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'Shock of Capture'. I can state that I am familiar with this term but I cannot recall from where I heard it. I understand this term to mean a mental state which captured POW's experience immediately following and for a short time after capture whereby they are not of a mental state to make any concerted attempt to escape .

I understand the purpose of 'Shock of Capture' is to enhance the likelihood of co-operation between the detainee and person responsible.

Conditioning. I can state that I am familiar with this term but I can't recall from where I heard it, however conditioning was discussed with the Bde G2 Staff and myself throughout the tour. I believe that a written instruction regarding this matter was also distributed by Bde about half way through my tour.

I understand the purpose of 'Conditioning' is to maintain the shock of capture by separating the prisoners, minimising communication (between other prisoners and guards) and to be hooded (which was changed to blindfolds early in the tour).


Hooding. I can state that I am familiar with this term but I cannot recall from where I heard it. I understand the purpose of hooding is to disorientate the detainees by blindfolding them using a hood, such as a sandbag or pillowcase, however this method was very rarely used to cover the whole face. Initially the whole face was covered, however we soon stopped as it was clear that due to the climate it could have proved detrimental to the health of the detainees. To that end a decision was made by our command structure to use sandbags as blindfolds only.

Restraints. I can state that I am familiar with this term as it is a widely used phrase. I understand this term to mean maintaining control of a detainee by restricting their movement so that they cant cause injury to us or themselves. This is also used as a means to minimise any likelihood of escape.

During our tour my Regiment used plasticuffs on the wrists and this was done by interlinking two cuffs, one on each hand. Sometimes they were cuffed hands to the back and sometimes, hands to the front. Hands to the back was only carried out when the detainees were deemed dangerous.

Sleep Deprivation. I can state that I am familiar with this term as it is a widely used phrase within the armed forces. I understand this term to mean two things, firstly it is denying sleep to someone to place them under pressure in order to assess how they perform (ie. on exercise). Secondly, using the same methods, it is a form of conditioning. This was not a method used by my Regiment as the detainee would not be held long enough to have been able to be deprived of sleep.

In the event an arrested Iraqi National was brought to our location, it would either be as a result of his being arrested by a Company or as a part of a planned Operation.

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