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From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Friday, January 23, 2004 8:41 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: 7h HATTAB
 Importance: High

All, SA [REDACTED] (now on way to CITF B'dad) was case agent on our end, and left a tentative closed behind on this while I was gone. W/ computer problems here recently, had not yet processed pending discussions w/ NWFO ASAC. We had checked w/ MWPE to see if our HM's name [REDACTED] came up anywhere in their case, which it does not. [REDACTED] was assigned to a Marine Unit while there. [REDACTED] reportedly told others from here that he roughed up POW's. Interviews indicated this as apparently nothing more than him putting them face down on ground in threatening situations when the POW's/Looters did not respond to verbal commands to get down when cuffed; using a stick to direct them w/ touches to body until a "General" told them they could not do this anymore; and admittedly hitting one w/ an empty plastic 5 gal container. Since [REDACTED] was not working w/ the other HM's from here, and we interviewed 7 out of 9, we did not see need to interview couple others who had transferred, and again were not actually w/ [REDACTED] in Iraq. If anyone thinks differently on this, pls let me know.

We hope to close this, as appears to be a lot of "talk" or bluster by the HM from here, and have to say that from interviews of all of the HM's from here who were over there in Iraq, several (including our guy) are minimum borderline PTSD from all the gore they reportedly dealt w/ on bombings, etc. Having said all that, here is cut/paste of narrative of Hou's report on this. R/ [REDACTED]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Naval Hospital Oak Harbor (NHOH) reported an allegation of the mistreatment of one of more Enemy Prisoners of War (EPWs) by one of their Corpsman, while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The name of [REDACTED] was given as the individual who allegedly mistreated EPWs. Of the nine corpsman that deployed from NHOH, seven were available to interview. All of the remaining corpsman assigned to NHOH, minus [REDACTED] were interviewed relating to any knowledge of the mistreatment of EPWs by any of their peers. One interviewee, [REDACTED], stated [REDACTED] told him that he roughed up some EPWs while in Iraq. [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated he never abused any EPWs; [REDACTED] admitted to pushing one EPW's face in the dirt and tripping other difficult EPWs to put them on the ground. NCIS Field Office Marine West was contacted to determine if [REDACTED] name surfaced in a separate investigation by that office involving the abuse of Iraqi EPWs. The inquiry returned the investigations are unrelated. No further investigative activity will be performed by NCISRA Whidbey Island related to this case.

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NARRATIVE

1. On 06Oct03, [REDACTED] NHOH, reported he learned through a counseling session that a deployed Corpsman, while in Iraq, possibly mistreated one or more EPWs. [REDACTED] provided the last name of [REDACTED] as the corpsman that allegedly "roughed up" some EPWs while in Iraq. [REDACTED] was later identified as [REDACTED]. For background, nine corpsman from NHOH were informed on 29JAN03 they were to be deployed to Iraq. On 31JAN03, the corpsman deployed to Camp Pendleton, CA. Subsequent to approximately three weeks of training in CA, the corpsman flew to Kuwait and were separated and assigned to different companies within the 1st Marine Division. Seven of the nine Corpsman that deployed to Iraq are still assigned to NHOH. One of the Corpsman, [REDACTED] is now assigned to the NAVHOSP in Keflavik. Another CORPSMAN, [REDACTED] is now separated from the Navy.

2. A complete list of the nine corpsman was obtained from [REDACTED] NHOH. All of the remaining corpsman that are assigned to NHOH, minus [REDACTED] were interviewed on 07OCT03. Five of the six corpsman interviewed, could not cite specific information relating to the mistreatment of EPWs. Exhibits (1) through (4) pertain.

3. [REDACTED] a friend of [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] admitted to roughing up some Iraqi EPWs during a conversation they had after returning to the United States. [REDACTED] was the last of the corpsman to return back to the United States. He returned in mid September, while some came back as early as June. [REDACTED] relayed [REDACTED] forced EPWs heads in the dirt if they did not comply with orders they were given to put their heads down on the ground. This action would occur when the EPWs were cuffed and laying on the ground. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he had to set the EPWs straight if they were talking or moving or not complying with orders directed at them. The first way to set EPWs straight is to yell at them, then resort to more physical means if required. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] he hit an EPW with an empty, tan, plastic, five-gallon water container for not complying with orders. [REDACTED] was unsure how many times the EPW was told to cease/correct his actions, and he was also unsure where the EPW was hit and how many times. [REDACTED] cited [REDACTED] appeared to have lost a significant amount of weight in Iraq. [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED] was bitter, disgruntled and agitated upon returning from his deployment. Exhibit (5) provides further detail of the interview with [REDACTED]

