

302 – HANDLING EPWS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL

1. This card establishes the basic procedures for handling captured personnel, equipment and documents and conduct of Interrogation Operations by assets attached to or under the operational control of the BCT.
2. Units rapidly pass captured equipment, documents and personnel to the BDE S2 and MP holding facility. Interrogation of Enemy Prisoners of War (IPW) operations are conducted by the MI Battalion's GS Company in support of the BCT. The IPW team works to answer the Brigade Commander's Priority Intelligence Requirements (PIR)
 - a. EPW HANDLING PRINCIPLES:
 - 1) Direct Support MP's acceptance of EPWs from capturing units.
 - 2) Firm control.
 - 3) Accountability.
 - 4) Humane treatment.
 - 5) Maximum use of backhaul.
 - 6) Minimum essential field processing.
 - 7) Wide dispersion and frequent displacement of EPW
 - 8) Collection points.
 - 9) Austerity of personnel, facilities and transportation for evacuation.
3. CAPTURING UNIT:
 - a. Immediately disarm all prisoners. Segregate weapons of intelligence value and evacuate such weapons with the prisoner to the collection point. Evacuate other weapons through logistical channels or render them inoperable.
 - b. Search, Silence, Segregate and Safeguard prisoners. Isolate prisoners who attempt to influence others.
 - c. Use capture tags to indicate documents/equipment found during the search and report any effort by the prisoner to communicate with or influence other prisoners.
 - d. Allow captured personnel to retain personal effects including money, valuables, protective equipment (helmet, mask, flak vest, etc.), identification cards/tags, insignia of grade and service and nationality, awards, and articles having a personal or sentimental value. As a minimum, the tag will include the following information:
 - 1) Date/time of capture
 - 2) Place of capture
 - 3) Capturing unit
 - 4) Circumstances surrounding the capture
 - e. Ensure that documents are properly tagged and evacuated with the prisoner.
 - f. Segregate prisoners into the following groups (females are separated from males):
 - 1) Commissioned Officers
 - 2) Noncommissioned Officers
 - 3) Other Enlisted
 - 4) Suspected Agents
 - 5) Suspected Civilians

- g. Evacuate the prisoner from the point of capture to the Brigade Collection Point. MP assets will evacuate prisoners from Brigade Collection Points to the Division Central Collection Point.
- h. Safeguard all prisoners to the collection points, preventing any mistreatment or abuse.
- i. Provide first aid to wounded prisoners and MEDEVAC the seriously wounded through medical channels.
- j. Use the key word "STRESS" when processing EPW/CI.
 - 1) S-Search and Silence
 - 2) T-Tag
 - 3) R-Report capture to higher HQ
 - 4) E-Evacuate EPW to nearest collection point
 - 5) S-Segregate
 - 6) S-Safeguard.

