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

RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

1. On 07OCT03, [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] USN, was interviewed at the NCISRA Whidbey Island Office in regards to his knowledge of the possible assault of Iraqi Enemy Prisoners of War (EPW). [REDACTED] and five of his fellow corpsman were brought to the NCISRA Whidbey Island office and interviewed to determine if any of the corpsman had knowledge of the mistreatment of Iraqi EPWs while they were deployed to Iraq.
2. [REDACTED] recounted he and eight other corpsman from the Naval Hospital Oak Harbor (NHOH) were given about 36 hours notice they were to be deployed to Iraq. [REDACTED] stated on 31JAN03 the group flew to Camp Pendleton, CA for three weeks of training/work-ups. [REDACTED] stated on 21FEB03, the group left California bound for Iraq, via Kuwait. [REDACTED] stated the group from NHOH was separated into different Marine Battalions in Kuwait. [REDACTED] was assigned to the 15th MEU, Battalion 21, Platoon G.
3. [REDACTED] described his role as a corpsman assigned to the Marine Battalion was to administer aid to the Marines and get them back into the theater as soon as possible. [REDACTED] stated the majority of his care was focused on injured Iraqi citizens (burn victims, chronic injuries, etc). [REDACTED] recalled he dealt with EPWs during the course of his time in Iraq. [REDACTED] noted he witnessed Marines throw down prisoners and conduct "rough" searches on them. [REDACTED] cited after a big incident in Nasaria, about the end of MAR03, he witnessed the rough handling of EPWs by Marines. [REDACTED] said he would walk away when he observed rough searches of EPWs.
4. [REDACTED] stated there was a lot of peer pressure to keep one's mouth shut and "do what they do", i.e., pt with the Marines (run) and shoot well. [REDACTED] said he was one of the first members of the original deployed group of nine corpsman to return back to the United States (around 24MAY03). [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stayed in Iraq the longest of the group. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] recently returned from his deployment to the Middle East. In closing, [REDACTED] discussed some ill effects he had developed related to his deployment in Iraq (trouble sleeping, lethargic, apathy, etc.).

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