4. On 08OCT03, [REDACTED] was interviewed and questioned regarding his experience in Iraq. Subsequent to signing the Military Suspect's Acknowledgement/and Waiver of Rights, [REDACTED] stated he never abused any EPWs. [REDACTED] stated of the eight other corpsman with which he deployed, [REDACTED] had regular contact with him while they were deployed. Subsequent to President BUSH declaring an end to the war, [REDACTED] stated he saw [REDACTED] two or three times a week. [REDACTED] said he volunteered to assist the Marines in patting down EPWs after they were taken into custody to ensure they were free of weapons or dangerous items. He volunteered for this duty to gain better acceptance of the Marines. Most of the EPWs [REDACTED] encountered were looters. [REDACTED] said he had to force some EPWs to the ground by tripping them. [REDACTED] offered he used a stick to tap the part of the body he wanted the EPW to move due to the language barrier. [REDACTED] explained the use of the stick was as an intermediary device between verbal commands and direct manipulation of body parts. [REDACTED] said he stopped using the stick about JUN03, after a general order from the Battalion Commander was disseminated ceasing the use of such objects. [REDACTED] said he forced an EPW's face in the dirt to keep him from moving. [REDACTED] did not admit to any other incidents were he hurt an EPW. Exhibits (6) and (7) pertain.

5. The NCIS Field Office Marine West was contacted to determine if [REDACTED] name surfaced in a separate investigation by that office pertaining to the abuse of Iraqi EPWs. The inquiry returned the investigations are unrelated. MWPE is included in the Distribution because the alleged events occurred during [REDACTED] deployment to Iraq, while augmenting the 1MARDIV based at Camp Pendleton, CA. No further investigation activity will be conducted by NCISRA Whidbey Island related to this case. This investigation is closed.

PARTICIPANTS

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2004 7:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 7h HATTAB

[REDACTED]
Tasker from HQ. Please coordinate with [REDACTED] its due ASAP.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@NCIS.NAVY.MIL]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 5:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] OSD-NII; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Original Message

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@NCIS.NAVY.MIL]
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 2:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]@osd.mil
Subject: 7h HATTAB

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Executive Summary

Issue: Iraqi Prisoner Death

Suspects: [REDACTED] USMC

Command: [REDACTED] Camp White Horse, An-Nasiriyah, IQ

[REDACTED] USMCR
Command: 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (IMEF),
Guard

[REDACTED] USMC
Command: 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (IMEF),
Guard

[REDACTED] USMCR
Command: 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (IMEF),
Guard

[REDACTED] USMCR
Command: 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (IMEF),
Guard

[REDACTED] USMCR
Command: 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (IMEF),
Guard

[REDACTED] USMCR
Command: First Commanding Officer, Camp White Horse, An-Nasiriyah, IQ

Victim: Naeem Sadun HATTAB/Civilian

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M/W/FNIQ/Age 52

Summary:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Press: Washington Post, New York Times, and News Networks. (Note: The Washington Post article incorrectly reports

that the deceased had been detained since May 3 vice June 3).

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 3:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Pls Info [REDACTED] on Iraq Reply

Thanks [REDACTED] No complaints this end, was just looking for answer, and may have emailed wrong person before anyway based upon the SSD I saw on the infamous DIR's READ BOARD! Thanks again and regards/thanks to [REDACTED] Things are great here and trying to keep my email mouth shut on the SSA front! Hope you have a great Christmas...send us some sunshine! R/[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 3:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Pls Info [REDACTED] on Iraq Reply

[REDACTED]

Just talked with [REDACTED] who is our case agent on the investigation here. He checked and your guys name did not come up at all. The unit involved in our investigation was 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, (a reserve unit out of N.Y.), so that does not fit either. [REDACTED] claims he has no knowledge of anyone attempting contact, but our email system here is a little funky at times. If either of you would like to call [REDACTED] his 24/7 cell phone is [REDACTED] Sorry for any lack of responsiveness on our part. Sometimes things just fall through the cracks. Hope everything is going well in the great N.W. Talk to you soon.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 14:47
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Pls Info [REDACTED] on Iraq Reply

[REDACTED] I'll be on ANLV 18-29DEC. [REDACTED] is the case agent my end, so any reply on prior question from me, pls info him. We're trying to close this out before [REDACTED] goes on ANLV this weekend, from which he goes directly to Iraq for 3-4 mos. Thanks. R/[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 2:30 PM *b6*
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Your Iraq POW 7H Case

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[REDACTED] I had tried via case agent and email to see if any link on this, so going through you....need some help. We have an I/ title case here on a corpsman who allegedly May have roughed up or assaulted a POW in Iraq when attached to Marines. Upon interview, appears benign and that they were only controlling these guys when they did not follow directions at some point in capture, etc...hence the I title. Just wanted to be sure his name does not surface in the 7H case you all have pertaining to the Iraq POW killed in custody. Our corpsman is:

[REDACTED] *b7C*
Was assigned to Combined Anti Armor Tm, 1st Marines, Wpns Company.

Would this unit or our [REDACTED] *b7C* be any part of your case down there?

Thanks for assist on this.

Regards, [REDACTED] Supervisory Special Agent *b6*
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