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Commander's Diary - Narrative

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Place and grid reference	Day	Hour	Event or Information	Annex letter and Enclosure Number
AL BASRAH QU 7140 7820	08	2100	Corunna Coy reports that shops are shut on AL JAZEAR St between RED 9 and BLUE 2, this is due to the GARAMSHA bribe threat. Witnesses saw a Red Pickup drive along the street shooting randomly. B0D and B10A moved to that location and were told that the drive - by was conducted because a GARAMSHA tribe member died on the street and the tribe blame the whole street and not an individual. A threat was issued " If any shops open again there will be trouble " Iraqi Police were at the location and seemed to have things under control but the GARAMSHA want the shops shut for 72hrs. Corunna Coy will mount an Operation on AL JAZEAR St and 1 KINGS will inform the GARAMSHA that they will be dealt with harshly if they try to enforce this ultimatum.	
AL BASRAH QU 7160 7790	08	2312	Corunna Coy c/s B11A (OC's TAC) have stopped [REDACTED] in the area of BLUE 2 and he is carrying a " don't stop card " he was being escorted by 8 armed men in 2 vehicles and non of the men have weapon authorization cards. The men were disarmed and the weapons confiscated.	
AL BASRAH QU 7120 7840	09	0546	CONTACT - At 0530hrs grid 712 784 at RED 9 no casualties, Corunna Coy c/s B20C reports that 1 Red Saloon and 1 White Saloon were involved. The c/s fired approximately 15 rounds at the White Saloon shooting the tyres out. The vehicle continued to move from BLUE 2 to PINK 2. At 0603hrs the contact point was confirmed as grid 716 781 and the Iraqi Police had also returned fire. 1 x civilian in the Red Saloon was injured in the incident suffering a minor wound to his arm, he was initially treated by the c/s and then taken to the local hospital. [REDACTED] Whist treating the casualty the c/s found that the owner of the White Saloon lives on [REDACTED]. The c/s checked that location but vehicle not found. Incident closed.	
AL BASRAH QU 7160 7800	09	1037	CONTACT - at 1037hrs grid 716 780 at the funeral of the dead GARAMSHA Tribe elder. During the procession of the funeral a weapon was pointed in the direction of c/s B20A (Corunna Coy) 3 x shots were fired at the gunman , 2 by Zap JO 4307 and 1 by Zap KH 4500. One round hit the gunman. Other vehicles in the procession were making threats against the local population with loudhailers. 11 UKMs were apprehended by B11A at RED 18 and 4 UKMs were apprehended by I30A at the Teaching Hospital. The injured pax [REDACTED] is being treated at the Teaching Hospital. All those arrested believed to be from the GARAMSHA Tribe.	

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AL BASRAH QU 7077 8045	15	0445	Burma Coy reports that Zap BR 3921 has lost 2 x Morphine syrettes. The Morphine syrettes were found to be missing at an equipment check prior to the c/s moving from base location on patrol. The syrettes had been placed in an assault vest the property of [REDACTED] Cpl Brady. (LCV) Burma Coy. A thorough check of the accommodation and section vehicle was made but the items were not found.	LOSSREP 1QLR/05/03 OP TELIC 2 Dated 15 Sep 03.
AL BASRAH QU 6650 7650	15	0630	OP CENTURION 2 - AL HYANNIYA. - Phase 1 commenced at 0630hrs with all c/s carrying out 20 soft knocks each. Nothing significant was found except 2 Pistols found on the outer cordon by Corunna Coy. All c/s reached line SALE by 0934hrs and were back in bases for 1000hrs. Phase 2 began late at 1445hrs due to a shift of H Hour, again all c/s involved carried out 20 soft knock searches and rummages but nothing significant reported. All c/s returned to bases by 1800hrs.	OP CENTURION 2 FRAGO Dated 13 Sep 03.
AL BASRAH QU 7077 8045	15	1109	A Mr [REDACTED] reported to the BG Main Guardroom that he had been struck by an Army vehicle while in his car at 0600hrs. He also claimed that he had been physically struck on the face by a soldier. Mr [REDACTED] was aided by the Guard Commander in pointing out on a map where this alleged assault had taken place and the type of vehicle involved but he could not confirm anything. Mr [REDACTED] was sent to the CPA to place a report.	
AL BASRAH QU 7441 7739	15	1258	LOSSREP - Somme Coy sent in a LOSSREP for 2 x 5.56mm Magazines containing 50 x 5.56mm rounds lost from the back of a Recce Platoon CVRT at grid 668 758 while carrying out a VCP.	LOSSREP 1 QLR/04/03 OP TELIC 2 Dated 15 Sep 03.
AL BASRAH QU 7000 8090	15	1750	Anzio Coy c/s G11A reports hearing shots fired in the area of grid 700 809 (Hayy al Zharhar) and comes across a wedding between RED 18 and 19. on investigating the c/s found 3 x AK 47s and arrested 2 Pax and brought the weapons and Pax back to Anzio Coy base for processing.	
AL BASRAH QU 7060 7690	15	2145	J11A (CO's TAC) stopped a black Mercedes with blacked out windows at grid 706 769 and arrested 2 Pax with 1 AK 47 and 1 Pistol. Both Pax taken to the local Iraqi Police Station for processing.	

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