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DSG FRAGO 29 - PRISONER OF WAR HANDLING

Refs:

- A. 1 (UK) Armd Div Base OpO 001/03 for Op TELIC - Edition 3.
- B. QDG PWHO BASE OPO 001/03.
- C. PWHO/05 dated 12 Feb 03.
- D. PWHO/05 dated 13 Feb 03.
- E. PWHO/05 dated 14 Feb 03.
- F. PWHO/06 dated 14 Feb 03.
- G. JSP 1-10.

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Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: ZULU.

Scope of Order: Ref A is the current baseplan for 1 (UK) Armd Div's participation in Op TELIC. This FRAGO expands on the PW Handling Plan outlined in Annex L to that document and co-ordinates the action of the various agencies involved. It supersedes the various SORs and policy directions issued by PWHO at Refs B-F.

TASKORG: See Annex A.

Assumptions: The following assumptions must be validated for this FRAGO to be operated successfully:

Assumption	Lead for Validation	Deduction if not Validated
Sufficient manpower has been made available to PWHO.	G3 Ops/O&D	Risk of failure to meet international legal and moral obligations. Risk of fixing manoeuvre frms with large quantities of PWs awaiting collection.
Action to seize UMM QASR has been successful.	3 Cdo Bde/HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div Main	Q4 for Div. PWHO will poise until new options considered. May need to switch sp to assist PW handling on AL FAW Peninsular.
PW numbers do not greatly exceed predictions (12,000).	PWHO	Q4 for PWHO and Div. Would require addl forces and resources.
PWs can be moved to MEF holding area	PWHO	Reqd to hold PWs for significantly longer than predicted would require addl resources to boost facilities at Div CP.
Theatre Internment Facility open within planned timelines	PWHO	As 5 Corps are main effort the TIF will probably accept US PW first and there will be a req to hold longer at Div CP.

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1. SITUATION

a. En Forces. Most recent INTSUM will apply. Planning assumptions estimate a peak handling reqt of some 12,000 PWs within the 1 (UK) Armd Div AO. Of these, it is estimated that 2,000-3,000 will come from 3 Cdo Bde ops on the AL FAW Peninsular and in UMM QASR, with the remainder either being captured by 1 Mar Div and handed over to 1 (UK) Armd Div during RiP, or subsequently captured by 1 (UK) Armd Div units.

b. Friendly Forces. PWHO will be based on QDG RHQ and Ech, with atts provided by G3 Ops/O&D. Some of these atts have already been nominated (see Annex A), but the full reqt has yet to be sourced. G3 Ops/O&D will continue to work on this reqt.

2. MISSION. PWHO is to:

a. Estab the 1 (UK) Armd Div PW Collection Point (CP) in vicinity of UMM QASR.

b. Co-ord the clearance of Bde PW CPs within the 1 (UK) Armd Div AO.

c. Hold PWs at the Div CP, in accordance with UK obligations under the Geneva Convention.

d. Arrange the subsequent transfer of PWs to the 1 MEF PW Holding Area and Theatre Internment Facility, as appropriate.

In order to ensure max freedom of manoeuvre for 1 (UK) Armd Div.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Ops.

(1) Intent. The intent is to maint the Div's freedom of manoeuvre, by removing the burden of PWs from Bde level, as swiftly as poss. PWs will be held at the Div CP for the min time nec and will then be transferred to either the 1 MEF PW Holding Area (MEF HA) or Theatre Internment Facility (TIF), as appropriate at the time. At all times, PWs will be handled and held in accordance with the Geneva Convention (GC).

(2) Scheme of Manoeuvre.

(a) Ph I - Setting Theatre Conditions. During Ph I, PWHO will be based in Camp RHINO and will assemble and prep all materiel nec for the estab and initial running of the Div PW CP. Att of personnel and agencies necessary for this task will commence.

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- (b) Receive and prep vehs, stores and other materiel reqd for PW Handling.
  - (c) On Os from 3 Cdo Bde, mov to area of UMM QASR and estab Div PW CP.
  - (d) Receive PWs from 3 Cdo Bde ops on the AL FAW Penninsular and in UMM QASR.
  - (e) On Os, collect PWs from Bde CPs estab by 5 and 7 RCTs, after their handover to 16 Air Asslt and 7 Armd Bdes.
  - (f) Register, process and hold PWs, in accordance with Ref G.
  - (g) Transfer PWs to the MEF HA or TIF (once open). PWs are to be held at the Div CP for the minimum time possible, conducive with the completion of pre-transfer administrative action and the availability of transport assets to carry out the transfer.
  - (h) Continue to collect, process and transfer PWs from 1 (UK) Armd Div manoeuvre fmns, as reqd.
- (3) G3 O&D. Nominate and co-ord the att of forces to PWHO, to act as guards, PW escorts and provide JFIT/FHT sp, as shown at Annex B. 1 x HVM Bty and 1 x GS Engr Sqn have been tentatively nominated for the former roles, but confirmation of numbers and att dates is still awaited.
- (4) DFAO. Provide PW Tracking Teams as shown at Annex B. These teams will be responsible for OpLoc tracking and the provision of G1/SPS sp to the PWHO.
- (5) Engr. Provide Engr sp as directed by G3 O&D (see sub-para (3) above) to conduct EOD clearance of the Div PW CP site and assist in its construction.
- (6) 101 MWD. Provide a sect of dogs in sp of the Div CP.
- (7) Med. Provide med/dental and EHT sp to the Div PW CP with a CS DS or GS AMST.
- (8) Legal. Provide legal sp to PWHO, as reqd.
- b. Co-ord Instrs.
- (1) Handling of PWs. Ref G provides full guidance on the handling of PWs, both by the capturing unit and those charged with looking after them later in the handling chain. However, in addition to normal PW Capture Tags (F PW 778 UK) a special PW bracelet is being produced, that identifies a PW as having been captured by UK forces. Where this applies, the PW bracelet