



## Camp Bucca Detention Facility



### An Analysis Of The Escape of On 26 January 2004 from Compound 9

Conducted by:  
CPT [REDACTED] / 310<sup>th</sup> MP BN S-3



## Timeline (26 January 04)



0001 CPT [REDACTED] (S-3) instructs SSG [REDACTED] (Battle Captain) to implement Fog Plan do to the increasing low level FOG moving in (if needed)

0020 OIC (1LT [REDACTED] 988<sup>th</sup> MP Co) plans to implement Fog Plan

0030 Visibility very poor; OIC calls Fog Plan

0040 All compounds notified to implement Fog Plan

0100 Response team arrives by PLT (entire 988<sup>th</sup> MP Co / IF OPS)

0200 OIC lifts Fog Plan do to the fog lifting and visibility increasing

0215 SFC [REDACTED] (CCT -NCOIC) reports all prisoners accounted for

0300 OIC: fog coming in heavy, visibility 25 meters;

0320 OIC reinitiates Fog Plan, plans order of count of compound 12, 11, 10, 9 & 8

0330 SRT and additional MPs arrives

0355 Compound 9 receives notice of Fog Plan; instructed to count

0440 Complete count (as per compound 9) (CCT reports 100% accountability)

0545 After arrive back from the IF, CPT [REDACTED] tells SSG [REDACTED] to have compounds conduct complete ISN count of all detainees



## Timeline

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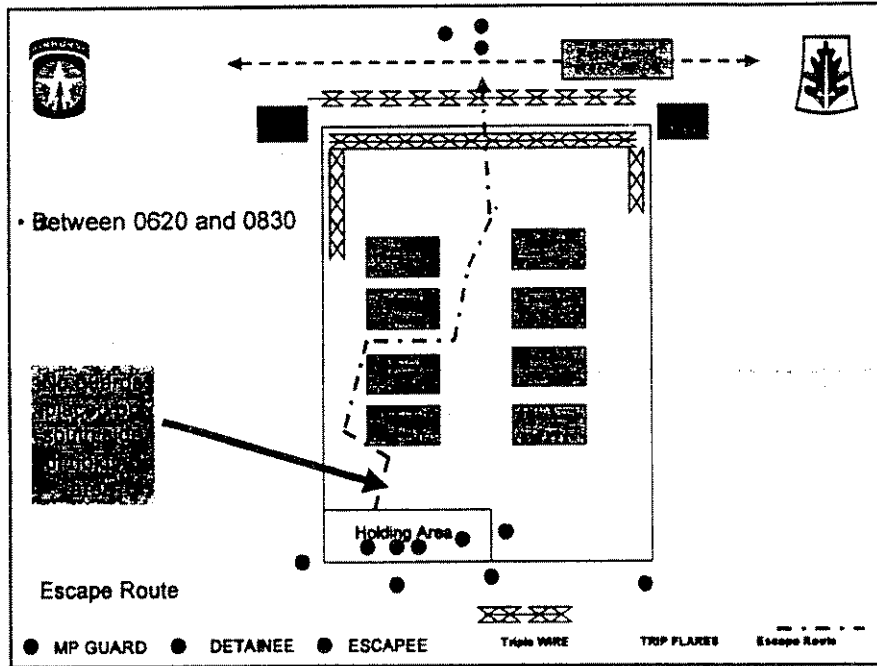
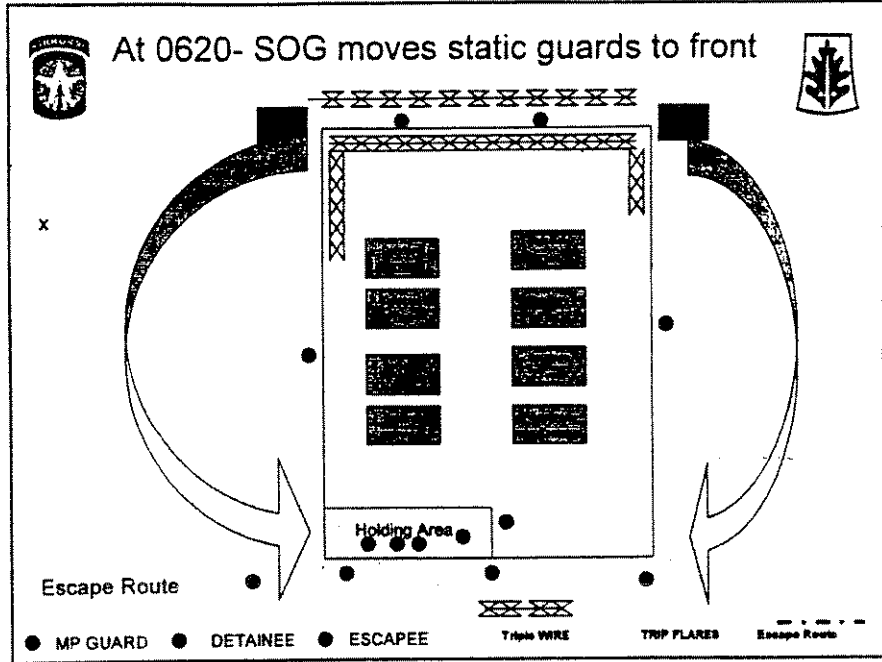
0600 OIC moves static guard and tower to front  
0620 Last static guards moves to front  
0700 Compound 9 conducts counts by ISN (approximate detainee chow arrival)  
0730 Chow arrives at compound 9 approximately  
0830 CCT 9 discovers ISNs are missing  
0930 SOG: fog starts to lift; move back to towers (compound 9)  
1000 SOG calls off Fog Plan  
1013 Fog Plan lifted; advised compound NCOIC and SOG  
1030 SOG meets with [REDACTED] (463 - coming up short) 458 (2 in hospital)  
1140 Advised by compound 9 that prisoners reported as hospitalized  
1145 Rover team sent to check for tracks  
1151 Advised by compound 9 SOG of foot tracks from back and over berm  
1200 Notified 977th to activate QRF to conduct search  
1240 Advised by MSG [REDACTED] (OPS -SGM) that detainees 115236, 116272, 151933, need manifest to include pictures  
1410 Contact British forces and local Iraqi Police in UMM Qasar

