



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
800<sup>th</sup> MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE (I/R)  
CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AFRC-CNY-AI-CG

19 January 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR All 800<sup>th</sup> Military Police Personnel

SUBJECT: Proper Treatment of the Iraqi People During Combat Operations

1. Purpose. This memorandum reemphasizes the responsibility of Coalition Forces and more specifically, 800<sup>th</sup> MP BDE soldiers, to treat all persons under their control with dignity and respect. It reinforces the obligation of Coalition personnel to comply with the Law of War.

2. Humane Treatment of the Iraqi People. Coalition Forces are committed to restoring the human rights of Iraqi civilians and the rule of law. We will treat all civilians with humanity, dignity, and respect for their person, property and culture. Coalition Forces preserve human life by avoiding civilian casualties and rendering prompt medical attention to persons injured during combat operations. Treat those who are not taking an active part in hostilities, including prisoners and detainees, humanely. Remain particularly aware of sensitivity concerning females. Females will be searched in a non-public location; whenever possible, male soldiers will not search females unless absolutely essential and necessary.


3. Force Protection and the Lawful Use of Force. We are conducting combat operations in a a complex, dangerous environment. Coalition Forces must remain bold and aggressive, yet disciplined, in their use of force. Use only the level of force necessary to accomplish the mission while minimizing unintentional damage, when in contact with the enemy. Our posture must be strong and determined, while remaining firmly in control of the destructive power of our weapons. You have learned the principles of the Law of War throughout your military careers. As professional soldiers you must follow these principles, and comply with the rules of engagement. You must be reasonably certain a target is a legitimate military target prior to engaging said target. Use of lethal force in self defense is always authorized if US or Coalition Forces or innocent civilians (to include other detainees) are reasonably perceived to be in danger of death or serious bodily harm.

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4. Conclusion. Respect for others; humane treatment of persons not taking part in hostilities, and adherence to the Law of War and rules of engagement is a matter of discipline and adherence to values. This is what distinguishes us from our enemies. I expect all leaders to comply with and reinforce this message.

5. This policy is to be supplemented and disseminated by Battalions to Company Commanders and subsequently to every soldier within the command



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MEMORANDUM FOR Subordinate Commanders

SUBJECT: Brigade Policy regarding Fraternization with Detainees

1. Demanding, requesting or accepting autographs or other mementos from any high value detainee is strictly forbidden. Anyone soliciting, accepting, or otherwise found in possession of such items will be subject to UCMJ action.
2. Army Regulation 190-8, Paragraphs 3-6(a), and 6-10 mandate establishing and rigidly enforcing measures necessary to maintain discipline and security in each camp. The following acts are not to be permitted and will not be tolerated:
  - (a) Fraternization (association) between US Personnel and any detainee or other person subject to control of the US military. Fraternization is defined as improper or intimate communications or actions.
  - (b) Donating or receiving gifts from a detainee, except in an official capacity after approval by the soldier's Battalion Commander.
  - (c) Engaging in any commercial activity with a detainee or person under US control.
3. Violators of the above policy may be subject to UCMJ proceedings or other adverse administrative action.

  
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