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Date of Birth Place of Birth

Ship/Corps/Regt/Unit

(Tick Box) Male Female

Interviewed by

Number Rank Surname

Forenames

Unit and address

Rank/Status	Name & Initials	Reason
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Date of Interview: At (Place):

Time Started: hrs Time Finished: Hrs

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IHAT 2	Yeah is 1054, we shall pause for the moment. (Pause for comfort break)
IHAT 2	Right the time is 1058, and it's still Tuesday 1 st December 2015, and this is an interview that's being held at <input type="text"/> I am <input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/> an IHAT investigator, if you could err introduce yourself please.
SO76	Err <input type="text" value="SO76"/>
IHAT 1	And <input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/> Ehm, thanks then, the purpose of ehm obviously the earlier part was just to get some ehm, just to put in context really your role there and what you were doing.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	And the set up of the camp, ehm when we ehm asked you to try and recall the incident you said you don't recall the time of the day, but you were in and around the Ops room, well we know as I said are able to put that in context, what the Ops room was, where it was.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Why-it was there etc, etc.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Ehm, you say you don't recall the time of day.
SO76	I don't recall the exact time, no but everything happened in daylight, it probably was morning err some time.
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	Morning, it used to be light early.

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IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76 01.34.52	Err, and dark early, but it would have been yeah morning, maybe mid-morning, but that's just an educated guess, it's ehm.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	I can't be specific with the time.
IHAT 1	Okay, so on that specific day, and I don't expect you to remember the date, it was actually the 23 rd May.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Ehm...
SO76	I knew it was May some time.
IHAT 1	Yeah 2003, ehm so we're talking err by George Bush's ehm announcement, we're talking three weeks now into ehm peace keeping situation.
SO76	Err, I wouldn't use the term peace keeping, it was more sort of peace enforcement.
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	Which there is a difference.
IHAT 1	Right okay.
IHAT 2	Yeah.
SO76	So you know you've got your four phases.
IHAT 1	Yeah.

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<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Of war, peace enforcements, peace keeping and I can't remember what the last one is, nation building basically.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/> 01.35.46	Yeah, okay.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	But that's what it was at the time, so it may have changed since then but yeah so.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	So what does that, what does that mean to you then, peace enforcement rather than peace keeping?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Look those two aren't that far apart, but it's, it's, effectively you've won the war aspect.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	So as much as you think you do, you have some kind of control.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yes.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Which you honestly don't, not with the limited troops you have on the ground.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yes.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And try and maintain some kind of order.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Around the place.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, when you say, when you say put that into context where you were, what did that mean for your engineers, using that phrase producing order around the place?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Oh for us it could be anything, it could be, you could still be supporting the Black Watch doing raids err for suspects you know, ehm a pack of 52 cards.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 01.36.50	Err you could be going off to try and repair an air conditioning unit at a medical centre.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err we repaired some pipes in Azabiah to get some water.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	It was non-portable but people ended up with, err we fixed a generator at a medical centre.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Which meant the air conditioning system could run, which could, which meant the medicines could survive in the heat.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err anything, err with the engineers you have lots of tradesmen that can do anything, and you literally did whatever was required, some to help locals, some to help ourselves, some to help, you know if err for example somebody set up a new mini-camp somewhere in the city.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Then we went along, we would provide some of the additional security protection, we would run some electricity for them, with a generator so they had some power, you know that kind of stuff.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	That, that to me, and I can only give it as I say, that sounds to me more of a an engineers role, a heart and minds type ehm situation.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Well...

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IHAT 1	01.37.56	Restoring the infrastructure and the amenities.
SO76		As much as you can, very limitedly yeah.
IHAT 1		But that doesn't, you specifically spoke about four phases of war, and you said peace, was it peace enforcement?
IHAT 2		Enforcement.
SO76		Yeah and
IHAT 1		But that doesn't sound like peace enforcement.
SO76		Part of it is, you'd have a policing role, your first job is you're a soldier.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Even when you're out there repairing a generator you're a soldier first.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		So if you need to do a vehicle road block in the middle of repairing a generator, you do a vehicle road block for that purpose
IHAT 1		I understand that, so I understand your role as an engineer.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		But what I want, what I'm trying to ehm (inaudible)
SO76		There was a lot of looting going on.
IHAT 1		Okay, so tell me about the loot...
SO76		Is that where we're going?

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IHAT 1	SO76	Not particularly.
		And you know...
IHAT 1	01.38.41	But you mentioned peace enforcement and you were quite...
		Yeah but, well part of it is a sort of a policing role.
IHAT 1		Okay.
		You know you're out there driving around, err providing assurity to the local population that things are a bit safer, because there's presence on the ground, but that's why I said if you're limited with the number of soldiers we have to provide that in the city such as Basra, which isn't that small.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
		Err so you will you know create road blocks, do searches on people.
IHAT 1		Okay.
		Err look for weapons, all at the same time whilst you may be doing other engineer tasks.
IHAT 1		Okay, okay.
		So it's not a.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
		And we're not just infantry soldiers, we will do anything that's required, we were doing, we do road blocks.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
		Err if we have to.

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IHAT 2	Yeah.
IHAT 1 01.39.26	So if we took the, if we took the enforcement part and specifically in relation to 26 squadron.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	That would be what?
SO76	Whatever our mission' on the day was or required to do, err but generally for us err it was more of the policing, have presence on the ground and also if there's any repairs to be done, we did a lot of collecting of munitions.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err a lot of munitions, I think we collected over forty shipping containers.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Of munitions that we found in various locations.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	If you imagine how much that is.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	So that was part of our role, ie get guns off the street, so that's a peace enforcement type activity.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	You're not just there to keep the peace, you're removing the threat.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah.

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 01.40.16	And so we did a lot of that.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err we were shown into certain areas where there was piles of mines.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Just sitting there, which rifles, grenades, rockets.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Thousands, like I said we filled up, I think about, it's either well over twenty shipping containers, maybe up to forty shipping containers of just munitions.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Our first job was to destroy them.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	But then they thought oh no we have to re-arm the Iraqi Army so why are we destroying everything.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And then buying new for them, so we'll save as much as we can and then.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.

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SO76	01.40.53	And then err subsequently give them back to the Iraqis.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		To re-arm the Armed Forces.
IHAT 2		Mmm.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		But we found all sorts.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		We blew some up, we destroyed some rifles by driving over them.
IHAT 1		And we're given to understand that there is some containers buried as well with arms in, would that be right?
SO76		That we did or?
IHAT 1		Well we, from people we've spoken to they said oh yeah there are some containers buried with munition in ordnance
SO76		Oh yeah, yeah, yeah.
IHAT 1		Yeah but the Black Watch snipers then kept an eye on because the Iraqis were trying to get into them.
SO76		Yes, there was, yeah there was err, that was near our camp.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Err where these, these (inaudible) containers I'm talking about were kept.
IHAT 1		Yeah.

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SO76	01.41.39	And I believe there were people from across the river that used to come across and try to break in and to seal the munitions, and the Black Watch snipers on occasions had to deal with them.					
IHAT 1		Yeah okay, what, in relation....					
SO76		And that happened you know after war fighting was over.					
IHAT 1		Mmm, in relation to this phase that we're on about then.					
SO76		Yeah.					
IHAT 1		So this period of ehm three to four weeks following.					
SO76		Yeah.					
IHAT 1		You know so within the first few weeks of May, in the period we're interested in, you're in this kind of interim war, after the war but you've still got an enforcement type role and.					
SO76		Mmm.					
IHAT 1		How was that ehm communicated to the troops, what their responsibilities were?					
SO76		Oh through the missions they were given for the day, err and you know it was all to do with, every mission starts with Commander's intent to up, so what is the divisional Commander, what is the Brigade Commander trying to achieve.					
IHAT 1		Mmm.					
SO76		So what's the Brigade Commander trying to achieve.					
IHAT 1		Mmm.					
SO76		You know and different orders for every day, you know the Brigade Commander's intent might be for the day secure this part of the city, hypothetically.					
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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 01.42.46	This is all hypothetical what I'm talking about.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And then that cascades down to, so you, that's <input type="text"/> the engineers.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	You're responsibility to make that happen is a, b, c, d.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And that's your mission.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, in general then as a ehm, as a order if you like.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	As a general order.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	What would have been your engineers understanding of their role in let's call the enforcement part of that period of time, just generally, not on a specific day to day now we're going to go into here?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Hard to answer, because soldiers will generally do what they're told.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err so it's not as if we sat down with them and, yes we sat down with them and said right you know through the orders process.
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IHAT 1 SO76 01.44.31 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1	Yeah. We've taken the helmets off. Okay, you mentioned looters. Mmm. Obviously, and obviously it's you know it's no secret thing, it plays a... It's a big problem. Ehm, you know it was a big problem in... Mmm yeah absolutely. Tell me about that then. Err to the locals it was a major annoyance, we actually did have a protest one day up to our camp. Mmm. Err where I got somebody knocking on the Ops door, Ops room saying sir you'd better come out there's 200 people out there, I went up to them and err, and this was it would have been early May probably, or even in April some time. Mmm. Err this gentleman, old-ish gentleman walked up to me, there was err people there with placards saying please stop the thieves, err and the Ali Baba's, it's an old favourite term as you're aware. Mmm.						
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SO76	And this gentleman walked up to me and in perfect English he had all his Arab regalia on, in absolute perfect English, we sat down on the pavement, I took my helmet off, put my rifle behind my back, opened up my body armour.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76 01.45.41	Just to show err a less threatening intent.						
IHAT 2	Yeah.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	We had all the soldiers lined up, I told them all to relax their rifles.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	And he said, he said we're not after your water, food or money, stop the thieves.						
IHAT 1	Mmm and when was that?						
SO76	That would have been a few weeks after we'd been in the Naval Academy in Basra, so possibly mid-April, mid to the end of April.						
IHAT 1	Right.						
SO76	So it was, it wasn't months down the line, it was relatively early.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	And the locals had a real concern.						
IHAT 1	Mmm, so what did you tell this man when he came up?						
SO76	I had to tell him it was a, and he did a lot of things from memory that he acknowledged that you know we have limited resources as well.						
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IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76 01.46.29	And I said we will do the best we can and at the moment our priority at the time was that err provide some kind of security.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err situation in Basra so that the locals felt safe.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Because it was mainly the locals that weren't happy with the security situation, because the thieves were actually never from Basra, they were always coming into Basra.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And that's what, that's why they had an issue.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	And that's why when the Black Watch did what they did with their snipers, the locals didn't have an issue with that.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Because they knew they were stopping the thieves stealing from them.
IHAT 1	Mmm, okay. So what, what instructions were given to the engineers, and I'm talking specifically about 26 squadron engineers regarding looters?
SO76	Err try to stop them, it wasn't err obviously, it was mainly if you were driving past an electricity sub-station and there was people in there trying to steal copper or something, stop it.
IHAT 1	Mmm.

