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**DSG FRAGO 29 - PRISONER OF WAR HANDLING**

**Refs:**

- A. 1 (UK) Armd Div Base OpO 001/03 for Op TELIC - Edition 3.
- B. QDG PWHO BASE OPO 001/03.
- C. PWHO/05 dated 12 Feb 03.
- D. PWHO/05 dated 13 Feb 03.
- E. PWHO/05 dated 14 Feb 03.
- F. PWHO/06 dated 14 Feb 03.
- G. JSP 1-10.

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Time Zone Used Throughout the Order: ZULU.

Scope of Order: Ref A is the current baseplan for 1 (UK) Armd Div's participation in Op TELIC. This FRAGO expands on the PW Handling Plan outlined in Annex L to that document and co-ordinates the action of the various agencies involved. It supersedes the various SORs and policy directions issued by PWHO at Refs B-F.

TASKORG: See Annex A.

Assumptions: The following assumptions must be validated for this FRAGO to be operated successfully:

Assumption	Lead for Validation	Deduction if not Validated
Sufficient manpower has been made available to PWHO.	G3 Ops/O&D	Risk of failure to meet international legal and moral obligations. Risk of fixing manoeuvre firms with large quantities of PWs awaiting collection.
Action to seize UMM QASR has been successful.	3 Cdo Bde/HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div Main	Q4 for Div. PWHO will poise until new options considered. May need to switch sp to assist PW handling on AL FAW Peninsular.
PW numbers do not greatly exceed predictions (12,000).	PWHO	Q4 for PWHO and Div. Would require addl forces and resources.
PWs can be moved to MEF holding area	PWHO	Reqd to hold PWs for significantly longer than predicted would require addl resources to boost facilities at Div CP.
Theatre Internment Facility open within planned timelines	PWHO	As 5 Corps are main effort the TIF will probably accept US PW first and there will be a req to hold longer at Div CP.

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1. SITUATION

a. En Forces. Most recent INTSUM will apply. Planning assumptions estimate a peak handling reqt of some 12,000 PWs within the 1 (UK) Armd Div AO. Of these, it is estimated that 2,000-3,000 will come from 3 Cdo Bde ops on the AL FAW Peninsular and in UMM QASR, with the remainder either being captured by 1 Mar Div and handed over to 1 (UK) Armd Div during RiP, or subsequently captured by 1 (UK) Armd Div units.

b. Friendly Forces. PWHO will be based on QDG RHQ and Ech, with atts provided by G3 Ops/O&D. Some of these atts have already been nominated (see Annex A), but the full reqt has yet to be sourced. G3 Ops/O&D will continue to work on this reqt.

2. MISSION. PWHO is to:

a. Estab the 1 (UK) Armd Div PW Collection Point (CP) in vicinity of UMM QASR.

b. Co-ord the clearance of Bde PW CPs within the 1 (UK) Armd Div AO.

c. Hold PWs at the Div CP, in accordance with UK obligations under the Geneva Convention.

d. Arrange the subsequent transfer of PWs to the 1 MEF PW Holding Area and Theatre Internment Facility, as appropriate.

In order to ensure max freedom of manoeuvre for 1 (UK) Armd Div.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Ops.

(1) Intent. The intent is to maint the Div's freedom of manoeuvre, by removing the burden of PWs from Bde level, as swiftly as poss. PWs will be held at the Div CP for the min time nec and will then be transferred to either the 1 MEF PW Holding Area (MEF HA) or Theatre Internment Facility (TIF), as appropriate at the time. At all times, PWs will be handled and held in accordance with the Geneva Convention (GC).

(2) Scheme of Manoeuvre.

(a) Ph I - Setting Theatre Conditions. During Ph I, PWHO will be based in Camp RHINO and will assemble and prep all materiel nec for the estab and initial running of the Div PW CP. Att of personnel and agencies necessary for this task will commence.

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(b) Ph II - Shaping Ops. PWHO will continue the att of personnel and will load materiel onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Line tpt, in prep for onward mov. The desired endstate is that, by the end of Ph II, PWHO should be complete and poised in Camp RHINO, on 6 hrs NTM, ready to deploy fwd to UMM QASR on Os.

(c) Ph III Stage A1 - Seizure of AL FAW Oil Infrastructure and UMM QASR Port. PWHO will become TACON 3 Cdo Bde on commencement of this Ph and will reduce NTM, as directed by that fmn. On Os from HQ 3 Cdo Bde, PWHO will mov into IZ using Route MAUI, estab the Div PW CP in the area of UMM QASR (planned location is Gr QU 785289, although this will be subject to confirmatory recce) and prep to receive PWs. Initial inload of PWs is expected to be from 3 Cdo Bde.

