



Camp Bucca
Detention Facility



An Analysis Of The Escape of
On 26 January 2004
from Compound 9

Conducted by:
CPT [REDACTED] / 310th MP BN S-3



Timeline
(26 January 04)



- 0001 CPT [REDACTED] (S-3) instructs SSG [REDACTED] (Battle Captain) to implement Fog Plan do to the increasing low level FOG moving in (if needed)
- 0020 OIC (1LT [REDACTED] 988th MP Co) plans to implement Fog Plan
- 0030 Visibility very poor; OIC calls Fog Plan
- 0040 All compounds notified to implement Fog Plan
- 0100 Response team arrives by PLT (entire 988th MP Co / IF OPS)
- 0200 OIC lifts Fog Plan do to the fog lifting and visibility increasing
- 0215 SFC [REDACTED] (CCT -NCOIC) reports all prisoners accounted for
- 0300 OIC: fog coming in heavy, visibility 25 meters;
- 0320 OIC reinitiates Fog Plan, plans order of count of compound 12, 11, 10, 9 & 8
- 0330 SRT and additional MPs arrives
- 0355 Compound 9 receives notice of Fog Plan; instructed to count
- 0440 Complete count (as per compound 9) (CCT reports 100% accountability)
- 0545 After arrive back from the IF, CPT [REDACTED] tells SSG [REDACTED] to have compounds conduct complete ISN count of all detainees



Timeline

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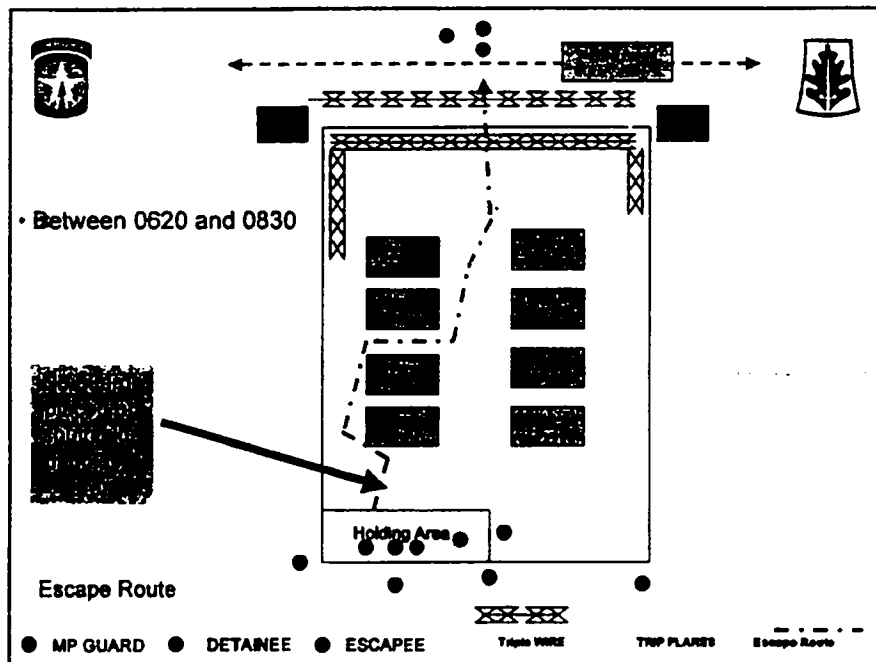
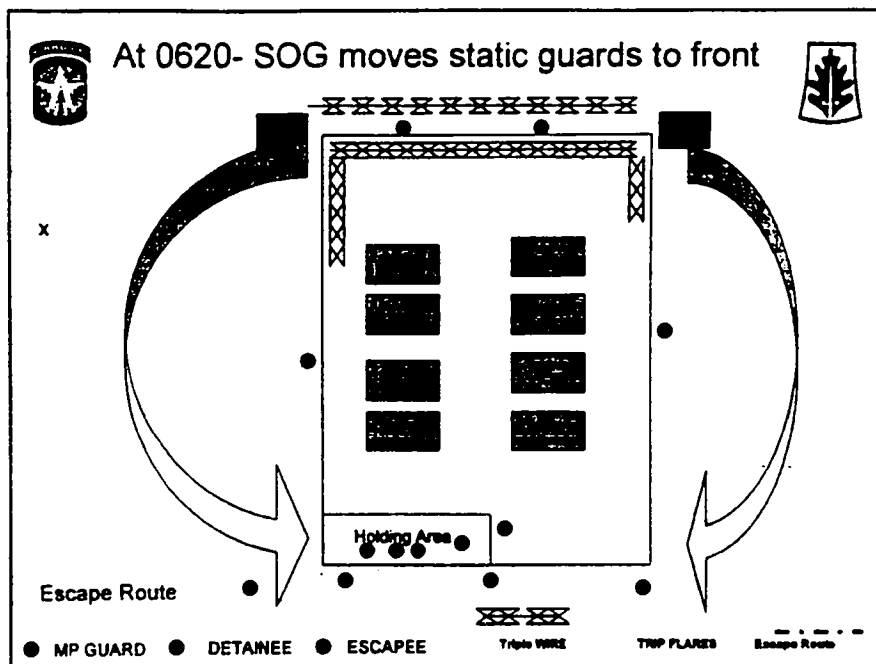
0600 OIC moves static guard and tower to front
0620 Last static guards moves to front
0700 Compound 9 conducts counts by ISN (approximate detainee chow arrival)
0730 Chow arrives at compound 9 approximately
0830 CCT 9 discovers ISNs are missing
0930 SOG: fog starts to lift; move back to towers (compound 9)
1000 SOG calls off Fog Plan
1013 Fog Plan lifted; advised compound NCOIC and SOG
1030 SOG meets with [REDACTED] (463 - coming up short) 458 (2 in hospital)
1140 Advised by compound 9 that prisoners reported as hospitalized
1145 Rover team sent to check for tracks
1151 Advised by compound 9 SOG of foot tracks from back and over berm
1200 Notified 977th to activate QRF to conduct search
1240 Advised by MSG [REDACTED] (OPS -SGM) that detainees 115236, 116272, 151933, need manifest to include pictures
1410 Contact British forces and local Iraqi Police in UMM Qasar