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SO76	01.47.35	And the stopping, by stopping I mean stop and arrest them.					
IHAT 1		Right, so your specific instruction to your troops.					
SO76		Yeah, from memory was mainly deal with the main stuff, err you couldn't see everything, you, you didn't know what was being stolen and how and when, you know obviously there's the famous incident of people going into the museum and ransacking it, err but it, but it was to do with the main infrastructure, we weren't policing them, we didn't have guards outside them.					
IHAT 1		Mmm.					
SO76		We did it as engineers, but if you came across it you know you were to effectively arrest people and there was a bit of an Iraqi Police Force at the time and hand it over to them, and from, from memory that...					
IHAT 1		So when did you give that instruction?					
SO76		I wouldn't have given that instruction, err that would have come through the orders process and it would have been relatively near the start in Basra when you know there was a bit of a, once we went into Basra there was a bit of a increased level of thieving and looting.					
IHAT 1		Okay, as you can appreciate this is quite important.					
SO76		Yeah, yeah.					
IHAT 1		So what I understand is is there was a specific instruction that if you see people looting copper, or if you see people looting something of, that's you know tangible					
SO76		Infrastructure related generally.					
IHAT 1		Then they're to be arrested.					
SO76		Yes.					
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IHAT 1 01.49.07	Okay, and that came from....
SO76	And that wasn't from me saying, me making the decision to do that.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	That was the general, what the British Forces were trying to do.
IHAT 1	Yes, okay.
SO76	Okay so it's at a very high level.
IHAT 1	Yeah, we, we had to protect the infrastructure.
IHAT 2	Mmm.
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	Because repairing a transformer station or an electricity sub-station is a major, major task.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yes.
SO76	So one piece of copper.
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	Can have three month's worth of repairs associated with it.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah how....
SO76	And water pumps, that was another one.
IHAT 1	How was that relayed then to the guys on the ground, who would actually go out and maybe witness this stuff?

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SO76	01.49.42	If you do witness this then
IHAT 1		Yeah but how, specifically how?
SO76		Oh through the orders process.
IHAT 1		Which is what?
SO76		The chain of command I described, the OC provides the orders.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		To the troop Commanders, who provide it to the Corporals.
IHAT 1		And it's your expectation or the OC's expectation the Corporals would then.
SO76		Absolutely.
IHAT 1		Right okay.
SO76		Because after the troop Commander finishes his orders process with his Corporals.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Then they go away and get their boys together and say right boys this is what's going on, this is what we're going to do tomorrow, this is what we're doing tonight.
IHAT 1		Yes.
SO76		Err Jonesy you're on guard for the next week.
IHAT 1		Yes.
SO76		You know so you report to the Sgt Major tomorrow, you know.

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IHAT 1	01.50.18	Yeah, yeah.
SO76		You know that kind of stuff.
IHAT 2		Is this something that they would have been reminded of as well, that particular order?
SO76		It would have come up a few times.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		But it wasn't something that's err drilled into them, and the engineer soldiers, you know we, we knew about infrastructure.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		Because you know they're fitters, electricians and plumbers and they're tradesmen.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		They're not, they're not just soldiers, they know what's involved.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		You know they've been involved and everywhere, and these guys a lot of them had done operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Northern Ireland where they're involved in infrastructure repair and infrastructure building, so they you know inertly know what their role is.
IHAT 1		Mmm, mmm.
SO76		And you know water pumps was another big one, apart from the electricity stuff.
IHAT 2		Yeah, yeah.

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76 01.51.07"/>	You know they're valuable assets.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	To the nation.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	That you protect as much as possible.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	So really it had quite a detrimental effect on the work that the engineers were carrying out.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah, one of the, I don't know when they deployed, but the Royal Engineers have this, let's call it supporting arm from industry.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	That deploy to nations in these situations to advise, and I'm talking senior people.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	To advise them how to improve the infrastructure and look at the infrastructure from a holistic perspective, such as transformer stations, water pumps, sub-stations, what do we need to do to get these up and running.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm, mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Because I promise you providing electricity to a couple of thousand homes wins you more votes than having a thousand soldiers on the ground.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Yeah.

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SO76	And that's abundantly clear, you know the hearts and minds thing.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76 01.51.58	It does work.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	So we had to try and protect the infrastructure as much as possible and if we saw anyone trying to vandalise it, to steal copper or steal something.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	Then you know we had the remit to stop them and arrest them.						
IHAT 2	Mmm.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	And it wasn't, it was you know stop, arrest and hand them over to the Police.						
IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76	That's what the main remit was, not anything else.						
IHAT 1	What I ehm, okay, so as you understand it then there was a specific order to arrest looters for the copper, theft of copper that came from Brigade or a higher....						
SO76	It would have been high up, yeah.						
IHAT 1	That would have come through ehm SO79 the....						
SO76	Through the chain of command.						
IHAT 1	Down through the chain of command.						
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<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/> 01.52.42	And that would have been cascaded, now the chain of command ehm as you've described it would have meant, and let's take ehm, err Lt <input type="text" value="SO70"/> specifically.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	He, so from the chain of command that you've described.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	He would have received that order specifically from <input type="text" value="SO79"/>
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yes.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	And he would have relayed that order through his Corporals, down to...
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yes.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Right.okay, following on from that, so it was to arrest, on arrest what, what does, what powers if you like and I know we're talking, what does arrest, what would that mean to you, what would you expect them to do?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err it's an interesting one, because we weren't policemen.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	No.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	As you can imagine.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err but there was no law of the land either effectively.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	No.

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SO76 01.53.46	Iraq didn't exist.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	It was err detain and hand over to the Iraqi Police.
IHAT 1	Okay, so what does detain mean?
SO76	If you take it literally it could be held against one's will.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	Err detain, to hold them there and generally most if you turned up with soldiers they would, if you said stand there and wait, then they stood there and wait.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	You know they didn't start a punch up in any kind of way.
IHAT 1	Mmm, so in relation to ehm looting then.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	If they were to detain them, your soldiers would do whatever means necessary to detain them.
SO76	Within reason.
IHAT 1	So what's within reason?
SO76	Well you can't start assaulting people.
IHAT 1	Okay, in what way?
SO76	Well you can't start hitting people.

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, so.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 01.55.41	So you can't shoot them.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	If we put that into the scenario of ehm people looting copper then.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Your soldiers can detain them or so your soldiers, the soldiers could detain them but not use a weapon as a means of threat, not assault them or ...
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	You definitely can't assault them.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Lay hands on them?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Which is a form of assault.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Anyway, err no generally, I mean we didn't, we didn't expect this at the start, so it's not something we were trained to do.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	I, I fully understand that, yeah, yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And it was err.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	But it was happening, we know it was happening.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Oh of course it was.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	So, yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	There was so much looting and stuff going on, it was err with minimal err force or action, it's basically you know detain as best you can.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.

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SO76 01.56.38	Err but you can't, you can't point a rifle at somebody's head.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	For stealing a bit of copper.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	It's just....
IHAT 1	So then having detained them by whatever means, detained them.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	What's the next course of action for the soldiers?
SO76	Err call the Ops room.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	And say we've got two guys that have, I don't know they've been stealing copper or a water pump or something like that from location x, y, z.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	Err and then it was up to us to put it back up to the Brigade chain, either through the Black Watch or the engineer net to get Police resources effectively down there to.
IHAT 1	So the guys on the ground then.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	What net would they use to report it back?
SO76	Oh the squadron net.

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IHAT 1	The squadron net.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1 01.57.28	And then that would be received into the Ops room.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	Would you expect to be informed of that, would that be something that if you weren't in the Ops room you would be expect to be informed about?
SO76	Err probably.
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	And...
SO76	Unless I wasn't specifically there.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	Unless, if the, I wasn't there if the OC was around, you know.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	You know it didn't have to be me a hundred per cent.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	Err it could be the OC or the battle group engineer
IHAT 1	But not, so what I'm getting from that then.
SO76	The Ops room....

