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ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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22 July 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, 1<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations

1. **PURPOSE.** To provide the Commanding General (CG), 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (1CD), a report of the Inspector General's findings and recommendation pertaining to the July 2004 inspection of the Division's Brigade Interrogation Facilities (BIFs) and Division Interrogation Facility (DIF).
2. **REFERENCES.** No change.
3. **BACKGROUND.** No change.
4. **METHODOLOGY.** Inspections for the month of July 2004 were a combination of announced inspections by a DoDIG Inspection Team, 2-4 July 2004, and unannounced inspections by the 1CD Inspection Team, 17-18 July 2004. The DoDIG Team inspected the DIF, 1BCT, 2BCT, and 5BCT. The 1CD Team inspected 3BCT and 39BCT.
5. **SCOPE.** No change.
6. **FINDINGS.**
  - a. Objectives.
    - (1) Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the 1CD A&D SOP, version 5.
    - (2) Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.
  - b. Inspection Focus Areas (Staff Proponent).
    - (1) Staff Lead (IG).

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(2) Medical and Environmental (Division Surgeon). Inspection included nineteen checklist items.

(3) Interrogation and Counter Resistance (G2X). Inspection included fifteen checklist items.

(4) BIF and DIF Operations (PM). Inspection included sixty-nine checklist items.

(5) Evidence and Legal Process (SJA). Inspection involved ten checklist items.

(6) Safety (Safety). Inspection involved standards derived from the Occupational Safety and Health Standards 29 CFR 1910.

c. Standard. 1CD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.

d. Inspection Results. The results annotated in this report only include those results for 3BCT and 39BCT.

(1) Medical and Environmental Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **did not violate** shut-down criteria. 1 of 2 facilities inspected **received all "GOs"** on checklist items. Detailed findings listed in Enclosure 2.

(2) Interrogations and Counter Resistance Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **did not violate** shut-down criteria. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **received all "GOs"** on checklist items. Detailed findings listed in Enclosure 3.

(3) BIF and DIF Operations Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **did not violate** shut-down criteria. 0 of 2 facilities inspected **received all "GOs"** on checklist items. Detailed findings listed in Enclosure 4.

(4) Evidence and Legal Process Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **did not violate** shut-down criteria. 1 of 2 facilities inspected **received all "GOs"** on checklist items. Detailed findings listed in Enclosure 5.

(5) Safety Findings. Most common deficiency: Electrical safety stemming from exposed wiring and routing of electrical lines. Detailed findings listed in Enclosure 6.

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(6) The 1CD IG conducted interviews with detainees at all facilities. At all locations, detainees stated they were treated fairly and humanely. The detainees also stated they were receiving adequate food, water and medical treatment.

(7) MNC-I IG visited the DIF, 1BCT, and 39BCT during July 2004. MNC-I IG has stated that 1CD facilities are in compliance with standards.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS (Staff Lead).

- a. The CG, 1CD, approve these findings.
- b. The IG continue the BIF and DIF inspection program and to provide feedback via a monthly written report to the CG, 1CD.
- c. Subsequent monthly inspections be further tailored to inspect two (2) of the five (5) specific areas. Each subsequent month's inspections will include the IG and the 31E representative. One (1) each of the following safety, interrogations, legal, and medical will rotate on a quarterly basis beginning with the August inspection. (IG)
- d. Continue to monitor implementation of last month's recommendations. (IG)

8. CONCLUSION. 1CD continues to treat all detainees within the BIFs and DIF with dignity and respect.

9. Point of contact for this inspection is MAJ [Redacted]

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- 1. Month to Month Comparison MAJ, IG
- 2. Medical and Environmental Findings Inspector General
- 3. Interrogation and Counter Resistance Findings
- 4. BIF and DIF Operations Findings
- 5. Evidence and Legal Process Findings
- 6. Safety Finding

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**Enclosure 2 (Medical and Environmental Findings) to Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations**

1. Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected did not violate shut-down criteria. 1 of 2 facilities inspected received all "GOs" on checklist items.
2. Objectives.
  - a. Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the ICD A&D SOP, version 5.
  - b. Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.
3. Standard. ICD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.
4. Inspection Results.
  - a. 3BCT.
    - (1) Findings.
      - (a) The facility received 16 of 19 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.
      - (b) Latrine and shower areas needed to be cleaned and sanitized. It appeared as if the two facilities had not been cleaned for several days. The inspector pointed this out to the NCOIC for immediate correction.
      - (c) Overhead cover is still under contract. As of the writing of this report, renovation to the facility in regards to the overhead cover had begun. Two swamp coolers that have been on order have been received by the unit and are in place at the facility.
    - (2) Recommendation. Medical documentation and screening need to be reviewed by BCT Surgeon and improved to meet minimum standard IAW ICD A&D SOP, version 5.
  - b. 39BCT.
    - (1) Findings.
      - (a) The facility received 19 of 19 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.
      - (b) The facility met the public health and sanitation requirements. The facility provided adequate drinking water and living space protected from the environment.

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(c) Facility keeps a medic on site 24/7. Medical documentation and screening processes were by far, the best during this inspection period. Daily sick call being conducted by CHCP.

(2) Recommendation. Maintain all current processes in regards to providing drinking water, and protected living space.

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**Enclosure 3 (Interrogation and Counter Resistance Findings) to Inspector General's  
Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and  
Recommendations**

1. Findings. Interrogations and Counter Resistance Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected did not violate shut-down criteria. 2 of 2 facilities inspected received all "GOs" on checklist items.

2. Objectives.

a. Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the 1CD A&D SOP, version 5.

b. Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.

3. Standard. 1CD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.

4. Inspection Results.

a. 3 BCT. 1CD.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 15 of 15 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shutdown criteria violated.

(b) All interrogators knowledge of 1CD Interrogation and Counter-Resistance policy was excellent to even the lowest level.

(c) Comprehensive Summary Interrogation Reports are kept on file.

(d) Ability to video tape interrogations is an advantage

(2) Recommendations. Remind the BCT Surgeon of the necessity of immediate thorough medical screening during in processing of the BIF. Ensure all detainee packet paperwork is consolidated in one packet.

b. 39th BCT BIF.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 15 of 15 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.

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(b) All interrogators knowledge of 1CD Interrogation and counter-Resistance policy was excellent to even the lowest level.

(c) Comprehensive Summary Interrogation Reports are kept on file.

(d) Senior interrogators' knowledge of interrogation operations excellent.

(2) Recommendations. There needs to be a place that interrogators can have to lock up and use video surveillance equipment.

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**Enclosure 4 (BIF and DIF Operations Findings) to Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations**

1. Findings. 6 of 6 facilities inspected did not violate shut-down criteria. 0 of 6 facilities inspected received all "GOs" on checklist items. Evidentiary procedures still continue to be the area of greatest concern.

2. Objectives.

a. Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the 1CD A&D SOP, version 5.

b. Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.

3. Standard. 1CD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.

4. Inspection Results.

a. 3BCT.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 62 of 69 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated. This inspection area contains overlapping checklist items from the other four inspection areas. Only those new findings will be addressed in this section.

(b) Emergency procedures are in place but need to be practiced. Need protective area for detainees and guards.

(c) Need additional guards if detainees have to be escorted outside of the facility.

(d) No weapon's clearing barrel or procedures' signs at the facility.

(e) Meals, water, showers and other items not documented on a log book for cellblock guard.

(f) No shower shoes available for detainees

(2) Recommendations.

(a) Implement (crawl, walk and run phase). Conduct frequent drills to ensure all personnel are aware of their responsibilities during emergencies. Protective barriers are on order.

(b) Construct clearing barrel and emplace with procedures' signs.

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b. 39BCT.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 61 of 69 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated. This inspection area contains overlapping checklist items from the other four inspection areas. Only those new findings will be addressed in this section.

(b) Main entrance, Tower guard, Cellblock guard, have no use of force SOP's.

(c) No computer/printer for evidence room. No SIPR for MI to submit reports. DNVVT line goes out occasionally.

