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From: O'Kane MAJ George X AUS CJTF7-Ops LAW SJA
Sent: Friday, 23 January 2004 9:16 PM
To: S41 AUS CJTF-7 DCOS
Cc: J AUS CJTF7-C7 Deputy
Subject: Weekly Update - Week 25

Sir,

This week saw my involvement in the following:

- Advice to Spanish LNO regarding status of suspects detained for murder of Spanish nationals last month;
- Meeting on ICRC access to HVD#1 and others (NoFORN);
- Hosting ICRC inspection of HVD Facility (Camp Cropper);
- Providing advice and attending MP interview with Aust Officer at TF 633;
- Attending ICRC Outbrief on inspection of HVD Facility;
- ROE advice to 18th MP Bde on use of RCA for crowd control;
- Meeting at C5 regarding ICDC General Officer letters for COS and Amb Bremer;
- Production of English and Arabic translation of above letters (with linguist spt);
- Attending DCG Coalition Fortnightly Update;
- Sitting on ICDC General Officer and Bn Commander Selection Board at CPA;
- Drafting ICRC HVD Inspection Memo For Record (MFR);
- Legal Advice to another TF 633 Officer regarding a different investigation;
- Liaising with III Corps JAGS on HO/TO issues.

Regards,

George

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From: O'Kane MAJ George X AUS CJTF7-Ops LAW SJA
Sent: Friday, December 26, 2003 7:58 PM
To: [REDACTED] AUS CJTF7-SGS Command Group
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 21

Sir,

Issues this week:

- Redrafting ICDC Acknowledgement Form for C3 Effects and having translated into Arabic;
- Attendance at Camp Slayer/1AD to document the \$750K (USD) as evidence captured with Saddam;
- ICRC Meeting at CPA discussing the MEK, Access to Saddam and detention facilities;
- Meeting with CMATT ref: New Iraqi Army LOAC & Rules for the Use of Force training presentations;
- Attending Prisons crisis meeting in response to a CG tasker;
- Review of US Army Regs regarding the Security Guard program and revisions to Use of Force Card for armed contractors in Iraq;
CFC OPG and preparing SJA slides for C5 CG brief;
- Preparation of MP Detention Summit presentation;
SJA review of draft FRAGO (Capture of HVD #1 Exploitation);
Presentation on ICRC reports at MP Detention Summit;
- Preparing draft Rules of Engagement profile for NIA
- Meeting at Office of General Counsel (CPA) regarding Iraqi Armed Forces (IAF) and with Office of National Security Affairs regarding IAF & ICDC.

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From: O'Kane MAJ George X AUS CJTF7-Ops LAW SJA
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2003 8:54 PM
To: SJA IG AUS CJTF7-SGS Command Group
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 20

Sir,

This week has been taken up with:

- OP EEL (HVD transfer) planning process;
 - Finalising Arabic translations (with translator) for NIA Rules for the Use of Force & LOAC trg packages;
 - Incorporating comments and finalising ICRC ltr for COMD 800th MP Bde;
 - Deployment on OP EEL to USS HIGGINS and return;
 - Review of working paper on LOAC prosecution of Saddam and FRE;
 - Attendance at Abu Ghurayb to finalise Arabic translations for ICDC 36th Bn Rules for the Use of Force trg presentation
- Advice to MND (CS) on Iranian Asylum seeker

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Sent: Friday, December 12, 2003 7:47 PM
To: SJA, G AUS (CJTF7-SGS Command Group)
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 19

Sir,

issues this week (not as many as normal due to a few more time consuming projects):

- SJA comment on PAO RFI on ICDC Composite (now 36th) Bn;
- Researching and inter office meeting regarding discipline structure for ICDC;
- Preparation of LOAC Training presentation for New Iraqi Army;
- Advice to 4ID regarding IZ Survivor Benefit Policy;
- Advice to 1AD on ICDC Senior Officer Vetting;
- Preparation of ICDC 36th Bn Rules on the Use of Force presentation;
- Revision of Rewards & MANPADS Buyback Program information paper;
- Advice to COSCOM on carriage of weapons by DoD civilians;
- SJA review of ICDC 36th Bn IPR;
- Advice regarding UK ROE for protection of informant teenagers at CPA;
- Meeting with SJA and making final revisions of ICRC letter for COMD 800th MP Bde;
- Attending two Operational Planning Groups for COAs for Peshmerga ICDC Bde to BIAP (unlikely to proceed).

