

OCT 03 BCCP INSPECTION RESULTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TFIH Brigade Central Collection Point (BCCP) compliance inspection (6 Oct 03)

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Two checklists were used during the inspection. The first assesses units for compliance to applicable portions of AR 190-8 (Enemy Prisoners of War, Retained Personnel, Civilian Internee's, and other detainee's) and the Geneva conventions relative to the treatment of Prisoners of War. The second assesses the units compliance with TFIH FRAGO 1291 (Detainee Operations).

The scale of assessment used is: Fair, Good, Above Average, and Excellent.

1 BCT:

Overall assessment: Above Average.

Summary. The facility is well organized and the leaders in charge have a firm understanding of detention operations and requirements outlined in FRAGO 1291. BCCP operations are being run by Military Police and augmented by [REDACTED] soldiers as directed. The procedures for receiving detainees from capturing units and detainee in-processing ensure only detainees with proper documentation are accepted into the facility. The guard force used for internal and external security of the BCCP is [REDACTED] and the unit has made good use of the hard site facilities and concertina wire. The unit has a good plan for use employment of a [REDACTED] in the event of a detainee disturbance or uprising. (b)(2)3 (b)(2)3 (b)(2)3

Key Observations:

Observation: FRAGO 1291 directs units to transfer all detainees to the TFIH DCCP NLT 14 days after capture. The unit had 61 detainees on hand that had been held for over 14 days.

Recommendation: The BCCP has 65 detainees scheduled for transfer to the DCCP on 8 Oct 03; many of whom fall into the category of held over 14 days. Unit should continue to coordinate with 1BCT to transfer all detainees on hand over 14 days to the DCCP as required.

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Observation: [REDACTED] are being utilized for external security of the BCCP.

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Recommendation: [REDACTED]

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Observation: The facility has a shortage of mats and blankets. The winter months are rapidly approaching and the need for these items increases on a daily basis.

Recommendation: The unit has a winterization plan that includes the purchase of mats and blankets, but command emphasis must be placed on this plan to ensure it is executed as soon as possible.

Observation: The evidence/property on hand is properly accounted for and clearly marked and inventoried, but it is stored in MRE boxes in the property room.

Recommendation: The unit has a plan to build shelves and cabinets for all evidence and property and should expedite the construction of these fixtures.

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2 BCT:

Overall assessment: Fair.

Summary. Failure to comply with the contents of FRAGO 1291 has created an unsafe condition for detainee's and US personnel operating the facility at FOB Warhorse. The unit is performing numerous tactical tasks with MP assets assigned to the BCT, with detainee operations being pushed far down in priority. Priority must be given to assigning MP to the principle task of detainee operations to ensure adequate safeguards for detainee's, the safety of US forces, and to comply with applicable rules of warfare outlined in the previous references. It is clear that this facility is under the direction/control of the BDE S2, not Military Police.

Key Observations:

Observation: The unit had only [REDACTED] MP's on duty working a 24-hour shift. The senior leader in the facility was a SSG. No leadership for the MP PLT could be found.

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Recommendation: As a minimum the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] should always be present at the facility. The unit must have [REDACTED] MP operating the facility on shifts not to exceed 12 hours. Additionally, augmentee personnel to the facility should work on 12 hour shifts at the rate of [REDACTED] per shift.

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Observation: Detainee's had access to material [REDACTED] inside of the main cell, which was unobserved from guard positions.

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Recommendation: [REDACTED]

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Observation: No [REDACTED] was identified to quell collection point disturbances with escalated force.

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Recommendation: A dedicated [REDACTED] MP needs to be identified by SOP as a response force for all detainee incidents within 2-5 minutes of alert. Battle drills and alert signals should be clearly understood and common to all.

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Observation: Improper storage of [REDACTED]

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Recommendation: A clear procedure must be established for overall [REDACTED] within the facility. Additionally, further measures need to be emplaced for [REDACTED] visual deterrence on the external portion of the facility.

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Observation: [REDACTED]

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Recommendation: [REDACTED] must be placed in charge of all items taken from a detainee or seized in conjunction with their detention so that a legal chain of property/evidence can be established in order to protect the command from future allegations.

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Observation: [REDACTED] No plan for future upgrades for cold weather were present.

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Recommendation: The unit must invest adequate resources (both personnel and funds) to ensure that persons under US detention are safeguarded from all elements and [REDACTED]

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Observation: The facility has a shortage of mats and blankets. The winter months are rapidly approaching and the need for these items increases on a daily basis.

Recommendation: The unit has a winterization plan that includes the purchase of mats and blankets, but command emphasis must be placed on this plan to ensure it is executed as soon as possible.

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3 BCT:

Overall assessment: Good.

Summary. This facility was recently (upon the posting of FRAGO 1291, 22 Sep 03) transferred to MP control. The facilities overall physical security measures need improvement. The facility is under the control of MP. Greater command emphasis in obtaining [REDACTED] is required.

Observation: An inadequate [REDACTED] was identified to quell collection point disturbances with escalated force—it had a 15-minute response time.

Recommendation: A dedicated [REDACTED] MP needs to be identified by SOP as a response force for all detainee incidents within 2-5 minutes of alert. Battle drills and alert signals should be clearly understood and common to all.

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Observation: [REDACTED]

Recommendation: The unit must invest adequate resources (funds) to ensure that persons under US detention are safeguarded and that the facility that they are detained [REDACTED]

Observation: The MP unit has developed a suitable plan for winterization of the facility, but is having difficulty getting command emphasis and priority in accomplishing this task.

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Recommendation: Command emphasis in addressing the upcoming cold weather issues for detainee's is needed.

Observation:

[REDACTED] As a minimum, (b)(2)3
dedicated personnel are required at this facility to continually display
detainees. A [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Observation: The facility has a shortage of mats and blankets. The winter months are rapidly approaching and the need for these items increases on a daily basis.

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173 BCT:

Overall assessment: Good.

Summary. The military police platoon in charge of BCCP recently took over the facility. The BCCP is well organized and the OIC and NCOIC are ensuring the requirements of FRAGO 1291 are being accomplished. The BCCP is receiving outstanding logistical support and has a winterization plan that includes heating units, plexi-glass for all buildings and additional mats and blankets.

Observation: [REDACTED] are being utilized for external security of the BCCP.

Recommendation: [REDACTED]

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Observation: The unit prepared detainees for transfer to TFIH DCCP escorts without [REDACTED]

Recommendation: [REDACTED]

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Observation: The facility does not have designated isolation rooms or female holding area. At the time of inspection, there were no detainees that required being in isolation nor any females on hand. The OIC explained he would identify at least 3 isolation rooms and a designated area for any females that may arrive in the future.

Observation: FRAGO 1291 directs units to transfer all detainees to the TFIH DCCP NLT 14 days after capture. The NCOIC stated there were 15 detainees on hand that had exceeded the 14 days.

Recommendation: Continue to work with 173 BDE to expedite the processing of detainee packets to ensure the transfer of detainees occurs NLT the 14th day after capture.

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