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Not the Signallers who were there, they wouldn't then decide what to do about it.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err if it was one of the senior ones they would have probably have reported it on anyway, because they...						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/> 01.58.08	How did they report it on?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Well they'd listen to it on this radio.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yes.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And transmit the message on the other radio.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	On which radio?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err either the Black Watch or the engineer net, depending on what it was, who was answering.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, let's ehm, let's take a looting incident.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Hypothetical?						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Hypothetically.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Let's take a looting incident, it gets reported on the squadron net.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	So in the first instance let's say that you're there and you have received that message.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah, yeah.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	What would you do?						
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SO76	01.58.48	Err try and ascertain some information as to where they are, how many people they are, err you can't have a twenty minute conversation with them, it's got to be a quick little snippet of information.
IHAT 1		Yeah, yeah.
SO76		Of what the situation is, and then err if we were still under the pure Black Watch jurisdiction, go up the Black Watch chain.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Or the engineer chain and say ehm my guys have stopped two looters, at this location.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Err could you please send Police call signs down there to pick them up.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Something along those lines.
IHAT 1		Yeah okay.
SO76		But the squadron net is still open for the back and forth chatter, so the guys could still be sending information through.
IHAT 1		Yeah, yeah okay.
SO76		And you're talking on a different radio.
IHAT 1		Can you recall an incident or any incidents where you've had to do that in relation to looting?
SO76		At the moment, at this very second I can't, the only one I recall is the err, the incident.

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IHAT 1	Yeah, so although looting was rife at the time.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1 01.59.50	You can't recall any incidents where you had, where your guys have detained looters and you've reported it up to get the...
SO76	At this very second IHAT 1 no, I can't.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Err there may have been but at this very second I can't recall that, I can definitely recall the incident that happened.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah.
SO76	Err but related to looting, but nothing else comes to mind.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	It may have happened a number of times, but not at the forefront of my thoughts at the moment.
IHAT 1	Okay, so having reported it up on either the Brigade or the engineer net.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	What would be the next thing that would have happened?
SO76	Err hopefully you got a response back saying yes there'll be call signs down there in five, ten, fifteen minutes, an hour, whatever, give you some kind of time frame of what they want to do. You're effectively also telling them what you want us to do.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Ehm they might say if it's a couple of local kids for example.

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IHAT 1	Mmm, mmm
SO76 02.00.55	Yeah just, they might turn round and say let them go, if it's kind of like a couple of hardened criminals with all the right tools to strip the joint.
IHAT 1	Mmm, but you've been given an order to arrest looters for copper, for the theft of copper.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	It's been reported up the chain.
SO76	And then you're waiting instructions from them.
IHAT 1	But what I'm trying to, you probably realise, what I'm trying to do is find out what the, what the expectation was in Basra at that time for the ehm.
SO76	From the locals or from the Army?
IHAT 1	No from the Army, for ehm.
SO76	Arrest them, that's what the expectation is.
IHAT 1	So to arrest them, the people on the ground arrest it.
SO76	And then give them to the Police.
IHAT 1	It goes back into the Ops room, from the Ops room it goes up the chain to the Brigade or battle group, sorry to ehm sorry
SO76	Either engineer Headquarters which was in Brigade or battle group Headquarters.
IHAT 1	And they would hopefully arrange for who to go and get them?
SO76	Yes.

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IHAT 1	Who?
SO76 02.01.50	Err it could be the Police and it could, err they had an Iraqi Police Force beginning to set up again.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	So it could be them.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	No matter how trustworthy or whatever.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	But.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Err they had the liaison with the locals not us.
IHAT 1	Yeah okay.
SO76	We didn't deal with them at all.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	That's why it all had to go up the chain of command.
IHAT 1	Okay, and then back down.
SO76	And then back down to somebody and then they would tell us that information and then we could relay to the guys, guys you're going to be there for the next two hours.
IHAT 1	But at this point in time you can't remember any incident where that's happened?

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SO76	02.03.03	Err not, I didn't mention that related to this specific incident.
IHAT 1		No, no I know, but you just, that was just your recollection of the day.
SO76		Yeah, yeah they'd be out and about doing something.
IHAT 1		Yeah and ehm.
SO76		They also used to go down to the port to clean the vehicles sometimes.
IHAT 1		Okay, tell me about that then.
SO76		They used to go down to the port, err use the water to clean the vehicles.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		Literally that's it.
IHAT 1		Okay, who went down there?
SO76		Well any of the call signs could have gone down there.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		On any specific day.
IHAT 1		Do you know how they cleaned them?
SO76		Err brushes and yeah and no I didn't really take much interest in it.
IHAT 1		Okay, did you go down there?
SO76		Not at all.
IHAT 1		Okay.

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SO76	02.03.46	I've never been down to that part of the port.
IHAT 1		Okay, so if we just go back to the process for ehm leaving the camp.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		If they were going down to the port to wash their vehicles, would they have had to say.
SO76		Yes.
IHAT 1		That's what they were doing.
SO76		Yes, yes.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		Yes.
IHAT 1		Right and then they'd go down there, do you know how far it was that they were going?
SO76		Well from recollection it wasn't much more than about ½k away.
IHAT 1		Right.
SO76		It wasn't far away.
IHAT 1		So you knew where it was?
SO76		Yeah, yeah.
IHAT 1		Yeah okay.
SO76		I just never went there, no reason to.

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IHAT 1	No, okay you didn't wash your own vehicle then?
SO76 02.04.31	No that's what my soldiers were for, plus mine as you saw in the picture was parked outside.
IHAT 2	It was attached, attached to the building yeah.
SO76	Yeah, mine never, mine was not the type of vehicle you'd take out.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	It's got secure comms in it, you don't drive that around unless you have to.
IHAT 1	Right okay, in the, in the morning when they're deciding you know these are, what's going to happen during the day, where does going down to washing the vehicles at the port, where does that fit in?
SO76	Oh they could have days when they're doing nothing.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And so what they do is vehicle maintenance.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	Err you know clean their rifles again.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Try and rest.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err because they, there's weeks where you're not sleeping at all.
IHAT 1	Yeah.

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SO76 02.05.22	So you know part of the vehicle maintenance, give the vehicle a wash.
IHAT 1	Yeah, it's been described to us as a maintenance day.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	You know and that's part of the, part of the routine of the camp.
SO76	Yeah, we tried to give the guys a maintenance time and it wasn't always on the same day.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	We, to give them some kind of err life for want of a better word.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	It's hard work, it's hot.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	It's not a pleasant place to be.
IHAT 1	No, no.
SO76	You've got malaria and the water's got cholera and typhoid.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	You know it's not a, not a pleasant environment to be in.
IHAT 2	No.
IHAT 1	No, okay.
SO76	So you tried to make their life as pleasant as possible.

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IHAT 1	02.06.03	Mmm, so on this day then.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		It's some time in the morning.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		Were you aware prior to the incident that some of your troops were down at the dockside washing their vehicles?
SO76		Phew, err I probably was on the day.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Err
IHAT 1		Why do you say that?
SO76		I, because I would have known that people are going out.
IHAT 1		Right.
SO76		You know a tank going out of the, out of the doors is a 40 ton metal object, with a lot of noise.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		So you know there's people going out.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		I may have not known specifically they were going to wash a vehicle.
IHAT 1		No.

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<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err but if it was a maintenance day then I would have known that's what they're probably down there to do, not, if they were on any kind of operation.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 02.06.50	I would have definitely known what they were doing.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	A hundred per cent, but with some of the maintenance activities that's, well you don't get involved in that.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	You don't get involved in it, but as
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	You're aware that you know, you're generally aware people are leaving and coming in and out of camp.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Because of where you're located.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah, so when we started off this morning.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	We had a picture of the camp and you were kind of saying: you were in this ehm enforcement phase, it doesn't matter if it's war fighting or peace keeping or peace enforcement.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Mmm, yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	We've still got this, you still maintain this professional.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Absolutely.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	You know and people going in and out of the camp had to sign in, sign out.

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<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Still sign in and out.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Radio in and radio out.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/> 02.07.35	These guys were on a maintenance day.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	And as you said is they're taking two tanks down to be washed and what I'm trying to establish is, is were you aware of that?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	I would have been aware, because I'm in and around the Ops room I would have been aware that the vehicles left camp and I would have been aware that they've gone down to wash, err because there was no operations on at the time.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err specifically, but as to absolute specifics no its...
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Would you have known who the individuals were who were with those vehicles?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Err not unless I checked.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Well did you know?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	No, not until the incident happened.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Right okay.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	I can't remember exactly, I can't remember that morning knowing that err Cpl <input type="text" value="SO71"/> and his vehicle were going to go out.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Mmm.

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SO76	02.08.32	To err wash their vehicle.
IHAT 1		No.
SO76		It could have been one of the other sections.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Err...
IHAT 1		Okay, okay.
SO76		So I wouldn't have been that specifically knowing.
IHAT 1		No, no okay.
SO76		And nor would I expect to.
IHAT 1		So just, just tell me again then...
SO76		Like I said if it was an operation.
IHAT 1		Sorry go on.
SO76		Very different.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		Err I'd know every single person of who's doing what.
IHAT 1		Yeah, yeah.
SO76		But for a maintenance activity, probably not.
IHAT 1		So just tell us again then what is the very first thing that you remember about that incident, the very first thing that you remember?

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SO76	Yes.
IHAT 1 02.11.24	So what you're saying is ehm you remember that ehm your guys were in the water, because that's obviously.
SO76	That was, that's the most prominent thing that comes into my head now about the incident, that we had guys in the water trying to fish somebody out.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah okay, so that's the first, so what else do you remember then?
SO76	What I remember is trying to get a bit of a description of what happened and that's where the description came, is coming to me that thieves running away, one jumped in the water and managed to get out, the other one jumped in the water, sank like a lead balloon.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And whoever described it on the radio, it may have been Sapper SO72, err basically said went in and just went straight down, there was no, no flapping, no.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	Even someone who can't swim would.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	So that's one of the things I remember.
IHAT 1	Were you surprised that your guys were in the water?
SO76	Yes and no, err because err, no because the first thing I expected them, it doesn't surprise me they went in to try and save someone, it doesn't surprise me at all.
IHAT 1	And why's that?