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, December 05, 2003 6:58 PM
To: [REDACTED] SJA; G AUS (CJTF7-SGS Command Group)
Subject: Weekly Report Week 18

Sir,

I have been involved in the following issues this week:

- Attended meeting at CPA with ICRC regarding detainee treatment and conditions;
- Attended meeting at CPA with CMATT regarding Rules on the Use of Force for the New Iraqi Army (NIA)
- Preparing Draft Rules on the Use of Force training package for the New Iraqi Army (NIA);
- Drafted correspondence for DSJA signature to 82nd AD relating to comments on US ROE trg package;
- Drafted correspondence for DSJA signature on ICRC reports to DCG (Ops & PH);
- Liaising with MND (CS) regarding procedures for TCN theft;
- Provided advice on ROE relating to use and carriage of hand grenades;
- Drafted first draft response for COMD 800th MP Bde to ICRC relating to ICRC report of detention facilities;
- Inter office discussion on legal advice to US military interrogators;
- Revision of ICDC General Officer (Counter Intelligence Special Project) consent form for draft C5 Plans FRAGO;
- Advice to 4ID on search of UN vehicles;
- Meeting with SJA and COMD 800th MP Bde regarding ICRC meeting to be held at Baghdad Central Correction Facility (AG);
- Meeting at Abu Ghuryab with CO MI Bn, CO MP Bn and staff regarding response to ICRC report;
- Attending planning meeting regarding standing up of 'Special Baghdad ICDC Bn'.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, November 28, 2003 9:42 PM
To: [REDACTED] G AUS (CJTF7-SGS Command Group)
Subject: Weekly Report Week 17

Sir,

The last week has involved:

- Review and amendment of draft Joint Information and Operations Centre (JOIC) (for future prosecution of security internees) Working paper;
- Research and review of KFOR and ISAF (International Security Force AFG) Military Technical Agreements as templates for an Iraqi model MTA;
- Revision of draft Agreement on Political Process Presentation for C5;
- Review of Property Eviction and Eid Al Fitr FRAGOs;
- SJA review of further OP IVY CYCLONE III (4ID) target;
Edit of US ROE card and training package in view of Div comments;
- Liason with MND (CS) and (SE) on ongoing border queries;
Meeting and advice to ISG officers (US) regarding ROE issues;
SJA review of Use of Force at Detention Facilities FRAGO;
- Reviewed ICRC reports on Baghdad detention facilities and preparing position paper;
- Attendance at CJSOCTF-AP for planning meeting on formation of Iraqi Counter-Terrorism Unit.

Regards,

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To: [redacted] G AUS (CJTF7-SGS Command Group)
Subject: Weekly Report Week 16

Sir,

The last week has seen CJTF-7 involved in Corps level kinetic operations for the first time since my deployment which has been of particular interest. This is recorded below as well as as the following:

- Preliminary advice on CENTCOM clearance of certain targets (property and terrorists) under the US 1003V ROE;
- Advice to C3 Effects on ICDC recruitment for new Counter-Terrorist unit to be stood up;
- Refining draft of CFLCC pre-deployment ROE script;
- Review of Command Directed Message FRAGO;
- Advice to 2LCR (1AD) on use of force against rock/masonry throwers;
- Resolution of stalled UK (minor TCN)/US detainee release procedure for Camp Bucca (MND (SE));
- SJA review of certain targets for the Air Support Operations Centre (ASOC) during OP IVY CYCLONE (4ID) and OP RIFLE BLITZ (82ns ABN) (note: not all targets, the reviews were shared between the Ops Law cell);
- Inter office discussion on the destruction of 'crops' in Additional Protocol I to Geneva Conventions;
- Co-drafting Information Paper for BG Kimmet on Targeting of Civilian Structures during OP IVY CYCLONE;
- SJA review of OPORD 03-036 (ICDC expansion);
- Inter office review of draft CPA Final Transitional Agreement;
- Attendance at OP IVY CYCLONE Post Action Review meeting;