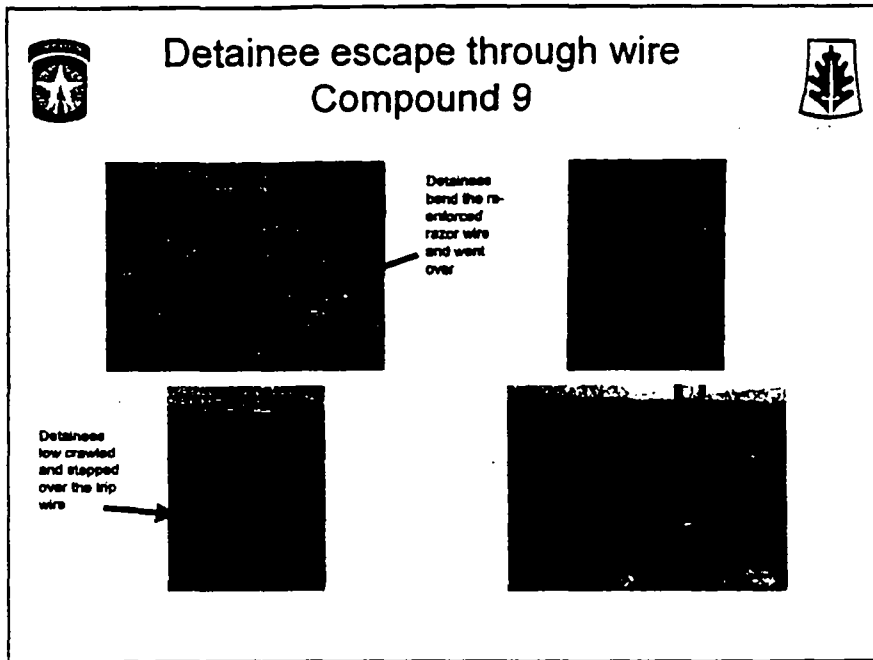


Summary of Key Events



- Visibility was 10 to 15 meters from 0300 to 0900
- 988th MP CO used entire company to surround the compound. Rule of thumb was each guard was placed within viewing distance of each other.
- Conditions and use of guards coming off a 12 hour shift hampered observation ability.
- MP/Guards were not completely surrounding the holding pen after count was complete as instructed in the FOG Plan. MPs were placed on the North, East, and West. No guard was placed on the south side of the holding pen.
- Holding area dimensions are approximately 20 x 50 meters.
- The SOG moved the exterior static guards on the south side of compound 9 at 0620.
- Compound control team NCO did not immediately inform the SOG that his count may be off. He recounted to check his original count.
- The window of opportunity for the detainee to escape is established between 0620 and 0830. It was during this time that the exterior static guards on the south side of compound 9 move to the front of the compound and when the compound control team NCO discovered the count was off during detainee feeding.
- SOG discovers that detainees low crawled under the wire from the holding area to the rear of the compound and through the rear layer of wire.





Corrective Action

In-Process

- Chain link fence
- 20-foot ditch around entire compound
- K-9 dog teams
- Additional trip flares
- Additional radios

Not Confirmed

- Thermal equipment
- Contracted engineer assets to add additional wire



Corrective Action



SOP Improvements

- Fog Plan rehearsal of plan
- Count procedures
- Ensure that 360 degree security is maintained on compound at ALL times to include holding area during FOG plan
- Use of QM, BN, and Signal personnel for additional bodies once all MPs are exhausted