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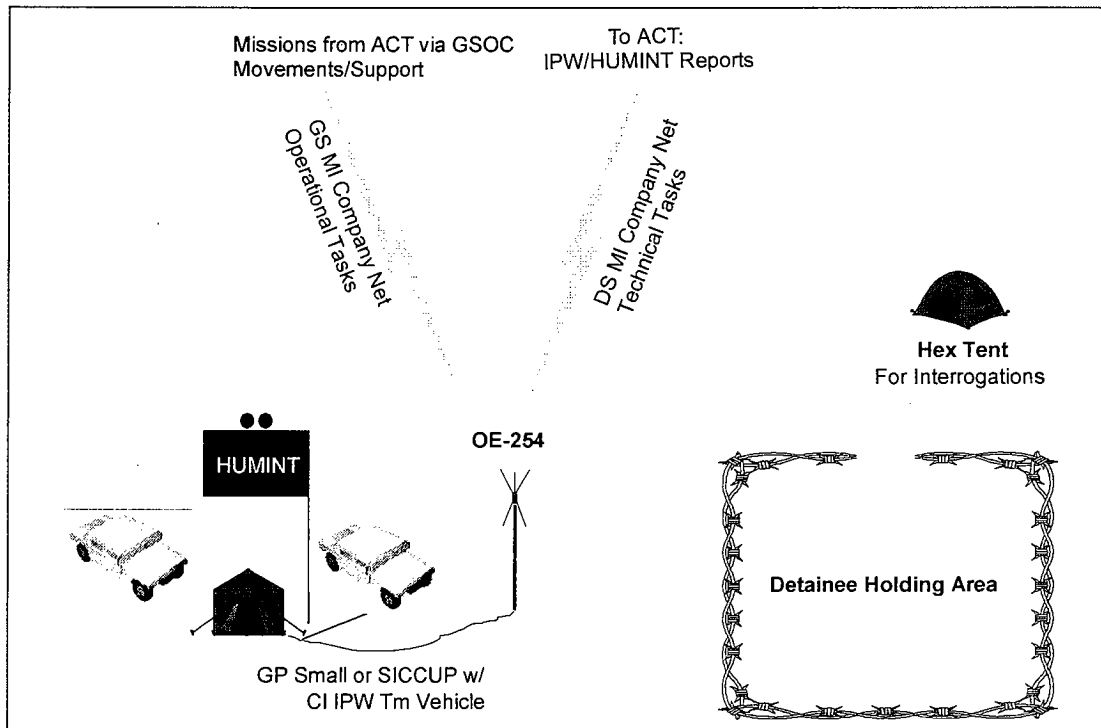
4. Responsibilities.
 - a. IPW Team
 - 1) Provide guidance to the MP Platoon on set-up and physical lay out of the BEDD Facility
 - 2) Set up and operate HUMINT CP at the BEDD Facility.
 - 3) Conduct EPW Pre-Screening, Screening and hasty Interrogations as required.
 - 4) Maintain current copy of the BDE PIR's at all times. Update every four hours or upon change of mission.
 - 5) Establish screening/interrogation site within the BEDD Facility NLT 1 hour after occupation.
 - 6) Be prepared to receive detainees for screening NLT 30 minutes after BEDD Facility occupation.
 - 7) Man the HUMINT CP as required.
 - 8) Question/Interrogate EPWs, detainees, refugees, border crosses, etc., as required.
 - 9) Provide linguist support to CI section as required.
 - 10) Be prepared to conduct EPW search and admin functions when lacking sufficient MP support.
 - 11) Be prepared to provide EPW tags.
 - 12) Maintain current screening log and HUMINT CP Log.
 - 13) Submit HUMINT summary report to ACT for each 24-hour period of activity. Include copies of all captured documentation, EPW Statistical Data, EPW Screening logs, and CI highlights and significant events.
 - 14) Submit all information concerning the BCT's PIR obtained from EPW operations to the ACT as soon as possible in SALUTE format.
 - b. IPW NCOIC
 - 1) With input from the CI Section Chief Warrant Officer, develop the HUMINT Rules of 2. Engagement (ROE) using FM 34-52 and FM 27-10.
 - 2) Submit HUMINT ROE to the Company Commander for Approval. Ensure all IPW soldiers have been fully briefed on the HUMINT ROE.
 - 3) Serve as the HUMINT CP OIC.
 - 4) Ensure all interrogators are familiar with all persons on the CI target lists.
 - 5) Conduct coordination with MPs.
 - c. MP's (IPW NCOIC coordinates with MPs).
 - 1) Set up BEDD Facility with input from IPW OIC/NCOIC
 - 2) Search and Log in all EPWs
 - 3) Provide Physical Security over detention area.
 - 4) Provide guards/EPW escorts during all interrogation operations.
 - 5) Provide EPW Tags. As a minimum, the tag will include the following information:
 - 6) Date/time of capture
 - 7) Place of capture
 - 8) Capturing unit
 - 9) Circumstances surrounding the capture
 - 10) Conduct EPW evacuation to higher HQ's or Medical Treatment Facilities, as required.

- d. DS Company ACT
 - 1) Provide current PIR's to HUMINT CP every four hours or immediately upon change of mission.
 - 2) Maintain communications with the MI Bn BOC/CIAS/G2 Opns.
 - 3) Provide copies of all current data bases to HUMINT CP.
 - 4) Provide IPW Team technical taskings (SORs), and receive EPW reports as required.
- e. GS MI Company GSOC
 - 1) Maintain communications with the MI Bn BOC/CIAS/G2 Opns.
 - 2) Exercise IPW Team movement control and provide IPW Team mission taskings.