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SO76	Because they don't want people to die, it's not their thing, it's not, we're not there to hurt, kill people, we're, you know we were there to help and save people.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76 02.12.54	Err so if somebody went in the water they would go in to try and save them.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	That's why it wouldn't surprise me and, and the reason I'm not surprised is the people that were down there, err Cpl SO71, SO72, these guys were very, very good intelligent soldiers.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And it's a, they're thinkers.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And they would have, it's the sort of thing they would have done.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Alright, so I'm not surprised that they've gone in.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	Err I am a little, oh I suppose surprised that they did go in on the other side of the fence, err that they put themselves in that danger, err because it's a, it's a port, because it is very deep, it's tidal, it's the confluence of the freighters and tide is rivers, it's, we're not that far from the coast, it's full of disease.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err effluent and cholera and typhoid and so on and so forth.

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IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76 02.13.56	So it's a, they've taken a serious risk to themselves.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	To actually jump in that water.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	That's, yeah I went back to you know rules of first aid, don't put yourself in danger.
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah, yeah.
SO76	That's what they did.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	But they did that because of they wanted to save someone ultimately.
IHAT 1	Okay, what did you do then?
SO76	From my memory I told them to get out of the water, because I immediately became concerned at the danger to themselves.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err it wouldn't take much, you know even if you're a good swimmer to suddenly struggle and drown.
IHAT 1	Mmm, mmm.
SO76	So I told them to get out.
IHAT 1	Mmm.

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SO76	Of the water.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76 02.14.47	And err, and effectively get back, err roughly the same time is when I believe, I think a crowd started building.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	And that's when I sent Staff Sgt SO77, I think it was Staff Sgt SO77 I said get down there, support help, bring him back and I called them all back.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	Because I didn't want a five hundred person riot on my hands either.						
IHAT 1	No, okay.						
SO76	So I had to diffuse the situation.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	And...						
IHAT 1	When you, when you had ehm these guys in the water.						
SO76	Mmm.						
IHAT 1	Did you try and establish why they were in the water?						
SO76	Yes, and that's err when the description came to me that a couple of guys ran away, one jumped in, both jumped in and one got out, the other one didn't, and that's why they were in the water to try and...						
IHAT 1	At that time did you know why they'd run away?						
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SO76 02.15.49	I can't recall exactly, but I just can't recall the exact conversation at the moment.
IHAT 1	Okay, I, it's a question I ask myself.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	I'm in your position, 2IC, I'm in charge of the Ops room.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	I've got people on the ground, two tanks down there.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	On maintenance day and all of a sudden you've got two guys in the water.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Now you're the 2IC of the squadron, a very experienced professional soldier.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	What is your thought process then, I mean I would be asking myself those questions and trying to establish what
SO76	Well the thought process is err two guys running away, there's clearly a reason for why my guys challenged these guys and that's why they ran away.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	So, that's almost like a reflex action thought process that's happened.
IHAT 1	'So what, so what were you, what were you actually, yeah, yeah, yeah.
SO76	And knowing the calibre of the soldiers they're not going to challenge people for no reason.

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IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76 02.16.39	Err so clearly something's happened.						
IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76	Err some kind of incident, err they made the summation to do, that it's to do with stealing, that they've run away and err during the process people have gone in the water and now I've got guys in the water trying to get them out, that goes through your head very quickly.						
IHAT 1	Yeah I understand that.						
SO76	And I haven't got the time to sit back for five minutes and think about I wonder what's going on here.						
IHAT 1	That's exactly my point.						
SO76	Yeah and it's all happening quickly.						
IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76	At the time I know there's people in the water, my soldiers are in there trying to get them out, as to how that happened yes I've got a pretty good idea how that's happened, the fact that they've challenged them and they've ran away.						
IHAT 1	What was your pretty good idea then?						
SO76	Well my pretty good idea would have been they've challenged them for a reason.						
IHAT 1	Okay and you said earlier your summation was that they were stealing.						
SO76	Well that would be an educated guess.						
IHAT 1	And why's that then?						
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SO76 02.17.33 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76	Because that's the sort of thing that was going on a lot at the time. Okay. In Basra. Okay. It's no big secret that there was a lot of looting going on. But you can't recall any other incidents where people have been detained for stealing though? Off the top of my head at the moment, no. No. I can't, because it's twelve and a half years later, no. No, but. Ten years ago I may have done. But the summation at that time, what you're saying is your summation... It's during the incident, I've come in. Yeah. Err I'm aware of the incident as it's already happened basically. Yeah. And I know my soldiers have err been involved in some kind of incident with a couple of locals, err well I'm assuming they're locals but yeah they clearly are, or a couple of Iraqis.							
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IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76 02.18.17	And there's two people in the water, as to the exact reason why that happened I, at the time you're not going to get that fact from the guys, because they're in the middle of something, firstly there's one or two in the water and there's another one on the radio.
IHAT 1	Yeah, so what's the one on the radio doing, what's his role?
SO76	He was effectively reporting back what was going on.
IHAT 1	Okay, so what was he telling you?
SO76	And that's when he told me the two guys ran away and they jumped in the water and we've got people in the water, and that's who I relayed the information and said you get them out now.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	I couldn't obviously talk to them because they were in the water, so it was through the radio man, get them out of the water now.
IHAT 1	So if I'm getting the sequence in my head then, is that you're in and around the Ops room.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	And you're informed by a person you can't remember.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	That two of your call signs are on the radio, at the scene you've got somebody on the radio.
SO76	Yeah, I think it was Sapper SO72

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IHAT 1	Who.
SO76	The driver.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76 02.19.17	I think.
IHAT 1	Okay, you've got somebody on the radio.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Who is telling you and you can correct me if I'm wrong, is telling you that two thieves have been, have run away from the soldiers and jumped in the water, but you'd already made the summation that if your guys were in the water then it must be for an incident and probably stealing.
SO76	I made a summation that, that's something's happened and my guys are in the water to pull somebody out.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	But again I can't tell you exactly what I was thinking twelve and a half years ago in southern Iraq.
IHAT 1	No, we're not asking you to tell me exactly, but from, from your, like I said from your experience as a soldier, the situation that you found yourself in, as you quite rightly say is you have to make quite, not just in this situation, but as a Commander if you like, for want of a better word.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	In charge of operations, you have to make some pretty snap decisions.
SO76	Mmm.

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IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1	02.20.12 And assimilate information on a pretty quick basis. Yes. Okay, so that, that's within your sphere of... But I'm not thinking at the time that this might be because of a thieving incident, that's secondary, because what's happening... So at what point, what point did you think it was a thieving incident then? Well when err, it was when the, it was mentioned on the message, that err you know they'd stopped a couple of err, or they challenged a couple of locals, who, that's why they ran away. So what message was that? It's the one err as I've described it, once they were in the water and I'm telling them to get out, and I'm trying to find out what's going on, now I'm jumping about here as to exactly how the sequence happened. Mmm, mmm. Err but part of the conversation did involve a description and I don't know if it was at the start or at the end, that the err, the guys were in the water and because they'd chased and like I said the description was along the lines of they were chasing, or they were trying to apprehend a couple of Iraqis, both jumped in the water, one's got up and disappeared, the other one sank like a lead balloon. Okay. But before that, it's the fact that my guys are in the water. Yeah.						
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SO76	Is err primary to me thinking oh I wonder if that happened because they were looting.
IHAT 1 02.21.38	So you did think that?
SO76	No, I said it's, the primary thing is the guys in the water, the thing about the fact that I wondered if this happened because of looting is almost secondary and at the time is almost, at that very specific second and this is all happening very quickly.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	It's almost err I wouldn't say nugatory, but it's secondary to the fact that we've got a separate incident effectively happening. The first incident potentially is blokes doing something with the Iraqis, but the actual live incident at the moment is guys in the water.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err looking for another person.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	As to how they got there is, I can find that out, I don't have to find out that very second, I can find that out ten seconds later, it's still not going to change the fact that there's guys in the water.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And that's the sort of decisions you're having to make.
IHAT 1	I know that, yeah. You mentioned ehm that you said initially that they, they ran and jumped in the water.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	And then...

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SO76	02.22.50	That's how it was described to me, yeah.
IHAT 1		And then you said that they were being chased.
SO76		Well ran or chased or whatever, or challenged, I don't know the exact err, there was some kind of
IHAT 1		But, but what was your understanding at the time, were they running, were they being chased?
SO76		My understanding, no my understanding was, without putting in these specific words, my understanding was these two Iraqis were trying to get away from our soldiers, however that was I don't exactly know and they ended up in the water. One of them got out, the other one sank and that sank element I'm quite err clear on, that's how it was sort of described to me.
IHAT 1		Well he sank because he drowned, so we know he sank.
SO76		Yeah but it's still, it's the fact that he just sank straight away.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Even a non-swimmer falling in water usually flaps about.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		From the description I recollect that was told to me.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		On the radio, there wasn't much flapping about.
IHAT 1		This is what I'm trying to understand is what you were told on the radio.

