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07OCT03

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I/NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND WA/ALLEGED ASSAULT OF IRAQI PRISONERS OF WAR

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

1. On 07OCT03 at approximately 1400, Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed [REDACTED], USN (SSN [REDACTED]) in regards to [REDACTED] knowledge of the abuse of Enemy prisoners of war (EPW) in Iraq.

2. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was part of nine corpsmen stationed at Naval Hospital Oak Harbor (NHOH), WA to volunteer to deploy to Iraq from 21FEB03 to 16JUN03. [REDACTED] stated that the nine corpsmen first went to San Diego then on to Iraq where the nine corpsmen were separated in different areas of Iraq. [REDACTED] went to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Division where [REDACTED] was attached to the Headquarters and Service Company, Battalion Aid Station (BAS). b7c

3. [REDACTED] duties as part of the BAS consisted of transporting injured American soldiers and Iraqi citizens, helping to train the Iraqi police force and providing supplies to the first line. [REDACTED] advised that when an Iraqi would become injured and require aid, [REDACTED] would treat the Iraqi under an armed guard at the Regimental Aid Station then would take the Iraqi to the "Head Team" who would process the Iraqi as an EPW as deemed appropriate. [REDACTED] advised that upon being declared an EPW, the EPW would be taken to an area that contained an empty swimming pool. The EPW would be handcuffed, leg cuffed and have a burlap bag placed over their head. [REDACTED] further advised that the EPW would remain in the kneeling position for no longer than 24 hours while the EPW was awaiting interrogation.

4. [REDACTED] stated that he never saw any instances of physical abuse towards the EPWs. [REDACTED] stated that the EPWs would be yelled at or jerked into an upright position if the EPW were misbehaving but that [REDACTED] never saw an EPW beaten.

5. [REDACTED] advised that since returning to NHOH, all of the corpsman have experienced some form of problem from what they observed in Iraq. [REDACTED] has suffered from nightmares and has been treated by a counselor.

REPORTED BY: [REDACTED] Special Agent
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