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1 (UK) ARMD DIV OP DIRECTIVE 010 - PRISONER OF WAR HANDLING ORGANISATION (PWHO)

References:

- X A. Geneva Convention III (GC).
- X B. JWP 01-10.

INTRODUCTION

1. **General.** Conservative OA analysis predicts that 2,500 PW will be captured on the AL FAW peninsula and a further 11,500 PW captured within 1 (UK) Armd Div's AO. PW are to be handled correctly and with dignity so to help the conditions for the return of a functioning Iraqi society on cessation of hostilities.

2. The method of PW handling is mandated by the GC and monitored by the International Commission for the Red Cross (ICRC). A capturing force effectively takes ownerships of its PW and is responsible for their protection, shelter, feeding, med and welfare needs. All commanders are to ensure that those under their command are aware of their legal responsibilities under the GC.

PWHO

3. QDG BG HQ has been tasked as the PWHO. It will be responsible for the collection of PW from Bde XPs, their processing, registration and detention at the Div Collection Point (CP) and their subsequent move to the Corps Handling Area (HA) when available. The aim of the PWHO organisation is to efficiently and humanely process the PW whilst relieving the F Ech (at Bde XPs) of the burden of PW.

The PWHO has the fol TASK ORG:

a. **PWHO HQ** To include the fol:

- (1) QDG BG HQ, A1, A2 and B Ech.
- (2) **AP3 OpLoc Teams**. Responsible for the registration of PWs.
- (3) **JFIT/FHT**. Responsible for the interrogation of Cat A and B.
- (4) **AMST**. Responsible for the primary healthcare of the PWs, QDG RAP retains responsibility to the PWHO).
- (5) **EHT**. Responsible for leading on all EH matters.

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- (6) LOs. LOs will be embedded with the fol:
 - (a) 5 and 7 RCTs, who will then become 16 AA and 7 Armd Bde PW XP LOs.
 - (b) 15 MEU, who will then become 3 Cdo Bde's PW XP LO.
 - (7) Specialist Staff to advise the Comd PWHO:
 - (a) Media Ops.
 - (b) Legal.
 - (8) G1 Cell. To lead on all PW G1 issues.
- b. PW Guard Force (PWGF). Responsible for the internal security of the Div CP, based on a formed unit/sub-unit, with the fol augmentation (TBN):
- (1) Military Provost Staff (MPS). SME on detention.
 - (2) Military Working Dogs (MWD).
- c. PW Escort Force (PWEF). Responsible for the mov of all PWs, based on a formed sub-unit.
5. Troops To Task. Sub -Units for the PWGF and the PWEF will be nominated by 062359ZMAR03.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

6. Brigades are directed that all sub unit commanders and above receive a 40 minute briefing on the handling of PWs conducted by the PWHO and booked through the Field Training Group. These briefings are to be conducted by 120900ZMAR03.
7. In addition to the Div mandated training tps allocated to the PWHO are to conduct the fol trg iot ensure they arrive ready to execute without any trg bill. The training will be four days in duration. Training will start NLT 080400ZMAR03.
- a. Adv PW Handling Trg. The PWHO is to receive adv PW handling trg by the MPS, tailored to their specific role. For example the PWEF will receive instruction on the movement of PW by veh and restraint techniques.
 - b. PRC 320. The PWEF is to receive PRC 320 trg as this will be the primary means of comms across the battle space.

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