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SO76	Yeah and that bit of it I remember quite clearly, I don't remember the exact words, but it was the fact that the person went in, and they went straight down, they just literally disappeared.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76 02.24.09	Err there was no flapping, like I said even a non-swimmer would flap about.						
IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76	They don't just fall and go straight down.						
IHAT 1	Yeah, can you remember who you spoke to on the radio?						
SO76	Err I mentioned a couple of times already that I thought it was Sapper SO72.						
IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76	Or the person manning the radio, I thought it was the vehicle driver, I may be wrong, but I thought that's who it was.						
IHAT 1	Yeah, okay so at this point then.						
SO76	Yeah.						
IHAT 1	Can you give me the names of the people who were at the dock?						
SO76	People are, and this is my recollection, I know, I think Sapper SO72 and Cpl SO71 were definitely at the dock.						
IHAT 1	Mmm.						
SO76	I'm just trying to think who else was down there, I thought SO70 was down there, but I'm not a hundred per cent sure, Cpl SO71 and Sapper SO72 are right there, their faces are there as well, not sure who was there, and I think SO70 was there, yeah it could be, but it was, I'm sorry.						
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IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76 02.25.18	Unless you can furnish me with that information.						
IHAT 1	Well to make things easier.						
SO76	I know SO70 was involved in the investigation.						
IHAT 1	SO70, SO71, SO72 and SO75.						
SO76	SO75						
IHAT 1	Were the four individuals that were there.						
SO76	Yeah Sapper SO75 was [redacted]'s driver, err SO70's driver.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	Yeah okay.						
IHAT 1	So we've got an incident where you're on the radio, you've got four, four of your guys at the docks, how many did you think were in the water?						
SO76	I thought at one point there was two in the water.						
IHAT 1	And who were they?						
SO76	I thought it was err now that you've said SO70 I think he was in the water, as well as err for some reason it sticks out Cpl SO71's in the water.						
IHAT 1	Okay, it was actually SO72						
SO76	Was it SO72 in the water.						
IHAT 1	Yeah, yeah.						
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SO76	02.26.14	So SO75 was on the radio.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Okay.
IHAT 1		And then you went on to say that ehm a crowd had gathered.
SO76		It wasn't a gathered, it was, there seemed to be a crowd gathering, that's how the message was coming through.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		And err...
IHAT 1		And what was your understanding about that, about the crowd gathering?
SO76		Whenever you start to have a crowd gathering and then you've got a potential incident, and you're going to have a potential, you could end with a potential riot on your hands, and you could end up with potential people getting killed and what you want to do is diffuse that as much as possible.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		And the easiest way to do that is extract the soldiers out of there.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		Quickly.
IHAT 1		So in your thought process then, as we've said it's all happening like that and you're told that the crowd is...
SO76		is beginning to gather yeah.
IHAT 1		Why did you think a crowd was gathering?

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SO76	02.27.23	Because that's what I remember being told.
IHAT 1		Yeah, but why did you think, even now you know if you think back, is why did you think that crowd was gathering?
SO76		Well there's British soldiers there and something's happened.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		And crowds gather quite quickly.
IHAT 1		Yeah, yeah.
SO76		Err and that's pretty much it, it's...
IHAT 1		I understand all that, there's soldiers there.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		Yeah, and something's happened, but why did you think in this specific incident a crowd had gathered?
SO76		Okay every time we stopped anywhere generally.
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		A crowd would start to gather.
IHAT 1		But soldiers went down there to wash their vehicles all the time.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		Crowds didn't gather all the time.
SO76		No they didn't.

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IHAT 1	Okay, okay.
SO76 02.30.47	So you have got to try and gauge and err soften the mood as much as you can.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And at the time err my decision was to bring everyone back.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Because I did not want to risk a potential hostile situation where suddenly soldiers are having to defend themselves and, and there's only one way they can defend themselves in that situation.
IHAT 1	IHAT 2?
IHAT 2	Going back to the Ops room.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 2	You mentioned that you'd just been somewhere or between places yeah?
SO76	I, look I can't remember exactly.
IHAT 2	Yeah.
SO76	I could have been stood there, I could have been in and around, but I wasn't hugely far away.
IHAT 2	Right.
SO76	I can't tell you exactly where I was that very second.
IHAT 2	Can you remember where you were actually billeted, accommodation-wise?
SO76	Yeah in the accommodation area.

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IHAT 2	It was in the accommodation area was it?
SO76 02.31.43	Yeah.
IHAT 2	Yeah did, ehm you mentioned the OC had an office there.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 2	Was he in the same accommodation block?
SO76	Everyone was accommodated roughly in the same area.
IHAT 2	They were, did anybody actually stay or sleep in the actual Ops room that you can recall?
SO76	In the Ops room, no.
IHAT 2	No.
SO76	No-one sleeps in the Ops room.
IHAT 2	Right okay.
SO76	No-one.
IHAT 2	But that would have been used on a 24 hour basis the Ops room.
SO76	Pretty much yeah.
IHAT 2	Yeah.
SO76	We've got someone on duty constantly.
IHAT 2	So what, and what you were saying earlier was that nobody could really go in to that Ops room unless it was yourself, the OC...

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SO76 02.32.17	It was only certain people that went in there.
IHAT 2	Certain people could go in.
SO76	You didn't need a guard on it, but people knew not to go in there, people didn't have a reason to go in there, if you didn't have a reason to go in you didn't go in.
IHAT 2	Right.
SO76	Random soldiers didn't just walk in there.
IHAT 2	Yeah, ehm no I think that's about it at the minute.
IHAT 1	Okay, so the fact that the crowd was gathering then.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	What was your next course of action?
SO76	Again not remembering the exact sequence of events, err I, I told them, I remember telling them to get out of the water and effectively get back, but at the same time I thought SSgt SO77 was around and I sent him down there as additional support to make sure everyone got back and that's what's in my head.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	He was the support troop Staff Sergeant.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	Which you're probably already aware of.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	And something, saying get down there and get them back, something like that.

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IHAT 1	Okay, explain to me what you expected him to do then, based with the information that you had?
SO76 02.33.40	Based with the information that I had, err he was an effectively whether you call it insurance policy, to make sure my message to the guys out there had got through, ie get yourselves back here now, and second of all just as an additional support. That if he went down there and I don't know if you've ever been in a hostile crowd situation.
IHAT 1	Just a few.
SO76	Just a few.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	It can turn pretty ugly pretty quickly.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	It was an additional vehicle and support should it be required.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	I sent him down there as an extra support, he had a machine gun on his tank, so if necessary.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	Absolute worst case, but you know.
IHAT 1	Okay so you thought the machine gun might be necessary then did you?
SO76	No, I sent the vehicle down there.
IHAT 1	Yeah.

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SO76	Not machine gun as necessary.
IHAT 1	Right okay, but you mentioned the machine gun.
SO76 02.34.39	But it's, but if necessary they had a means of protect, additional protection.
IHAT 1	Yeah, right okay. Who else did you tell?
SO76	What at that very time?
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	I can't remember, I think if [redacted] was around, I can't remember at all, but if he was around I would have told him straight away.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	And we obviously subsequently reported it all to the err, I think I did tell [redacted] because
IHAT 1	Did you request additional support from anybody?
SO76	Externally?
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	I can't remember.
IHAT 1	Okay, would it be something that you would have considered?
SO76	It depends how ugly it was going to get.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	If it was, if it looked like it was going to get err you know very hostile and we were going to be involved in a bit of a situation, then absolutely.

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IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76 02.35.41	Err but I felt at the time we could extract quickly enough without things blowing over.
IHAT 1	So it wasn't ugly enough for you to request, as far as you can remember it, additional support?
SO76	No, it wasn't.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	The fact that the guys were able to, you know Sapper SO75 was able to sort of report back relatively calmly on the radio and ehm or whoever it was, if it was Sapper SO75
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err on the radio, err as to what was going on and.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And sending SSgt SO77 down there, get everyone back basically, err I just wanted to diffuse whatever that was going to potentially happen.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	And then went into very quickly reporting it up the chain of command, about reporting it to the Police and getting the guys to write statements, requesting for Divers.
IHAT 1	Okay so I'll just hold you there, so SSgt SO77 has gone to the scene.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	Okay.

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SO76 02.36.41	And they got back pretty quickly from memory.
IHAT 1	Okay, so what was the time period do you think between him going down and then them arriving back?
SO76	It was very quick, minutes, err we're not talking half an hour, forty five minutes here, we're talking minutes.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Yeah, that's all it would have been, it wasn't that far away.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	So he went down there quite quickly and he would have made it clear if they weren't already on their way back.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err again I'm not sure whether they were already coming back, he met them halfway or whatever.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err he would have made it very clear to them that they had to leave.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	And I think they would have done that themselves.
IHAT 1	Yeah, so what exactly happened when they came back?
SO76	Err one of the things I distinctly remember they were sat in that briefing room writing statements.
IHAT 1	Okay but before that, what happened?

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SO76 02.37.46	What as soon as they got back?
IHAT 1	Yes.
SO76	As soon as they got back obviously a couple of them were wet, err get dried off, cleaned off and come in here and write statements.
IHAT 1	Okay so let's break it down there, so when they came back.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	They drive through the gate.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	They parked their vehicles up.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	What do you do?
SO76	I can't remember exactly what I did at that time, but I can remember being in the briefing room with them writing statements.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	And I would have, I would have
IHAT 1	Just, just indulge me a little bit, so you've got four people down the docks, you've got a guy whose effectively gone in the water and not come up.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	You've got two of your people have gone down, you found it necessary to send the SSgt down to get them to extract.

