

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10 USC Section 301; Title 5 USC Section 2851; E.O. 9397 dated November 22, 1943 (SSN).
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To provide commanders and law enforcement officials with means by which information may be accurately identified.
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8. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS
325th Military Intelligence Battalion, East Windsor, CT

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I, [REDACTED], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

I am currently the Command Sergeant Major (CSM) of the 325th Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion (BN), East Windsor, CT, having been assigned to that position on 21 Jan 03. The 325th MI BN deployed for Iraq on 7 Feb 03, and I was the CSM for the entire Iraq deployment. We (Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company (HHSC)) conducted a home station mobilization at East Windsor, CT, for a few days and then arrived at Fort Dix, NJ, on 14 or 15 Feb 03. We processed and trained at Fort Dix for approximately a month and then deployed to Kuwait in mid Mar 03. We stayed at Camp Virginia, KU, for approximately three to four weeks, where we were attached to the 205th MI Brigade. On approximately early to mid Apr 03, the battalion HHSC moved north to Balad Army Airfield, north of Baghdad, where the battalion headquarters remained until the 325th re-deployed in Nov 03. I was only at Abu Ghayb (AG) on three occasions and all three visits were one-day trips. My first visit was on 21 Sep 03, the day after one of my soldiers was killed in a mortar attack on AG. I went to AG to get to the bottom of how the two troops were killed. When I got there I found soldiers staying in tents with no overhead cover, a sleeping stone's throw from the prisoners. The mortar round had penetrated the soft side of an ARFAB and detonated on contact with a table, creating an air-burst explosion that killed the troops. After the incident, the troops were moved inside buildings that afforded better protection. I toured a good portion of AG, but not the entire facility. I saw some jail cells, but I don't believe I toured the area known as the "hard site". Most of the prisoners I saw were in a fenced area surrounded with barbed wire. All the prisoners I saw that day were clothed in regular Arab clothes, and nothing about their clothing jumped out at me. I never saw any prisoner naked or dressed in women's clothing. I never saw any prisoner abuse. My second visit to AG was sometime in Oct 03 and was a site visit to check on my troops. I toured the area known as the "hard site" on one occasion to try to get an idea of the layout of the prison. During that visit, all the prisoners were dressed in regular garb and I did not see any naked prisoner or any wearing women's clothing. I did not speak to any of the Military Police (MP) or the MP leadership during that visit. I did not see or hear of any prisoner abuse or anything out of the ordinary. My third visit to AG was to attend a conference with the 205th BDE Commander, but the conference was eventually cancelled and I returned to Balad later the same day. While waiting for the Commander, I had a chance to talk to many of my 325th soldiers, but I did not tour the facility. On my three trips to AG, I had many discussions with my soldiers there. None of my soldiers ever reported or discussed anything out of the ordinary at AG. No one ever told me about any concerns about the treatment of prisoners. I never saw, nor heard of, any prisoner abuse. I never saw, nor heard of, unauthorized photographs or videos of prisoners. I never saw, nor heard of, military working dogs being used in interrogations. Those times that I was at AG, I wasn't very impressed with the MPs I saw there. Looking at it from a senior NCO perspective, the MPs did not appear very professional. They appeared undisciplined, out of uniform, and didn't appear to have basic Army leadership. I remember thinking to myself "what were the junior leaders and company commander doing". [REDACTED] has ordered me to not discuss details of this inquiry with anyone other than those investigators I know to be directly involved in this inquiry. I have nothing further to add to this statement.

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 29th day of May, 2004

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