Regards,

George

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Subject: Weekly Report Week 15

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Sir,

This summary of issues includes the few days of week 12 before ROCL and the past week since returning to work:

- ROE advice on OP RESIDENCE (Karbala);
- Advice to MND (CS) on ICDC Obligation Form and public property occupation;
- Revision of ROE Mission Matrix for MND (CS) and advice on temporary weapon card issue by MSCs;
- Sitrep to C3 (thru FUOPS) on status of arrest warrant for Al Khazimi (Mukhayn Mosque, Karbala);
- Meeting regarding transfer of EPW/Detainee between MND (SE)/US;
- Attendance at Memorial Service for CW5 Swartworth & SGM Gilmore;
- ROE advice to MND (CS) regarding US forces under direct or general support;
- Preparation of Coalition Issue slides for SJA presentation to III Corps at Fort Hood;
- Drafting of Air Support Op Centre SJA Targeting Form for the SJA Drive;
- Escort/assistance to visit by Deputy SJA III Corps;
- Advice to MND (SE) on revised CPA Order No.3 (Wpn Licenses);
- Presentation to Command Legal, HQ Land Command (UK) at CPA on CJTF-7 legal issues;
- Meeting with C8 Branch on CERP payments for MND (CS) and advice to MND (CS) on compensation payment for Iraqi shot dead last month;
- Prepared Mission Essential Property and Ammunition Cache training slides as directed by CG;
- Drafting script for ROE segment in CFLCC pre-deployment video;
- Advice regarding CENTCOM RFI on IT ROE following VBIED attack at Nasiriyah.

Regards,

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From: O'Kane MAJ George X AUS CJTF7-Ops LAW SJA
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 6:04 PM
TO: [REDACTED] AUS
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 10

Sir,

This week I have been kept busy with the following:

- Weekly meetings at the Coalition Cooperation Cell and the DCG's weekly brief;
- Finalisation (incl amendments) to the information paper on Foreign Terrorist Organisations and Terrorist Exclusion Lists for the CG (through the SJA);
- Attendance at Babylon for the OP STUART OPG (Sat 11 Oct 03) and later attendance at other planning meetings;
- Attendance at MND (SE) Basra from Sun 12 -Tue 14 Oct 03 which included meetings/visits to Basra Court and Prison, Camp Bucca and the Navstar (first ship seized for oil smuggling) at Um Qasar;
 - review of proposed Militia strategy paper;
 - Meeting on changes to Rewards Programme;
- Meeting with SJA at the US 101st Div HQ at Mosul from Thur 16 Oct - Fri 17 Oct 03 (this trip was supposed to be a day trip but due to problems with air support we had to overnight and return today, which took most of the day due to bad weather and being stranded at Bilad).

Sir, I will be on ROCFA from Tue 21st to Tue 4 Nov 03 and if it is no problem, will sweep up issues for the next few days with the report due in the week back from leave.

Regards,

George

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From: O'Kane MAJ George X AUS CJTF7-Ops LAW SJA
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2003 7:32 PM
To: [redacted] AUS
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 9

Sir,

I have been involved in the following this week:

- zeroed my rifle;
- AS ROE (OP CATALYST) brief to visiting AS forces at TF 633;
- Review of Admin Instruction No.1 for NIA;
- Preparation of Itinery for future visit to MND (SE);
- Attendance at US ROE meeting;
- Preparation of further scenarios for CJTF-7 ROE training package;
- Attendance at compensation claims/insurance meeting with LOGCAP for MND (CS);
- Planning meeting with C5 regarding OP JACKSON;
- Discussion and advice regarding civilian security guards being used for military convoy security;
- Drafted information paper for question raised by the CG in the CPG regarding Foreign Terrorist Organisations and Terrorist Exclusion Lists;
- Attended ESP Bde at Ad Diwaniyah with FUOPS for backbrief on OP STUART and preparing report on ROE issues raised at the briefing;
- Attending further urgent OPG for OP STUART as a result of Spanish backbrief;
- Meeting regarding the appropriate jurisdiction (secular or Sharia) to try an arrested Iman (Shiek Moyaed).