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SO76	Yeah.						
IHAT 1 02.38.44	What, what from a professional, from your point of view is, what are you going to do now, what is your responsibility now in relation to that incident?						
SO76	It's find out what happened.						
IHAT 1	Okay, so how are you going to do that?						
SO76	Err well I'm going to, I can ask them questions.						
IHAT 1	Yeah, so how, how did you do that then?						
SO76	I probably spoke to SO70 or Cpl SO71 or something and said what happened.						
IHAT 1	Okay, okay just indulge me again, how much of a priority is it for you to find out what happened?						
SO76	It's a pretty high priority.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	To find out what happened.						
IHAT 1	Why is it a high priority?						
SO76	Err because potentially on our watch err somebody has passed away.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	Potentially, but it was also....						
IHAT 1	I need to understand...						
SO76	Yeah but what you've got to understand is.						
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IHAT 1	Why.. go on then.
S076 02.39.42	Err at the same time I'm also err reporting this through to the Police.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
S076	Err Royal Military Police, I'm not an investigator, I'm not a Policeman.
IHAT 1	No, no.
S076	Err I do want to know what's happened.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
S076	But on a similar sense I need to put things in place with the Police, with the Divers, with our guys writing statements.
IHAT 1	Yes.
S076	While it's fresh in their mind.
IHAT 1	Yes.
S076	To actually help any kind of potential investigation.
IHAT 1	Yes.
S076	So I've gone from in the Ops room to, to actually right okay this is, something has happened.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
S076	No-one has a hundred per cent at the time exactly what's happened, because there's been chatter on the radio.
IHAT 1	Okay.

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SO76	02.40.21	And I'm not, I'm not physically there to see what's happened.					
IHAT 1		What chatter has there been on the radio?					
SO76		Well we've been through it.					
IHAT 1		Yeah, okay so you've had chatter on the radio, what you've been told is is that two thieves have run and fallen in the water.					
SO76		No, not fallen.					
IHAT 1		Okay.					
SO76		I believe they jumped.					
IHAT 1		They jumped in the water.					
SO76		Yeah.					
IHAT 1		Okay.					
SO76		Yeah and one got out.					
IHAT 1		And one of them got out.					
SO76		And the other one sank.					
IHAT 1		And the other one drowned okay.					
SO76		Sank.					
IHAT 1		Well drowned didn't he.					
SO76		And drowned yeah, which ultimately led to him drowning.					
IHAT 1		Well he sank and didn't come up, so he drowned.					
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SO76	02.40.53	Yes, yeah.
IHAT 1		Okay, ehm you've now got your lads come back to camp.
SO76		Yes.
IHAT 1		Okay, and you've said that something's happened on your watch, but what...
SO76		Not on our watch, while we were there, something, an incident has happened when we had soldiers there on the ground.
IHAT 1		Okay what, from the information that you've got.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		Why is it down to, why are you concerned about the involvement of your soldiers?
SO76		Why?
IHAT 1		Yeah.
SO76		Because, well it's an easy one, there's, in whatever way, even if they're involvement was only jumping in the water, they've been involved in some kind of incident that's happened down there.
IHAT 1		How do you mean involved?
SO76		Well the fact that they're physically in the water, soldiers don't just jump in the water for no reason.
IHAT 1		But that would suggest that they tried to save the guy that had fallen in.
SO76		Correct.
IHAT 1		It doesn't mean to say they're involved.

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SO76	02.41.54	Well you are involved because you're trying to save the person, you're still involved in it aren't you, you're still involved as part of that, if you look at that incident holistically.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Err they may be involved at the latter end of it, ie trying to jump in and save the guy, but they're still involved.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		And let's say for whatever reason they managed to drag the guy out, and give him first aid and save him, they're still involved in the incident.
IHAT 1		Yeah, so the...
SO76		Are we not in agreement in what I'm saying?
IHAT 1		No, no, no, I, no but I'm looking at it from a perspective of with the information that you have at that time.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		Is what your thought processes are and what you then decide to do.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		And if, if your thought processes as you're explaining to me is, there's been an incident and my guys were involved, I want to know what you think their involvement is.
SO76		Err I didn't know a hundred per cent what their involvement was at the time, except you know obviously I've got an idea from the radio messages, but it's not a case of I know exactly what every single person has done.
IHAT 1		No.

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SO76	I may have, I may have told a couple of the ones that were in the water to get, let the medics know that you know they've been in the dirty water, err I think I did that, I can't remember that exactly.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76 02.44.57	Because there's cholera and typhoid well known.						
IHAT 1	Okay, so if you said to them to let the medics have a look at them, where would they have gone for that?						
SO76	Err the medical centre.						
IHAT 1	On camp?						
SO76	Yeah, just report and say I've been in the water.						
IHAT 2	Is that the one that you've ehm, you've drawn on the map.						
SO76	Yeah, the big cross.						
IHAT 2	Yeah, yeah.						
IHAT 1	Right okay.						
SO76	But pretty quickly afterwards they're in the briefing room writing statements.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	And I've actually got that...						
IHAT 1	Under your, under your instruction.						
SO76	My instruction is to write these statements.						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
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IHAT 1 02.46.02	But you're telling me that you cannot remember what conversation you've had with any of them about what happened.
SO76	Yeah, twelve and a half years ago, I don't recall exactly what happened. I gave a statement to the military Police a day or two, or whenever it was afterwards, describing what happened.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Which would have been probably as fresh in my mind as, but twelve and a half years later I don't recall every single event.
IHAT 1	No.
SO76	And I'm, I don't know why you say you're not willing to accept....
IHAT 1	I didn't say I wasn't willing to.
SO76	Or you find it difficult.
IHAT 1	I said I find it difficult, yeah.
SO76	Err because it's twelve and a half years later.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err that we're having this conversation, not
IHAT 1	Mmm, I don't want to dwell on that because that's just my perception.
SO76	Yes I know but it's quite a strongly worded negative perception.
IHAT 1	Mmm, mmm, mmm.
SO76	Which you know you could say I'm ehm slightly offended at.

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IHAT 1	Okay, well I apologise....
SO76 02.47.00	Because you're implying, you're implying that I'm not telling you everything.
IHAT 1	Yeah okay.
SO76	That's what you're implying.
IHAT 1	Okay, (inaudible)
SO76	Is that what you're implying?
IHAT 1	Okay you don't need to be defensive about it, I'm saying to you...
SO76	Well you've just insulted me that's why.
IHAT 1	That I, okay but if you give me an opportunity to respond.
SO76	Okay.
IHAT 1	It's not an insult, I'm merely making a statement based on the fact that I've been chatting to you now, it's now 1212 and we started
SO76	At 21 minutes past 9.
IHAT 1	At 21 minutes past 9, so we've been going quite some time now.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	And some of the things that I've asked you to recall you've recalled in great depth and great detail.
SO76	Mmm, yeah.
IHAT 1	Okay, things of little significance to this event.

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SO76	Okay.
IHAT 1 02.47.40	Okay, this is a major event.
SO76	Yes.
IHAT 1	Which I first spoke to you about in December, so this time last year, so you've had quite a few opportunities to think about it and go over it and all the rest of it.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	And we've come to this point where you've described other things in detail, but when it comes to the actual crux and the crucial bit about why we're here, you cannot remember and so I am saying to you.
SO76	Okay.
IHAT 1	Okay, just let me finish.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	I am saying to you I find it difficult to accept, I think that's reasonable for my part, that's all I'm saying, okay.
SO76	Can I ask why that's the crux?
IHAT 1	Well because I'm investigating an unlawful killing.
SO76	Yes.
IHAT 1	Okay, the allegation is okay that the soldiers from 26 regiment were responsible for these people going in the water.
SO76	Mmm.

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IHAT 1	Okay, now as far as your testimony is concerned, what is important is what you were told when they came back to base about how those guys ended up in the water and you're telling me you can't remember.
SO76 02.48.49	I can't remember exactly.
IHAT 1	Okay, well let's move on then.
SO76	No (inaudible), and I'll say it's possible, that some of the story regarding running away and falling in may have happened afterwards, rather than on the radio, I can't recall the exact sequence of events of when I was told some of that information, that's all I'm getting at. Okay so if I was told that afterwards, I may have been told that afterwards.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	But one thing I distinctly remember doing and I'm quite happy to go into why, you can say the slight cynicism about making sure the guys wrote statements, the previous year I'd been involved in a unit defending Officer where one of my soldiers went through the wringer for a year for an alleged sexual assault.
IHAT 1	Okay, we're not here to discuss that.
SO76	I know we're not here to discuss it, but err there's the element of err and there's the aura of a bit of mistrust towards err how soldiers are investigated, everything from drunken incidents in Germany err to being, and I'm sure you would have heard the term stitched up by the RMP.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	Okay.
IHAT 1	But in my mind that would make it even more necessary for you, for them to say this is what happened, and for you to say look guys what happened, what

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	happened, it must be really traumatic for you, you've ended up in the water, some poor boy's died, what's happened.
SO76 02.50.08	I probably did do that.
IHAT 1	But you can't remember what they said to you.
SO76	I can't remember exactly is what I said.
IHAT 1	Well let's move on then if you're telling me you can't remember then you can't remember.
SO76	Okay, right fine but I'd rather not have the disparaging comments as well.
IHAT 1	So you, right okay well if you find it disparaging then that's, you know that's up to you.
SO76	Yeah okay.
IHAT 1	Okay, ehm when you say that you got them to write statements.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Okay and they did it in the briefing room.
SO76	I believe so yeah.
IHAT 1	Were they all sat in there together?
SO76	Err I remember at least a couple of them being there, two or three of them at least being in there, yeah.
IHAT 1	Right okay.
SO76	I remember, I don't remember if exactly all four were there.