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5. Prescreening and Screening Operations.
 - a. Prescreening. Prescreening is conducted as the basis for subsequent screening. Upon the receipt of a prisoner, the following tasks are accomplished.
 - 1) Assign the EPW an interrogation serial number
 - 2) Record the time of capture
 - 3) Record the place of capture
 - 4) Record the circumstances of the capture
 - 5) Record the capturing unit
 - 6) Identify and Record all weapons and equipment captured with the EPW.
 - 7) Record or copy verbatim, any documents seized from a POW.
 - b. IPW Operations. IPW operations conducted in support of the Brigade are as follows:
 - 1) Set-up and operate the **Brigade Enemy prisoners of war Detention and Detainee (BEDD)** facility.
 - 2) Conduct HUMINT Command Post (CP) operations.
 - 3) Conduct EPW pre-screening and screening at Bde.
 - 4) Execute EPW interrogation planning and preparation.
 - 5) Serve as Interpreters.
 - 6) Exploit captured documents and equipment.
 - 7) Conduct hasty interrogations.
 - c. The IPW Team will man the BEDD facility at the Brigade Support Area or at a Forward Collection Point and serve as the HUMINT CP for both the GS MI Company's IPW and CI sections.
 - d. The composition of an IPW team is as follows: 1 x 97E20L, 1 x 97E10L

BEDD Facility Diagram



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- e. Screening Operations. Screening operations are conducted by soldiers selected by the IPW NCOIC based on the interrogator’s experience, skill, and availability.
 - 1) EPWs deemed to be uncooperative will not be interrogated by IPW teams assigned to MI Battalion. All uncooperative EPWs will be sent to the division or higher BEDD Facility.
 - 2) Priority of screening for cooperative EPWs will be as follows:

EPW Screening Priority

| Priority | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| EPW Type | Senior Combat Arms Officers | Senior non-Combat Arms Officers | Special Operations Forces | Combat Arms Junior Officers | Combat Arms Senior NCO's | All Others |

- 3) A screening report is completed for each EPW screened. One copy of the screening report is retained at the HUMINT CP and one copy is forwarded by with the EPW to the next higher echelon IPW sight.
 - 4) Captive tags are checked for accuracy. Any missing information will result in the EPW being returned to the MP’s until such time as the tag is as complete and as correct as humanly possible.
 - 5) Information obtained during the screening phase of the operation will be maintained in the screening log. All screening logs remain open from 0001 to 2400 daily. At that time, the screening log is removed and stored in the HUMINT CP and a new log is opened.
 - 6) During the screening process, if the EPW is deemed to be of interest to the CI section, the CI section will be alerted and the EPW will be detained until such time as the CI section can complete its debriefing. The CI team will not be allowed to debrief any EPW until the IPW team has interrogated the EPW for all immediate tactical information.
- f. Interrogations. EPWs are not interrogated until all preparation and planning for the interrogation is satisfactorily completed.
 - 1) Interrogation Planning and Preparation.
 - The interrogator reviews and is very familiar with the Brigade’s PIR.
 - The interrogator prepares the interrogation plan and has the plan approved by IPW NCOIC.
 - The interrogator has a map prior to conducting any interrogation. The point of capture is plotted on the map.
 - All control questions are prepared.
 - Possible interrogation approaches are identified and rehearsed prior to conducting the interrogation.
 - 2) Check all EPWs for their assigned Interrogation Serial Number upon completion of their interrogation. This number is used to identify the individual who supplied the information.

6. Captured Documents and Equipment.

- a. Capturing units do not retain EPW documents and equipment for war trophies or personal memorabilia.
 - b. Capturing units report enemy map stocks found to the BCT S2.
 - c. Captured documents are exploited as time permits on a case-by-case basis. All captured documents are copied, batched, and tagged. Document tags are issued the same ISN as the EPW.
 - d. Translations of captured documents will include the translator's name and signature when forwarded.
7. Documents not captured with an EPW will be batched together and assigned a control number using a different alphanumeric code than the one in use for the ISN.

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- a. Document screeners review incoming documents that:
 - 1) Are of immediate tactical value
 - 2) Satisfy the Brigade Commander's PIR.
 - 3) Are of SIGINT value (SOIs)
 - 4) Require Special Handling (Maps, Technical Documents, etc.)
 - b. All documents are categorized IAW FM 34-52.
 - 1) Category A-Documents containing SPOT report information which satisfies a PIR or is a Technical Document/Map.
 - 2) Category B-Documents containing information concerning enemy cryptographic information of SIGINT value.
 - 3) Category C-Documents containing general information of intelligence value.
 - 4) Category D-Documents containing no apparent intelligence value.
8. Captured Equipment. Captured Equipment identified in the OPORD or OPLAN as being of intelligence interest is evacuated rapidly to the BDE S2 for further processing and exploitation. Other captured equipment is evacuated through logistical channels or destroyed/disabled. If unsure ask for guidance. War Trophies are subject to the ROE in the theater of operations. AS A RULE of thumb, do not attempt to take war trophies.
9. The Brigade S2 requests additional IPW support from the MI BN during any operation where EPWs are expected to exceed the capacity of IPW teams already attached. At least one IPW team (2 personnel) will be requested through G3 channels.

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