

2.12 The Provost Staff guarded the soldier prisoners. They did not internally investigate crimes - that was the role of the RMP or SIB. From memory other members of the Provost Staff who deployed to Iraq in addition to Smith and Payne were Lance Corporals McDermott and Barlow.

3. Pre-deployment Training

3.1 Prior to the pre-deployment training taking place I recall that JEM had set up a Junior Leadership Course which every JNCO had to attend and which ran for a full week. JEM was keen to improve the mindset of the JNCOs.

3.2 I recall I gave a lecture in 2002 on values and standards which JEM sat in on. I also recall that Major Mark Kenyon gave a lecture on trials of command.

3.3 In regard to the pre-deployment training I recall that this was overseen by the 2IC Major Steve Bostock who in turn reported to JEM. I recall two members of OPTAG coming to deliver training although I cannot remember who they were. There was a lecture given about prisoner of war handling attended by all CSMs, who were invited to bring another person along, members of the COs Tac and Provost Staff. We were being taught on the basis of a war fighting scenario and that prisoners of war should be hooded, plasticuffed and documented. I recall a slide was put up which depicted hooded prisoners. I asked the OPTAG Instructor what we should do about detainees and internees as opposed to prisoners of war and he said he did not know.

4. Deployment to Iraq

4.1 I deployed to Kuwait and then Iraq as part of the main body. I was accommodated on the first floor at the back of the Headquarters building. My office was basically attached to my bedroom and I slept, prior to air conditioning being installed, on the balcony.

4.2 On tour about 70 - 80% of my time was spent out and about with the CO as part of his Tac. I commanded the second vehicle. Those present in JEM's vehicle were his driver Corporal Bromley, JEM, his Adjutant, his Signaller