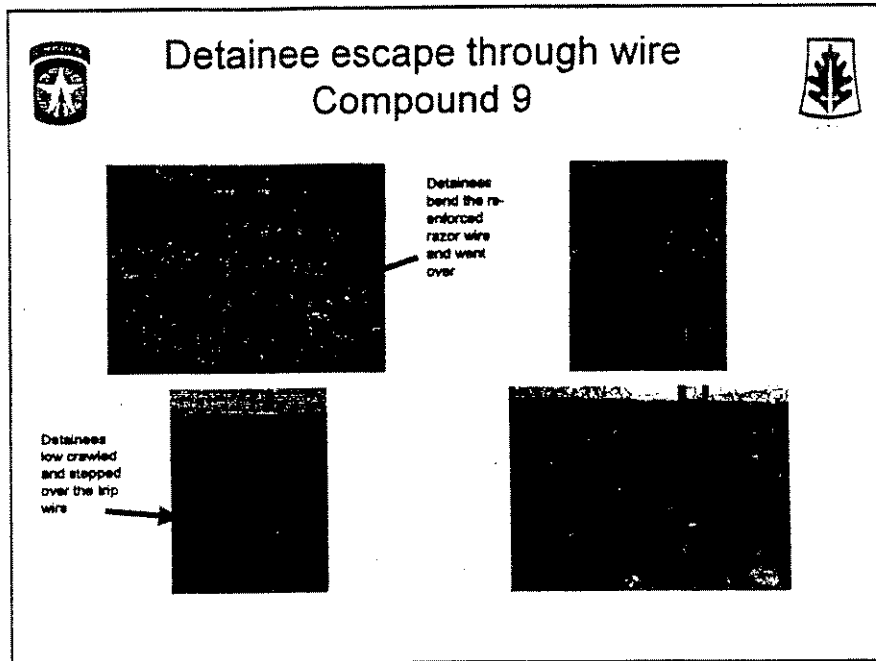


## Summary of Key Events



- Visibility was 10 to 15 meters from 0300 to 0900
- 988<sup>th</sup> MP CO used entire company to surround the compound. Rule of thumb was each guard was placed within viewing distance of each other.
- Conditions and use of guards coming off a 12 hour shift hampered observation ability.
- MP/Guards were not completely surrounding the holding pen after count was complete as instructed in the FOG Plan. MPs were placed on the North, East, and West. No guard was placed on the south side of the holding pen.
- Holding area dimensions are approximately 20 x 50 meters.
- The SOG moved the exterior static guards on the south side of compound 9 at 0620.
- Compound control team NCO did not immediately inform the SOG that his count may be off. He recounted to check his original count.
- The window of opportunity for the detainee to escape is established between 0620 and 0830. It was during this time that the exterior static guards on the south side of compound 9 move to the front of the compound and when the compound control team NCO discovered the count was off during detainee feeding.
- SOG discovers that detainees low crawled under the wire from the holding area to the rear of the compound and through the rear layer of wire.





**Corrective Action**

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In-Process

- Chain link fence
- 20-foot ditch around entire compound
- K-9 dog teams
- Additional trip flares
- Additional radios

Not Confirmed

- Thermal equipment
- Contracted engineer assets to add additional wire



## Corrective Action



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### SOP Improvements

- Fog Plan rehearsal of plan
- Count procedures
- Ensure that 360 degree security is maintained on compound at ALL times to include holding area during FOG plan
- Use of QM, BN, and Signal personnel for additional bodies once all MPs are exhausted

SWORN STATEMENT

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9. I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On Monday, 26 JAN 2004, Sgt [redacted] and I reported to work at the IF. We assumed responsibilities at compound 9 at around 0002 hrs. I could see that there was fog in the area, making it hard for us to see the compound we were informed that the Fog Plan was to be actuated. we were told to tell the prisoners to stay in their tents later we were told to start getting the prisoners out of their tents and take them into the holding pen. I was lining up the detainees to send them into the pen, 10 at a time Sgt [redacted] was counting them as they walked into the pen. Once the count was done, Sgt [redacted] said that our count was at 100%. The Fog plan was still dense and we kept the prisoners in the holding pen. The prisoners were still in the pen when the morning chow arrived at around 0700 hrs. We started feeding the prisoners and also conducted an ISN manifest count. Sgt [redacted] was counting the prisoners tent by tent by ISN number. The prisoners ate their food in the holding pen because the Fog Plan had not been lifted. We received word that the Fog Plan had been lifted and the prisoners were counted as they left the holding pen. Sgt Plummer was not comfortable with the count, he tried to make contact with the TOC but he couldn't get through. He then asked the tower guard to get a hold of his SOG and the SOG was informed by Sgt [redacted].

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT 1300 HRS DATED 2004 1 27

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that he was not comfortable with the count. The prisoners were then placed back in the holding pen and made another count and came to the conclusion that there were 4 detainees missing from the compound.