(d) Ph III A2- Relief in Place with 1<sup>st</sup> MarDiv. On RIP, 16 Air Aslt and 7 Armd Bdes will take responsibility for PWs captured by 5 and 7 RCTs. These are likely to have been gathered at 2 x CPs, run by CSSB 11. Using its fleet of coaches and escort vehs, PWHO will clear these CPs as quickly as poss and will mov the PWs to the Div CP. It might be poss to mov these PWs direct to the MEF HA, but it is more likely that transfer via the Div CP will be the norm.

(e) Ph III B - Subsequent Ops. During this ph, PWHO will continue the holding and transfer of PWs to the MEF HA or TIF and will receive addtl PWs from mopping up ops in the Div AO. The successful endstate will be:

- i. All PWs correctly processed, documented and transferred to either the MEF HA or TIF.
- ii. The Div CP closed down with materiel re-assigned as directed by HQ DSG.
- iii. PWHO manpower re-deployed, as directed by 1 (UK) Armd Div - G3 O&D.

b. Tasks.

(1) 3 Cdo Bde. Take PWHO under comd (TACON) on G Day. At earliest safe moment, call PWHO to estb Div CP ivo UMM QASR. Once Div CP has the necessary capacity move PW fm Bde CPs to Div CP.

(2) ODG.

(a) Taking addtl forces under command as shown at Annex A, form the PWHO.

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- (b) Receive and prep vehs, stores and other materiel reqd for PW Handling.
  - (c) On Os from 3 Cdo Bde, mov to area of UMM QASR and estab Div PW CP.
  - (d) Receive PWs from 3 Cdo Bde ops on the AL FAW Penninsular and in UMM QASR.
  - (e) On Os, collect PWs from Bde CPs estab by 5 and 7 RCTs, after their handover to 16 Air Asslt and 7 Armd Bdes.
  - (f) Register, process and hold PWs, in accordance with Ref G.
  - (g) Transfer PWs to the MEF HA or TIF (once open). PWs are to be held at the Div CP for the minimum time possible, conducive with the completion of pre-transfer administrative action and the availability of transport assets to carry out the transfer.
  - (h) Continue to collect, process and transfer PWs from 1 (UK) Armd Div manoeuvre frms, as reqd.
- (3) G3 O&D. Nominate and co-ord the att of forces to PWHO, to act as guards, PW escorts and provide JFIT/FHT sp, as shown at Annex B. 1 x HVM Bty and 1 x GS Engr Sqn have been tentatively nominated for the former roles, but confirmation of numbers and att dates is still awaited.
- (4) DFAO. Provide PW Tracking Teams as shown at Annex B. These teams will be responsible for OpLoc tracking and the provision of GI/SPS sp to the PWHO.
- (5) Engr. Provide Engr sp as directed by G3 O&D (see sub-para (3) above) to conduct EOD clearance of the Div PW CP site and assist in its construction.
- (6) 101 MWD. Provide a sect of dogs in sp of the Div CP.
- (7) Med. Provide med/dental and EHT sp to the Div PW CP with a CS DS or GS AMST.
- (8) Legal. Provide legal sp to PWHO, as reqd.
- b. Co-ord Instrs.
- (1) Handling of PWs. Ref G provides full guidance on the handling of PWs, both by the capturing unit and those charged with looking after them later in the handling chain. However, in addition to normal PW Capture Tags (F PW 778 UK) a special PW bracelet is being produced, that identifies a PW as having been captured by UK forces. Where this applies, the PW bracelet

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is to be attached to the right hand wrist or other limb of the PW. The bracelet **must not** be attached to PWs detained by other coalition forces. Where coalition forces are operating together on the battlefield, the PW becomes the responsibility of the nation at the point of capture. En forces who have been by-passed are not EPW until they fall into the power of the capturing forces. A second bracelet is to be attached to the EPW wpm and a third to their personal effects. Plasticuffs have been issued for the restraint of non-compliant EPWs and a [REDACTED] is an exception and not the rule. Max use is to be made of [REDACTED] sup chain to backload EPWs. The fol procedures are to be [REDACTED] unless HQ DSG has granted specific exemption:

- (1) Emergency Collection Point (ECP). EPW are to be centralised under unit arrangements into ECPs, where they may be held for up to 24 hrs, before being moved to the Bde Collection Point.
- (2) Bde Collection Point (BCP). BCPs are to be estb to hold EPWs for a period of up to 72 hrs, although it is possible that 3 Cdo Bde will need to hold for longer than this. A four man MPS team will be attached to 3 Cdo Bde, along with addtl sp as reqd, in order to achieve this. The use of the PW bracelet should be started at this point with the 6 digit number recorded along with capturing unit and location details.
- (3) Div Collection Point (DCP). A DCP will be estab ivo UMM QASR. EPW are to be cleared back to the Corps Holding Area as soon as it is ready to receive them.
- (4) Corps Holding Area (CHA). EPWs are to be transferred to the CHA once estb and ready to receive EPW. Transportation of EPWs between the DCP and the CHA will be a Div responsibility. The loc of the CHA will be notified through Os. Guarding and rationing requirements remain the responsibility of the holding unit until EPW have been formally handed over to national representation at the CHA. A two man team from the MPS will be attached to the CHA to act as liaison and monitoring staff.
- (5) Theatre Internment Facility (TIF). Once estb EPW will be moved and processed into the TIF by a UK Monitoring Team who will comprise of 4 MPS and an AP3 team of 6 pers.