Regards,

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Subject: Weekly Report - Week 8

Sir,

This week has involved the following issues:

- Advice to Air Ops on UK ROE on the protection of infrastructure protection (oil lines & power pylons);
- After finally getting Latvian confirmation on their ROE, completion of the MND (CS) ROE Matrix (attached) and the MND (CS) Mission Compatability Matrix; The ROE matrix was briefed to the DCG at his Wed morning CCC brief;
- Advice regarding registration of Spanish vehicles travelling to Kuwait;
- Advice on the 101st IO campaign regarding the Saddam Feyadeen;
- Advice to UKrainian Bde concerning payment of defence counsel in their local courts;
- Discussions regarding the Kadek planning brief;
- Advice to MND (CS) on storage of confiscated vehicles;
- General discussions within the SJA office on interrogation within the context of Geneva Convention IV;
- Advice to the 101st on stolen vehicle policy and recovery;
- Discussions within the CCC regarding insurance of KBR issued vehicles to MND (CS) and advice to MND (CS);
- Attendance at Wed/Thur crisis planning conferences for OP STUART (arrest of cleric Al Sadr) which is now suspended until the return of Amb Bremer.

Regards,

George



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Sent: Friday, October 03, 2003 4:11 PM
To: [Redacted] AUS
Subject: Weekly Report - Week 8

Sir,

This week has seen me involved with the following:

- Brief to TF 633 on role at CJTF-7;
- Preparation of Use of Force/ROE Training for the USMC Fleet Anti-Terrorist Strike Team (FAST);
- Preparation of draft ROE Training package for US Divisions and briefing same at weekly ROE meeting (ongoing);
- Researching legality of destruction of houses suspected of IED production use;
- Advising on requirements of body armour protection for civilians visiting Theatre;
- Coordinating reclassification of border operations FRAGOs and CPA orders and provision of advice to MND (CS);
- Advice to Snr Norwegian LNO at MND (CS) on ROE matrix;
- Drafting new US Use of Force Card for US forces - the CFLCC card for the high intensity stage of hostilities is out of date.
- Advice on air waiver for EPW/Security Internees travelling by US helicopters;
- Preparation of initial SJA (Ops Law) handover brief for III Corps;
- Attendance at Operational Planning Group (OPG) for OP STUART.

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Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 3:16 PM
To: [redacted] G AUS CJTF7-SGS Command Group
Subject: Report Week 7

Sir,

Apologies for the delayed report which was due last Fri.

Last week involved the following issues:

- Further acquisition of MND (CS) TCN Rules of Engagement for inclusion into the ROE Matrix;
- Continued development of the MND (CS) Mission Capability Matrix;
- Cross border radar intrusion advice;
- Liaising with MND (CS) regarding compensation for deaths claim;
- Working on agenda for an Infrastructure and Smuggling Working Group to be held at CPA on 19 Sep 03;
- Attending the CCC meetings and the DCG's Wed Update;
- I filled the SJA position in the JOC for most of a day shift to relieve the USMC JAG officer when under staffed;
- At relatively short notice, attended a planning conference at MND (CS), Babylon for OP STUART to provide advice on the Spanish ROE, Mosque operations and the IZ arrest warrant process.

The planned trip to the war crimes site at Salman Pak ended up being postponed due to coord difficulties with some of the supporting elms.

Regards,

George

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12/09/03 19:18

To: [S41]/DJ1/AU@DJ1

cc:

Subject: Weekly Report 12 Sep 03 (Week 6)

Sir,

This week has seen me continue to develop the Theatre Rules of Engagement Matrix. Completing the matrix is not that time consuming, trying to extract the ROE from the numerous TCN is. The process is ongoing. In addition, I am constructing another matrix in conjunction with COL [S41] or MND (C-S) which is a mission task based matrix based on both ROE and TCN mission statements.

I have continued to attend the normal weekly meetings being the CCC and the DCG's CCC brief on Wed am.

I have been doing some research for legal advice on the Ankara Peace Agreement, the PUK and the KPD.

I arranged and hosted a meeting of legal officers from MND (C-S) here yesterday. The Poles, Ukaranians, Hungarians, Spanish and Nicaraguans attended. I did presentations on Detention and ROE, another officer did a presentation on Claims.

George

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