END OF STATEMENT

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] TAKEN AT 1300 HRS DATED 2004 1 27

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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9. I, [redacted], WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH
At approximately 0335 the fog plan was placed into effect. After I was informed that the covers were in place at the back of the compound and to start my count I did. The camp major was informed that the fog plan was in effect and he started to call all detainees from their tents. SPC [redacted] group the detainees by 10 and counted them off by ten as he sent them to me. I then, using a hand held counter, counted them into the feeding pen. Once we had 100% count approximately 440, I informed the NCOIC/OIC of the camp's status.
Once morning chow arrived (between 0700-0730) I counted the detainees once again using the ISN manifest. At the end of this count I was not comfortable with the numbers I obtained about the same time the NCO in charge of the manifest came for the daily pick-up. I informed the sergeant that I wanted to check the numbers with the log book and movement sheet before the manifest was taken.
Once the fog plan was lifted, which was about the same time started to perform another count. I was still unhappy with the count. At this time I attempted to contact the NCOIC of the camp.

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TAKEN AT 1300

DATED 20040127

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and the T.O.C. with no luck. I then told the traveler to contact the SOG. Once the SOG arrived another count was conducted with the conclusion that (4) detainees were missing from compound #7.

SOG/O.I.C. took the necessary steps and started the search and investigation which initially concluded that the detainee left the back of the feeding pen making their way to the back of the compound and low crabbles outside of the IS. Now waiting final result of investigation.

End Statement.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

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(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION

310th mp Bn

LOCATION

Comp  
Bucca Hq

PERIOD COVERED

FROM		TO	
HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
0001	25 Jan 64		

ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
	IN	OUT			
1	0001		Sgt [redacted] to Sgt [redacted] on Duty Released Sgt [redacted] and Spc [redacted] with [redacted]	Logged	
2	0030		Compound check made	Logged	
3	0100		Compound check	Logged	
4	0104		Commo check w/Tower on [redacted] note 127 Radio is inop	Logged	
5	0130		check made at compound	Logged	
6	0200		Compound check made	Logged	
7	0230		Compound check	Logged	
8	0300		Compound check	Logged	
9	0330		Compound check	Logged	
10	0400		compound check	Logged	
11	0420		Dog had set off trip flare directly in rear of compound	Logged	
12	0500		compound check	Logged	
13	0530		compound check	Logged	
14	0600		Compound check	Logged	
15	0630		Compound check	Logged	
15	0653		morning chow arrives	Logged	
16	0730		on the morning count (462) in the wire (464) assigned	Logged	
17	0930		Retained # 152462/50899		

TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY

[redacted] Sgt

SIGNATURE

[redacted] Sgt/E-5

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36th MPBR

LOCATION

Camp Bucca Bg

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FROM

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DATE

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DATE

0601

25 Jan 64

0600

25 Jan 64

ITEM NO

TIME

IN

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INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.

ACTION TAKEN

INL

116465 115340 116400, 151804

150747, 150374, 151718, 116337

150258, ~~150757~~<sup>TP</sup>, 115638 at

TMC note TP.

Logged

1020

Detainee # 150825, 151803

152037, 151953, 151867

151281 AT TMC (sick call)

443 in wire

1115

150899, 116400, 151804, 151718

116337, 150258, 115638 Return

From sick call 450 in wire

Logged

1130

# 152462, 116466, 115340, 150-

747, 150379, 150258, 151867

151281, 151953 Return Fro.

Sick call 459 in wire

Logged

1200

Relieved by Sgt

NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER OR OFFICIAL ON DUTY

SIGNATURE

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				FROM		TO	
				HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
310 MP BN		COMP 9 CAMP BUCCA		12:00	20040126	00:01	20040127
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL		
	IN	OUT					
1	12:00		SGT [REDACTED] AND SPL [REDACTED] RELIEVED SGT [REDACTED] AND SPL [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	LOGGED			
2	12:30		POSSIBLE ESCAPE, FOUR DETAINEES. 116272, 151933, 152	LOGGED			
3	<del>13:00</del>		115235, 115459	LOGGED			
3	13:00		INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE ESCAPE	LOGGED			
4	13:30		CONT INVESTIGATION ON POSSIBLE ESCAPE.	LOGGED			
5	14:00		COMMENCE COUNT	LOGGED			
6	15:00		END COUNT T.C 459	LOGGED			
7	15:30		COMMENCE FEEDING	LOGGED			
8	17:00		END FEEDING	LOGGED			
9	17:30		ALL SECURE	LOGGED			
10	18:00		ALL SECURE	LOGGED			
11	18:30		ALL SECURE	LOGGED			
12	19:00		ALL SECURE	LOGGED			
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18	22:00		ALL SECURE	LOGGED			
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[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]			