(2) Timings

- (a) H + 36 Div Cp established ivo UMM QASR
- (b) H+48 Commence RIP with 5 & 7 RCT.
- (c) H+72 Complete RIP with 5 & 7 RCT.
- (d) LD+4 MEF CHA opens. [Latest info suggests this will not be ready until G+28 due to US resourcing problems].

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(e) LD+20 First TIF opens at Theatre Camp.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT. A consolidated list of personnel and materiel is at Annex B. It is intended that all items needed to establish the Div CP will be issued in Camp RHINO.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

- a. Locs. The PWHO in Camp RHINO then UMM QASR on orders.
- b. Monitoring Team. Led by SO2 G1 with DSG Legal, OC MPS and SO2 Med Int will monitor all camps which contain UK EPW. OC MPS will remain at TIF when open to provide LO with US.
- c. Liaison. Liaison with estbl US facilities will be conducted by MPS.
- d. Comms. An HF command net will be estbl by PWHO. CEI to be issued by 101500ZMAR03.

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Annexes:

- A. Task Org.
- B. PW Reqs Log.

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**Distribution:**

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**Action:**

- 1 (UK) Armd Div for CRE and G3 O&D
- JFLogC
- 3 Cdo Bde
- 7 Armd Bde
- 16 AA Bde
- JHF
- 1 ADSR

**Info:**

NCC

**Internal:**

**Action:**

- Comd Legal
- Comd SPS
- Comd Med
- SO2 G1
- PWHO

**Info:**

- COS
- DCOS
- SO1 Co ord
- Log Sp
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ANNEX A TO  
FRAGO 29  
DATED 8 MAR 03

Originator: 1 (UK) Armd Div DSG.

OPCOM
1. Monitoring Tm: SO2 GI, OC MPS, DSG Legal, SO2 Med Int
OPCON
1. RHQ QDG
2. HVM Bty (G3 O&D to confirm)
3. GS Engr Sqn (min of one fd tp for EOD clearance and fd engr sp. G3 O&D to confirm)
4. Guards and escorts(G3 O&D to confirm)
5. PWRU comprising an OC, 28 x AP3 ops (OC and 10 ops fm DFAO, 4 ops fm QDG and 14 ops fm JFLogC)
6. Med Tm
7. An SO2 Media Ops
8. EHT Tm
9. Interpreters including medical interpreters
10. MPS of 12 pers
11. SO2 Legal
12. Sect Dogs fm 101 MWD
TACON
1. JFIT and FHT

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**REQUIREMENTS LOG - 1 (UK) ARMD DIV PRISONER OF WAR HOLDING AREA AS AT 8 MAR 03**