(d) No clearing procedures at Main Vehicle Entrance Gate.

(e) New guards on detail that have not received 31E MTT training.

(2) Recommendations.

(a) Ensure that an updated SOP is at each post which describes the duties and responsibilities and the RUF/ROE from the 1<sup>st</sup> CD A and D SOP.

(b) Order needed communication equipment.

(c) Post weapons clearing procedures at Main Vehicle Entrance Gate.

(d) Need to post necessary signs around the entire facility.

(e) New guards need to review training packets left behind by the 31E MTT before working at the facility. New guards need to right seat ride with experienced guards prior to assuming duties.

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**Enclosure 5 (Evidence and Legal Process Findings) to Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations**

1. Findings. 2 of 2 facilities inspected **did not violate** shut-down criteria. 1 of 2 facilities inspected received all "GOs" on checklist items.

2. Objectives.

a. Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the 1CD A&D SOP, version 5.

b. Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.

3. Standard. 1CD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.

4. Inspection Results.

a. 3BCT.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 9 of 10 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.

(b) The area receiving not receiving a "GO" during this inspection period was the lack of giving the detainees receipts for their property.

(2) Recommendations.

(a) Maintain current practices; however, the unit must ensure that receipts are given to the detainees for their property.

b. 39BCT.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 10 of 10 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.

(b) Great looking evidence room.

(c) There is a sign posted in each cell stating that copies of the GC III and IV are available to the detainees if they request it. It also states that an Iraqi translator and the SJA's office will assist them in translating/explaining it if necessary.

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(d) Copies of the camp rules were posted in Arabic and English. Each detainee reads them out loud as part of the in-process.

(e) Each guard and interrogator carries with him/her a copy of the Rules of Force.

(2) Recommendations. Maintain all current processes.

1. Findings. Most common deficiency: Electrical safety stemming from exposed wiring and routing of electrical lines.

2. Objectives.

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**Enclosure 6 (Safety Findings) to Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations**

- a. Assess BIF and DIF operations' compliance and adherence to standards defined in the 1CD A&D SOP, version 5.
- b. Identify areas of non-compliance and systemic issues and recommend corrective measures.

3. Standard.

- a. 1CD Apprehension and Detention SOP, version 5.
- b. AR 385-10, Army Safety Program
- c. 29 CFR 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards

4. Inspection Results.

a. 3BCT.

(1) Findings.

- (a) The facility received 40 of 43 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.
- (b) Unprotected power cables hanging on fence and wire cage. If power cable insulation is broken, electricity can transfer to the fence or cage producing an electrocution hazard.
- (c) Commo wire used as electrical conductor to operate a light in the toilet.
- (d) Food products and eating utensils stored in the same location with hazardous materials (gun lubricant, liquid cleaning products, hydraulic fluid).

(2) Recommendations.

- (a) Remove electrical wires from fences and wire cages. Provide conduit for power cable protection.
- (b) Use only authorized electrical wire to provide electricity for lights and other appliances. Remove all commo wire that is used for electricity.
- (c) Protect all electrical cables from damage.

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**Enclosure 6 (Safety Findings) to Inspector General's Brigade and Division Interrogation Facilities Inspection Report of Findings and Recommendations**

(d) Separate food, food products and eating utensils from hazardous substances. Store in separate lockers or storage cabinets.

(e) Provide adequate storage area for equipments, cleaning materials and food.

(f) Ensure there are sufficient quantities of fire extinguishers available and personnel are properly trained to use them.

b. 39BCT.

(1) Findings.

(a) The facility received 41 of 43 "GOs" in this inspection area. No shut-down criteria violated.

(b) Exposed wires in several electrical outlets.

(c) A barrier should be placed at the top of the steps leading to the roof of the building to prevent someone from turning left or right onto the sidewalk overhang. Platforms over four feet high are required to have rails as fall protection, placing a barrier to prevent someone from walking onto the overhang will eliminate the need for rails.

(2) Recommendations.

(a) Replace/repair all broken electrical boxes.

(b) Install railing or emplace a barrier to prevent someone from walking onto the overhang.

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