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310TH mp BN		Camp Bucca TC		FROM		TO	
				HOUR	DATE	HOUR	DATE
				0800	01-26-04	20	01-26-04
ITEM NO.	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INI.		
	IN	OUT					
01	0800		SSG [REDACTED] ON DUTY NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS TO REPORT.	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
02	0804		SGT [REDACTED] NOTIFIED TOL THAT RETAINEE IS PENDING RELEASE NOTIFIED SFC [REDACTED] EN ROUTE TO LOCATION IN ABOUT 15 MIN.	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
03	1013		FCU PLAN HAS BEEN LIFTED ADVISED BY COMBAND NLOEC AND SOL	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
04	1100		ADVISED THAT POE CLASS HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 1030 TO 1400 ADVISED 977+988+340	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
05	1146		ADVISED [REDACTED] MANAGER THAT I LATE LOCAL NATIONAL + USA REFERRED AT TOL BERMA TO SEE [REDACTED]	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
06	1151		ADVISED BY COMBAND 9 THAT PASSENGERS 116432-116431-151282 REFERRED AS BANNER HOSPITALIZED ARE NOT LOGGED IN ONLY ONE 'IS 116432	LOGGED	[REDACTED]		
07	1155		ADVISED BY SGT OF FOOT TRACKS FROM BACK OF COMBAND 9 AND OVER BURM	NOTIFIED 977 TO ACTIVATE ASD	[REDACTED]		
08	1240		ADVISED BY S-3A THAT RETAINEE'S 115236 116272, 151933, 152969 NEED MANIFEST TO INCLUDE PICTURE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COMBAND. NOTIFIED S-1 MORE TO NOTIFY S-1 DEC. S-3A ADVISED THAT POSSIBLE	+ ADVISE	[REDACTED]		
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[REDACTED] E-6				[REDACTED]			



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360TH mp BN		Camp Bucca TDC		0800	01-26-04	2000	01-26-04
ITEM NO	TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	INL		
	IN	OUT					
			ESCAPE ATTEMPT WAS MADE FROM REAR OF COMPOUND 9 FORTH KUNAWAT SIDE NOTICED DAMAGE TO WIRE POSSIBLE TIME OF ESCAPE 0444 HRS TO 0830 HRS. 977 HAS PATROLS OUT IN AREA. ALSO OUT TEAM 2 VEHICLES.	LOGGED			
09	1259		ADVISED BY S-1 NABEC THAT SSG ASAD IS EN ROUTE TO HEATON DOWN AT IMPRESSO STATION IN REGARDS TO LETTING WORK UP FOR DETAINEE NUMBERS ABOVE MENTIONED	LOGGED			
10	1300		NOTICED 977 TO ACTIVATE ORF AT THIS TIME	LOGGED			
11	1416		CONTACTED BLUISH FORCES STROKE TO A GROUP. STATED HE WOULD NOTIFY 26 REGIMENT ALSO OPERATING OUT OF UM KASAR IN REFERENCE TO ESCAPED DETAINEES # 115236 CI + 116272 CI PASSED ON ALL NECESSARY PEDURSE INFORMATION. (6492) 963-3105	LOGGED			
12	1429		STROKE TO RFI IN REFERENCE TO ESCAPED DETAINEES STATED THAT HE WOULD ADVISE PATROL IN AREA FROM BLUISH FORCES TO STOP AT CAMP BUCCA AND OBTAIN PHOTOS OF DETAINEE P.D.C. GIVES MSG LOMBARDIA	LOGGED			
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