

RESTRICTED

Minutes from the PW Coord Conference1. Attendance

Comd SPS

S002

Maj Hannah – 7 Armd Bde

Maj Fergusson – SPS

Maj Marsh – 16 AA Bde

Capt Heron – ALS

Capt Ryan – SO3 G3 Ops

[REDACTED] – JFIT

Capt Walker – PWHO

[REDACTED] – FHT

2. Agenda

Intro

- Aim

Doctrinal Handling Process (taken from JWP 1-10)

- Description of DS solution

SPS Tagging/Processing issues

- At what level will tagging take place (Unit/Sub Unit) and who will co-ordinate it?
- Bde point: Reason for accuracy in tagging for War Criminal Investigation (weapons and eqpt link individual to act)
- At what point will injured PWs be tagged/processed?

FHT/JFIT Concept of Ops

- At what level will tactical questioning take place and by whom?
- What methods will be employed to report the findings from tactical questioning?
- How many qualified questioners do Brigades have?
- At what level (Unit/Bde) will FHT be deployed?

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

Legal Issues

- What is the correct legal terminology? Holding Area/CP
- Detained Civilians what are there rights?

Brigade Issues/ Concerns

- CAT A & B prisoners (identification and movement)
- Early warning of numbers of PWs through timely reporting to prepare transport and HA
- Detained Civilians chain

3. Any other business

4. SPS

a. At what level will tagging take place? The suggested solution was that tagging take place at BG level IOT centralise the tags and reduce numbers held at lower level where potentially may not be used. 16 AA Bde and 7 Armd Bde intend to adopt tagging at BG level. 3 Cdo Bde intend to issue tags down to Pl Sgt level but the current shortage of tags may make this impractical. The no's of PWs may well increase in subsequent ops and exhaust current supplies of tags. What are the possibilities of obtaining more tags? Will there need to be a joined up policy to what level tags can be given if these cannot be sourced in time?
ACTION: Maj Taylor SO2 G1 (DSG)

b. Tagging for War Crimes investigations ALS clarified that was not requisite for Bde's to mark each individual, their weapon and their kit. It is compulsory to tag the individual and an aspiration to mark the individual and their kit. Capt Ryan SO3 G3 Ops highlighted the fact that the need to maintain tactical momentum may render this impractical. This will be further hindered by the separation of individual from kit at sub-unit level prior to the tagging process at Unit level. This will not affect 3 Cdo Bde under their current plan. **ACTION: None required**

c. Tagging of injured PWs Provision of medical care is the overriding concern and this may mean that tagging will need to take place at later stage. There will be a requirement for guards throughout the MEDEVAC chain.
ACTION: SO2 G1, AP 3 (DSG), PWHO

5. FHT/JFIT

RESTRICTED

Maj S002 outlined the FHT/JFIT concept of Ops. The detail will follow in the Op order.

a. At what level will tactical questioning take place and by whom? Tactical questioning will take place at Bde level using FHT. Bdes with additional trained personnel are to make them available to the FHT to assist in this process.

ACTION: Bde HQs, [REDACTED] FHT/JFIT

b. What methods will be employed to report findings from tactical questioning? FHT will already be present. **No action required**

c. How many trained tactical questioners do Bdes hold? Bdes will trawl for numbers of trained tactical questioners. It is acknowledged that some of these may not be available due to their existing work commitments. **ACTION Bdes to liaise with [REDACTED]**

d. At what level (Unit/Bde will FHT be deployed? Brigade and in some circumstances Unit. **No further action required.**

6. ALS

a. What is the correct legal terminology: Divisional Holding Area or Divisional Control Point? Divisional Control Point is the term to be used throughout. **No further action required.**

b. What are the rights of detained civilians Civilians may be detained by Bdes for their own safety and to allow operations to continue. After this period they may be released, unless (on screening) they are determined to be suitable for further questioning in which case they will move through the normal PW chain. **No further action required.**

7. Brigade Issues/Concerns

a. Cat A & B Prisoners (identification and movement) Identification will take place by FHT at Bde CP. Where possible Cat A and B PW will be moved using RMP. If there are not sufficient resources at the time they will move in the normal chain. **No further action required.**

b. Early warning of numbers of PWs through timely reporting to prepare transport to the Div CP It was emphasised to that all Bdes must ensure that a COMCAPREP is completed at Unit level to allow maximum time for the preparation of transport and FHT to surge accordingly. A Div PWHO LO will be co-located at the Bde CP to assist this process. **ACTION Bdes and PWHO**

c. Detained Civilian Chain As per 3(b).