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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5b

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Age if under 18: Over 21 (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: WO2 **██████████**

This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 23/05/2003

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person.

I currently hold the appointment of CSM of C Coy, 1 BW , BFPO 647. I deployed on Operation Telic on 4 Mar 03.

C Coy are currently located in Basrah at Grid Reference QU 696823.

One of my roles as the CSM of C Coy is that I am responsible for the processing of detainees detained by my unit. To assist me in this role whilst processing an arrested local they would be placed within a detainees area within C Coy lines before being processed through the system.

One of my tasks would also be to establish detained person's name and date of birth.

On Tue 13 May 03, I took part in a Company level Operation in Basrah. The mission of the operation was to arrest the Commander of Basrah Fedayen.

As a result of this operation three local men were detained who were then placed into the detainees area within C Coy lines. I had no involvement with the arrest of these men as I was searching a different house about 200m away from the target house.

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Upon my return to C Coy lines, about 1600 hrs, I spoke to all three men, asking them their names, date of births and occupations . To assist me to do this I used a translator employed by us called 'Frank'. I do not know this Arabic name.

One of the men was called MUSA and he said he was a School teacher. I can not remember his full name. I did not see any injuries on this man. As far I am aware this man was not restrained in any way or form and was just stood in front of me.

Prior to me speaking to him all three men had been examined by C Coy medic Cpl **SO84** . Cpl **SO84** was also present when I spoke to the men.

To me MUSA appeared well and I could not see any signs of him being ill or distressed in any way or form.

After speaking to the men I returned to the Coy Ops Room where I commenced Watchkeeper duties.

About 2100 hrs, that day, whilst on duty I received a message from Cpl **SO84** that one of the arrested men had been taken ill.

I went over to the holding area and observed Cpl **SO84** giving MUSA some treatment. I spoke briefly to Cpl **SO84** who told me the man had some type of fit. I was told by Cpl **SO84** that he was still alive and had a pulse.

The man was then evacuated to the RAP for further treatment at Battlegroup Main in Basrah.

Prior to deployment I received during Optag various briefings on how to deal with detained persons

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