO2 (CSM) Parry, Cpl Dukes, QLR, Sgt Taylor, Cpl O'Donald and several other QLR soldiers.

Cpl Dukes and the QLR soldiers then began to hit and assault all of the prisoners as Maj Kenyon and the CSM watched on.

The physical assaults lasted 10-15 mins. The CSM and/or Cpl Dukes would pick a detainee at random and bring them forward from the rest. The soldiers present would punch the detainee in the torso and head; they would use quite a lot of force causing the detainees to cry out in pain.

I also recall that they would take hold of the Iraqi's arms which were tied behind their backs and lifted their arms, causing them pain.

One Iraqi even had sand forced into his mouth.

All this time Maj Kenyon was present but I cannot recall if he said anything or assaulted a prisoner himself.

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