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IHAT 1 SO76 02.51.53 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1	Okay. I can't remember exactly. So I know we've gone over this a little bit. Yeah. But in your mind then what was the purpose for them writing those statements? So while it's fresh in their mind they wrote down in their own words what happened. Okay. That's why. Okay and why was that, why did you want them to do that? Err I wanted them to do that so while it was fresh in their mind, they wrote down what there was, so subsequently if there's any kind of, err I'm the one that called the military Police. Mmm. Err any kind of subsequent investigation they had an initial err statement to go off. Mmm. And that's why. And what happened to those statements after they wrote them? From memory they were collated and given to the Police, because.... Who collated them?							
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SO76 02.52.48	Good question, well presented, err I don't know if they were, I can't remember if they were collected and put in the Ops rooms and then when the Police turned up it was given to them, err I don't remember assigning anyone specific to say right collate the statements now.
IHAT 1	Okay you've asked them to write them.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Okay and you specifically recall them sat down and writing them.
SO76	Yes.
IHAT 1	Okay what instructions were given to them as to what to do with them once they'd finished?
SO76	Err probably hand them in.
IHAT 1	To?
SO76	Err I can't remember exactly who, but it could have been me and I would have kept them in the Ops room.
IHAT 1	Well was it you?
SO76	I can't remember exactly, that's what I'm saying, I can't remember exactly.
IHAT 1	You, you've placed some degree of importance, some high degree of importance on these statements.
SO76	Yeah, mmm.
IHAT 1	That you've specifically, no-one else.
SO76	Mmm.

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IHAT 1	Has instructed them to write, you recall them writing them.						
SO76	Yeah.						
IHAT 1 02.53.49	So what happened to them afterwards?						
SO76	Err they would have been collated and passed on to the Police.						
IHAT 1	By?						
SO76	Probably, well hand on heart I can't say it was a hundred per cent me, but the chances are I would have taken them into the Ops room and then when the Police, because it was effectively a secure area, and when the Police turned up given to them, but I don't recall that bit. I remember calling the Police and telling them to come down because something's happened, err not speaking directly to the Police and through the engineer, yeah through the engineer err net and then at that point effectively the investigation is handed over, it's a Police matter not a, our matter.						
IHAT 1	Mmm, mmm.						
SO76	And that's what was told to the family, it's a Police matter, it's been reported through to the Police they'll investigate, and if there's anything untoward then obviously err the Police will investigate and do what they have to and that's what was told the family and that's what I did, reported it through to the Police, we're not Policemen.						
IHAT 2	In relation to those, I mean I take on board what you said earlier about stitched up by the RMP, I think was the comment you made.						
SO76	That's any soldier will tell you that.						
IHAT 2	Yeah.						
SO76	Not, that's not just specific to us, that's a general perception across any soldier in the Army.						
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IHAT 2 SO76 02.55.20 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76	Right. And that's why they love the Red Caps so much. Having obviously got them to make these statements and it was obviously important to you that they obviously wrote down what they could, be fresh from you know obviously straight after the incident. Yeah. And they could, it was fresh in their minds and they could put it on paper. Yeah. With what you've just said did you ever consider ehm photocopying those, getting copies of those statements? We didn't have a copier, err we could have potentially taken pictures of them, err but.... There wasn't a photocopier available? I don't think so, there might have been one in the Black Watch, the QM may have had one, but no I didn't consider that, I don't even have a copy of my statement from the RMP I gave. Yeah I can understand that from the RMP, but. Yeah. But what you've been telling us is that in order to protect your soldiers interests. Yeah, I don't...							
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IHAT 2	You've got them to write these statements, but what you've done is handed those statements over to the RMP, who are the people that you're concerned about, without having....
SO76 02.56.27	Yeah, but not concerned to the point they're going to rip up statements and throw them away, if you know what I mean.
IHAT 1	Surely...
IHAT 2	Yeah.
IHAT 1	I think the point that IHAT 2 's trying to make is the purpose of writing these is for your soldiers benefit.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	And therefore they should be, you would have thought would want to be in possession of them, or at least a copy of them.
SO76	Yeah that's a fair, a fair comment.
IHAT 1	And actually the RMP will
SO76	Do their own.
IHAT 1	Do their own, make their own statements.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Make their own records, conduct their own interviews.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	So....
SO76	Yeah, no it's a fair point.

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IHAT 2 SO76 02.57.00 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 2 SO76 IHAT 1 IHAT 2 SO76	Yeah. But I don't recall that happening. Right okay, but you say there was a photocopier or there wasn't? I can't remember, there might have been one err, I don't remember specifically using a photocopier, quite a lot of things were handwritten. Yeah. Most of the stuff was handwritten, all the things in the log books were all handwritten, and photocopies weren't made of those things, err I don't remember specifically using a photocopier in the Naval Academy. Mmm. Okay. There may have been a small thing. You mentioned the Black Watch might have had, was it? Yeah I'm just trying to think whether it was just a printer or a photocopier, we had a couple of small printers. Mmm. Err but obviously that's different to photocopiers, we had a couple of Toughbook computers but. Mmm. Yeah. And small printers, but I don't remember a photocopier.						
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IHAT 2	02.57.56	Would, would you have spoken to the soldiers individually about what happened?
SO76		No.
IHAT 2		No?
SO76		No because as in what individually get them into a room and say.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		Right IHAT 1 what happened.
IHAT 2		Yeah.
SO76		No.
IHAT 2		So when you say they're obviously in the briefing room.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 2		Making their statements, you've obviously, you know you're saying you can't recall what they've said but you've obviously asked them what's happened.
SO76		Yeah and that's why I've got the idea in my head and I can't tell you a hundred per cent all of it was off the radio, or something said afterwards, that two guys ran away, jumped in the water, one got out, the other one sank and drowned, our guys went in there to try and get them out, err on hearing that I told my guys to get out, a crowd started building, sent SSgt SO77 down, everyone come back.
IHAT 2		Mmm.
SO76		And then write statements, that's the sort of sequence of events as I remember.
IHAT 2		Yeah.

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SO76	Now if I got some of that information afterwards, then I got it afterwards, but my brain is telling me that's the sort of sequence of events that happened in my head at the time that day and then subsequent after that, whether it was an hour or two hours later, during which time obviously we're reporting this to the Police.
IHAT 2	Mmm.
SO76 02.59.20	And trying to get the Divers, err and the family turning up, having the conversation with them, err and then them accusing of the hands and feet tied together, that is something very specific I remember.
IHAT 2	Mmm.
SO76	Because they were very clear about that, we, because they repeated it numerous times that we tied their hands and feet together and threw them in the water and then I also specifically remember some hours later somebody from the guardroom coming, err one of the, through the interpreters telling me that the family had come, they'd recovered the body and their hands and feet were not tied together.
IHAT 2	Yeah.
SO76	So those are the specific facts or in my brain at the moment regarding that day.
IHAT 1	I just want to go back to something IHAT 2 touched on about speaking to the four lads when they came back.
SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	From the dockside, obviously two of them were as you've described been into the most disgusting body of water.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Imaginable found in that particular place.
SO76	Yeah.

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IHAT 1 03.00.28 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76	Ehm, so they've been ehm medically assessed, put some dry clothes on. Yeah I think so, yeah, it's, we knew there was cholera and typhoid in the water and when they were sat in the briefing room.... Let's, let's be you know frank about it, would you have made them sit in soaking wet stinking clothes and write a statement? No, no, no. No, okay so it's reasonable to suspect.... Yeah. That they've been medically assessed. Yeah, yeah and none of them was sat in stinking clothes. Yeah, okay. You have to get cleaned up. Yeah so and again just going back to something IHAT 2, do you recall speaking to each one of those persons involved individually? No, I don't recall doing that, I may have done, but I don't recall doing that. Okay. As in individually in the room. What would, what would, what would have been the purpose of doing that if you had done it? To try and get an idea of each person's version of events.
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IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76 03.01.28	Because I'm sure every....
IHAT 1	But why individually, why might you consider if you had done it, why might you have considered speaking to them individually rather than as a body?
SO76	That's quite a hypothetical question.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Err...
IHAT 1	Okay we'll come back to that later.
SO76	Okay.
IHAT 1	Ehm do you want to do the gate bit now or?
IHAT 2	Ehm, what as in the?
IHAT 1	Guard them turning up at the gate.
IHAT 2	Yeah you could do that I suppose ain,t if
IHAT 1	Yeah, if we just ehm I think in your sequence of events ehm that the next thing you recall is being called to the gate, can you just tell us about that again.
SO76	I was told err the family or there's some Iraqis at the gate.
IHAT 1	Mmm.
SO76	Err from again, they were the family of the, the individual that had drowned.
IHAT 1	Mmm.

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SO76	03.02.32	That's how they were introduced.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
IHAT 2		Ehm there was about quite a few of them, it wasn't one or two, it was seven, eight something like that.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Quite a few of them, err and knowing that, why they were there I asked the guard to keep an eye on them.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Because I didn't know what they were going to do.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		And how they were going to react, whether they were carrying knives, bullets, guns, whatever, bombs. Err I went out there and through the interpreter started speaking to them, they were quite hysterical and angry and upset and comments I do remember is we're going to kill ten of your soldiers for the life you have taken.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Err and my main message to them in a number of ways was this has been reported to the Police, they will investigate and if there's any kind of wrong doing then you know suitable action will be taken.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		And that was the main gist of the message, they said there's err, err what was it, they, that's when they claimed the hands and feet were tied together, excuse me, and he was thrown in, you know they made certain allegations and claims.
IHAT 1		Mmm.

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SO76	03.03.52	And my generic answer was it has you know been reported to the Police and they will investigate.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		I think there was one other thing they were going on about quite significantly, I'm just trying to remember what that was, ehm they sort of acknowledged that his, that the boy was, I don't think they acknowledged they were stealing, but it was something along the lines of they weren't taking from you.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		You know.
IHAT 2		Mmm.
SO76		And because I remember something, saying something along the lines of but they were taking from, then they were taking from the Iraqi people.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		You know, because it's, as I'm looking at them, I'm trying to picture them, it was somebody on the right that was saying that, it may have been the father.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		I don't know, he had a headdress on.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		But saying but they weren't taking from you, something along those lines, I don't know if the term, the interpreter used the term stealing, but it was like they weren't taking from you so why, I don't know if the intimation was why are you involved.
IHAT 1		Mmm.

