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HEADQUARTERS, 800TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE (IR)
CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT APO AE 09366

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MEMORANDUM FOR LTC [REDACTED] 400th Military Police
Battalion

SUBJECT: REPRIMAND UP AR 600-37

1. This letter of reprimand is a result of the incident on 19 August 2003 when one of your soldiers from the 770th Military Police Company negligently discharged an M-16 round while exiting his vehicle in the vicinity of the clearing barrels at Checkpoint 1 on BIAP. The discharge caused damage to the vehicle's fuel tank and rendered the vehicle inoperable.
2. This incident demonstrates a failure in training on proper weapons clearing procedures and a lack of command emphasis by you on proper safety procedures to reduce the risk to your soldiers from accidental injury or death. A Battalion Commander sets the tone for the entire unit. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to safety measures and standards. Soldier safety is my top priority. I hold you accountable for the safe environment of your soldiers.
3. This is an administrative reprimand imposed UP of AR 600-37, and not as punishment pursuant to Article 15, UCMJ.
4. I intend to file this reprimand in your local MPRJ. I will carefully consider any matters in rebuttal, extenuation or mitigation. You have one week from receipt of this memorandum to submit such matters. I will withhold final decision on imposing this memorandum until the time period passes.



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Commanding