

RMP LOG BDE SOPs

CHAPTER 3

SOP 13

HANDLING AND TREATMENT OF PRISONER OF WAR (PW)  
AND SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL (SEP)

Reference:

- A. Convention for the Protection of War Victims dated Aug 49.

INTRODUCTION

3.13.000. General. The ratification of Reference A was made on 23 Sep 57 and it is legally binding on all ranks of HM Services. In addition to general war, the Conventions also cover Armed Conflict. The importance of complying with the Conventions cannot be overstressed. By showing compliance UK Forces:

- a. Meet UK and International Law.
- b. Influence the enemy to properly treat their PWs.
- b. Encourage enemy personnel to surrender.
- d. Support PSYOPS.

AIM

3.13.001. The aim of this SOP is to establish the procedures for the handling, protection and custody of all PWs and SEPs taken by Log Bde units in General War or Armed Conflict.

HANDLING OF PW

3.13.002. Treatment. PWs are to be treated humanely at all times. They are not to be subjected to humiliating treatment nor are they to be subjected to disorientating or conditioning treatment. (No hooding or blind folding except when being moved through critical areas of friendly concentration, which may provide intelligence to the enemy should the PW escape. Such blindfolding is to be authorised by an officer and a record maintained by the IC escort).

3.13.003. Procedures. Disarm and search all PW and be conscious as to the possibility of concealed weapons and booby traps. A detailed search of the PW is to be carried out as soon as tactically practicable following capture. The correct search technique to be used when searching a PW is shown at Annex A to this SOP.

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