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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	<input type="text" value="03.06.37"/>	But you can't, can you remember who came and told you?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		No.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Okay.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		It would have been somebody, one of the guards.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Can you remember what you were doing at the time?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		No, I would have just been in and around the Ops room doing whatever, whether it was, yeah I remember having to go out there and talk to them.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		So who did you go to the gate with?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		Initially?						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Yeah when you were told, who did you go to the gate with?						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		Well I would have, whoever came and told me err I probably walked out with them to the gate.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Yeah.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		But we had guards at the gate as well.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Right.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		We had people at the gate, and I think I told the gate, err the guard Commander effectively you know make sure you keep an eye on them.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Mmm.						
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>		Because I'm going to talk to them across a wall that's only that high.						
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>		Okay, so you say, you mentioned an interpreter.						
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SO76	Mmm.
IHAT 1	Where was he?
SO76 03.07.32	The interpreters had a, they had like a hut, a tent area that, near the gate they used to, I think it was ...
IHAT 2	There you go.
SO76	I think, I think they had like a tent or something set up here.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	I can't remember who was on duty that day, or who was around at the time.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	But yeah it was done through the interpreters.
IHAT 1	So when you went to the gate how did you get an interpreter?
SO76	Err whenever I needed an interpreter I would walk past and see one of them standing there and I'd say.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	You come with me and.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	And then we spoke here.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	On that side I'm pretty certain of that.

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IHAT 2	Do you want to put a line saying that's where you met the family or something.
SO76 03.08.32	Spoke to family.
IHAT 1	And you mentioned there were about seven of them.
SO76	There was quite a lot, anywhere, it wasn't one or two.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	It was quite a lot of them, it could be anywhere between
IHAT 1	Who, who were you told and I mean in relation to the deceased, who were you told that they were?
SO76	Family.
IHAT 1	Just family?
SO76	Family including, and I believe, and the guy standing here I think was the father.
IHAT 1	Right.
SO76	A oldish guy.
IHAT 1	Yeah.
SO76	He wasn't, he had a, he, I think he was the only one with the headdress on.
IHAT 1	Yeah, okay and you say they were reasonably hysterical.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	Yeah okay, what was their, what drove their hostility, why were they were and why were they so hostile?

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SO76 03.09.24	Well they intimating that we'd tied their hands and feet up and threw them in the water and therefore killed their son.
IHAT 1	Okay.
SO76	Err that's why I'm guessing their hostile.
IHAT 1	Okay what, what was your reaction.....
SO76	(inaudible)
IHAT 1	What was your reaction to being presented with that information, and I don't mean what did you say, how did you, what was your reaction to that?
SO76	Calm, very calm, very err, it's again through the interpreter is err basically I looked at the interpreter, I can't remember who it is, to my left or right, probably to my left saying tell them that we've reported it to the Police and I was also looking, I wouldn't just talk to the interpreter I would also talk to them.
IHAT 1	Okay, what I'm trying to get at more is based on what your, what you obviously say you can't remember that they told you, but based on the information....
SO76	Well I can remember a couple of the major bits of information they told me.
IHAT 1	Okay, okay.
SO76	And I've said that already.
IHAT 1	Based on what you know at that point.
SO76	Yeah.
IHAT 1	The crowd had come to the gate.
SO76	Yeah.

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IHAT 1	03,10,31	Prior to them talking to you, have you been made aware that there's an allegation that your soldiers were involved in that boy ending in the water?
SO76		Err as in that my soldiers physically throwing him in the water or, no, if you're saying if I'm already aware at that point whether there's an intimation that my soldiers have beaten, tied his hands or whatever and thrown him in, no because the hands and feet thing being tied is the first time hearing it is from the family.
IHAT 1		Okay, take the hands and feet thing out of the equation.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		Have you been made aware prior to that conversation that your soldiers, the allegation is that they forced that boy in the water?
SO76		That I don't recall, no, the, the first I remember of my guys physically forcing into the water is that conversation.
IHAT 1		Okay.
SO76		Because the previous information I had is them jumping in the water.
IHAT 1		Okay, so you're quite clear then as far as you can be.
SO76		Mmm.
IHAT 1		That your recollection is prior to those people coming to the gate.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		Nobody, none of the soldiers who'd been to the scene or nobody has said look the allegation is from the crowd, the reason they're so hostile is they think we pushed him in the water.
SO76		That I, that you just, what you just described I don't recall, no.

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IHAT 1	You don't recall that, being informed that prior to that, them coming to the gate.						
SO76 03.12.14	Because my memory is somebody coming to get me to tell me that there's people at the gate.						
IHAT 1	I, I know that, what I'm trying to establish is....						
SO76	But then...						
IHAT 1	That the first time that you're aware there is an allegation.						
SO76	Yeah.						
IHAT 1	That your soldiers have been responsible for the death of that boy, I mean directly responsible, is them coming to the gate.						
SO76	From memory yes.						
IHAT 1	So up to that point you think they've just run, this guy's just run and jumped in of his own accord, having been caught stealing?						
SO76	And from memory that's what I'm thinking, yeah that's what I recall IHAT 1						
IHAT 1	Okay.						
SO76	Err by that time obviously I'd already reported this up the chain as well.						
IHAT 1	Okay so...						
SO76	So my calls to the Police and so on and so forth happened before the family turned up.						
IHAT 1	Yes, yeah.						
SO76	And that's why I was able to tell them we've already reported it to the Police.						
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IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76 IHAT 1 SO76	03.13.13 So having received that information from the family or been given that, that allegation by the family. Yeah, yes. What did you, what did you think, what did you think about that allegation? I found the hands and feet thing a bit err, err I didn't believe it, I didn't believe that soldiers down there would tie their hands and feet together and throw him in the water and then subsequently jump in after him to try and get him out, I didn't think, I didn't think err those allegations they were making in quite a hysterical manner to be true, but I didn't tell them I didn't believe them. Did you make any link between the hostility of the crowd at the time that you told SO77 to go down and get them back and the hostility of the crowd at the gate? Err I don't know who the crowd were down there. Well it's going to be the same people isn't it, let's be fair. What the family were down there getting hostile, down at the port, I don't know I wasn't there. Mmm, okay. And I don't know if you're aware of that, if they were the crowd. Okay. That's a very... You've got a hostile crowd at the scene, you've got a hostile crowd at the gate making an allegation of.... The gate crowd is the family.						
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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 03.14.38	Err and they're obviously going to be hostile and angry and upset.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	That I can, and I understood.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	I'm simply asking the question.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, did you make any link between the hostile crowd at the gate and the allegation that they made and the fact that you've had a hostile crowd at the scene in the immediate aftermath to this person going in the water?
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Firstly I didn't make the link, it's the same people okay.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	And second of all err I wouldn't, the crowd build up thing as I've described before would happen anywhere and the fact that err, when I say hostile crowd down at the port I was told the crowd was building up and getting hostile, so it wasn't, I wasn't you know a hundred per cent aware that...
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	I think I said before is why do you think they were getting hostile and you said well crowds gather and get hostile anyway.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Well sometimes they do.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	But, but now what I'm asking you is, now you've got a reason for that crowd to have got hostile.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Because you've been told that there's an allegation.

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SO76	03.15.44	Correct.
IHAT 1		That at the scene.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		Your soldiers have done something to cause the death of a person.
SO76		Yeah, the family.
IHAT 1		And the family have turned up at the gate.
SO76		Yeah.
IHAT 1		So what I'm asking you is did you then make that link?
SO76		At the time.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Err I knew there was a, well at the time I knew there was a link between family being upset and potential incident, and at the time I knew there was potential incident and the potential hostile crowd.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		But as to those two hostilities.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Well obviously they are linked in some kind of way.
IHAT 1		Mmm.
SO76		Because our soldiers are involved in an incident down there.

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IHAT 1	Yeah.						
SO76 03.16.24	Which happened to be this family's son.						
IHAT 1	Yes.						
SO76	So yeah of course there's a link, but I'm not sitting there thinking alright there must be a link between these two, that's more of a sort of, almost a given dare I say it, our soldiers are involved in an incident down at the port and the crowd's getting a bit err, there's a crowd building and getting, starting to get angry and then a couple of hours later...						
IHAT 1	The reason I ask...						
SO76	The family turns up.						
IHAT 1	The reason I ask SO76						
SO76	Yeah.						
IHAT 1	Is, is that you've just been provided with some new information.						
SO76	Mmm.						
IHAT 1	And you've already discussed about people writing things down and you know and you've been provided with some information, now I'll just rewind a little bit, you say you don't remember speaking to them individually, you don't remember them coming, err speaking to anybody when they came back, you don't remember what they would have told you about what happened, did you read their statements about what had happened once they'd finished them?						
SO76	Oh probably.						
IHAT 1	And can you remember what was said in them?						
SO76	No.						
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<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/> 03.17.28	No, do you have those statements?
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Well we'll cover that later, but basically so you, you've spoken to them, you've spoken to them when they've come back.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah, yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	You've got them to make statements.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	You've read the statements.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Mmm.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 2"/>	Okay, but unfortunately you can't remember any of that.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	I can't remember exactly what was written.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Okay, you can't remember any of that, but now you've got, without a doubt I think we can probably say that if it said I pushed a bloke in the water, you would remember it.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Oh yes of course.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	Yeah, okay so now you've got a crowd at the gate.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	But that wasn't said or mentioned at all, yeah.
<input type="text" value="IHAT 1"/>	No, but I'm just trying to get things clear.
<input type="text" value="SO76"/>	Yeah.

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