Ser	Items	Qty	Tranche	Lead for Provision	Current (Status)	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)
<b>Defence Stores</b>						
1	14 Gauge Wire	1080 kg	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
2	Pickets 6'	2916	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
3	Pickets 2'	120	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
4	Picket Driver	40	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
5	Dannert Coils	756	1	JFLogC - SO1J4		
6	Barbed Wire Reels	144	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
7	Barbed Wire Machine Wind	10	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
8	Sledge Hammers	40	1	JFLogC - SO1J4		
9	Wire Cutters	40	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
10	Wiring Gloves	100	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
11	Sandbags	2500	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
12	Claw Hammer	10	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
13	Wood Saw 2'	10	1	JFLogC - SO1J4		
<b>Construction Stores</b>						
14	Nails 6"	60 kg	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Will be delivered 10 Mar (pm)	
15	Nails 4"	61 kg	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4		
16	Nails 2"	62 kg	1	JFLogC - SO1J4		
17	Timber 100mm x 100mm	1800 m	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log		
18	Power Generation Unit	1	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log		
19	10cm Plastic Tubing	480 m	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log		
20	Cuplock Tower	4	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log		
<b>Transport Requirements</b>						
21	Coaches with drivers	35	By G-1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	25 coaches with drivers are available. A further 10 coaches will be on standby.	
22	Transport for delivery of PW stores		By G-2			Civilian trucks and articulated trls required for loading on G-2
23	Escort/LO Vehicles	40	By G-2	JFLogC - SO1 Log Sp	20 Escort vehs will be provided with a further 10 on standby (48hrs notice). A further 10 will be on standby (48hrs notice after the first 48 hrs) if required.	<u>Possibility</u> of utilising the 6 x LRs currently being used by LWTC(G). These LR's are not avail at present.
<b>Medical Supply Items</b>						
24	Golden Flybait (3kg drum)	10	3	HQ DSG - Log Sp		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
50	Disposable Gloves	2000	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Ordered
51	Facelets	200	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Ordered
52	Hessian	250 m	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Engrs sourcing
53	Coveralls or suitable alternative clothing	1500	2	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Ordered through civilian network
54	Footware	500	2	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Flip Flops have been ordered
55	Large lights for towers.	4	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log	Lights and towers currently being built by Engrs
56	Tripod Lighting c/w power generation	10	1	HQ DSG - Engr Log	Being sourced by Engrs
57	IS Pack (Coy Pack)	1	2	JFLogC - SO1 J4	To include baton guns and ammo
58	Dustbin Heaters	20	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Will source through the mil system
59	ISO Containers	6	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	9 delivered A further 5 ISO's will be delivered 9 Mar. A further 5 ISO's requested.
60	Sharkseye torch	10	1	JFLogC - SO1 J4	20 delivered 27 Feb
61	Fire extinguisher dry foam	50	3	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Currently being sourced
62	Fire extinguisher 9L water	120	3	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Currently being sourced
63	Fire bucket Plastic	120	3	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Delivered 27 Feb
64	PCR 320 Radio c/w ancillaries	45	2	HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div MAIN - G3 O&D/G6	Alternative would be to use Iridium Phones
65	Loud Hailer	12	2	JFLogC - SO1 J4	Will be sourced Not requested Initially.
66	Mapping	75 sets	2	14 Sqn	1:100,000 scale of 1 (UK) Armd Div AO
67	Washing Powder	tbd	3	JFLogC - SO1 J4	2,000 boxes will be purchased Sufficient for up to 12000 PWs
<b>MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS</b>					
68	Wardogs and Handlers	1 x Sect	By G-4	JFLogC	OG 101 MWD has made initial contact
69	Escort Force	315	ASAP	HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div MAIN - G3	1 x HVH Bty + 1 x GS Engr Sqn tentatively nominated. Numbers and arrival dates tbc
70	Guard Force	120	ASAP	HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div MAIN - G3	
71	MPGS	1 x Sect	N/A	JFLogC	In place with QDG

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(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)
72	PWHO C2/Admin	QDG RHQ + Ech	N/A		In place	
73	PW Tracking (OpLoc) Team	24 personnel	By G-3	HQ DSG - DFAO	Available now: 10 from DFAO + 4 from QDG RAO Still req'd: 3 from DFAO Level 3 B'fill (arrival tbc) Additional bid for 7 placed via ASSESSREP - no response to date Still awaiting vehs for DFAO party and resolution on method of data transfer for PW records (G6 lead)	
74	JFIT/FHT	1 Team	By G-1	HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div MAIN - G3	1 x Team will be provided. Date as to when they are cut to the PWHO is tbc.	
75	Engr Fd Tp	1 Tp	See Ser 69/70	HQ 1 (UK) Armd Div MAIN - G3	1 x GS Engr Sqn (23 Amph Engr Sqn) tentatively nominated (see Sers 69/70)	Will also conduct EOD clearance of site
76	Med/Dental	1 Team	By G-2	HQ DSG - Med	DS1B will be 90% CE. Dental will remain Black - only 1 x Dentist in Theatre.	Critical shortfall is the clinical backfill at DS1B. Med Sp will be provided, capability tbc G-3.
77	EHT	1 Team	By G-2	HQ DSG - Med	EHT Sect will be allocated to PWHO on O's.	
78	Interpreters	50	By G-2	G3		
<b>Additional Requirements</b>						
79	PW Rations	5 DOS	3	JFLogC - Log Sp	JFLogC indicate that a special ration is being produced that meets ethnic needs, has no special storage requirements, can be eaten hot or cold and contains a spoon. 1st Tranche of 9,000 rations now in Theatre. 82,000 due imminently (3 Mar) with a further 82,000 arriving on 7 Mar. Further stock to be provisioned as necessary.	7 DOS to be carried with PWHO. Sustainment reqd after that. Target is for 30 DOS to be held in theatre.
80	Bottled Water	1 DOS (54000 L)	3	JFLogC - Log Sp	Stocks available, /delivery details awaited.	Qty reduced from 3 DOS to 1 DOS due to the HDR containing water.
81	Cigarettes	720000		JFLogC J4	720,000 have been ordered.	
82	Bass Brooms	100		JFLogC	Ordered	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
83	Skips ( for waste)	12	JFLogC		
84	Carpet				
85	Bakery		JFLogC	Bread will be delivered from the bakery to boost the PW rations.	
86	Bedsheets	100	JFLogC	100 bedsheets ordered.	

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