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## Memories All That's Left of Infamous Camp X-Ray

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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVY BASE, Cuba -- With the 500 or so suspected terrorists now held at a prison camp called Delta, the military here wants to underscore the message that the once iconic Camp X-Ray is now history.

So it was with all the aplomb of a package-tour guide that the military escort led a dozen visiting Canadian and U.S. reporters through the weed-choked warren of the now abandoned lock-up for suspected terrorists.

"We are going to come over into the adjoining cellblocks and grab you guys some souvenir locks," said Army Maj. Jeffrey Weir, weaving between vacant chain-linked cells inside X-Ray.

A few correspondents on Tuesday pocketed some rusty, broken padlocks, strewn on the ground around the abandoned cellblocks, which first received prisoners Jan. 11, 2002.

Some of the starkest prison camp imagery of Guantánamo was set at X-Ray -- and shot by U.S. military photographers with exclusive access. One iconic image, which stirred worldwide protest, revealed orange-jumpsuit-clad captives kneeling on the ground, their eyes goggled, their mouths masked.

### FOR THE RECORD

Prison officials have not ordered Converse high-top sneakers for some of the suspected terrorists in Camp Four, the most permissive housing in the prison, where detainees sleep in barracks, eat communally and can play group sports such as soccer and basketball.

Prison officials responded to a request for confirmation of an earlier report by saying they have ordered generic -- no trademark -- athletic shoes through "a detention supplier who also supplies federal and state corrections facilities."

Military spokesman declined to say how many sneakers were being ordered, and at what expense to U.S. taxpayers.

"We believe the athletic shoes will also help to prevent sports injuries, sprained ankles, etc.," said a statement from the Joint Task Force running the prison camps here.

### CITE THE SIMPSONS

Defense Department talking points may promise a presumption of innocence to every Guantánamo captive who goes before the first U.S. war-crimes tribunals staged since World War II.

But the chief Pentagon prosecutor was having none of it when he briefed the press Tuesday ahead of the resumption of hearings for an alleged al Qaeda propagandist from Yemen and a Canadian teen who was captured after a fire in Afghanistan.

"We've got nothing to be ashamed of in what we're doing here," said Col. Morris "Moe" Davis, a 21-year Air Force veteran who got the job as chief prosecutor four months ago. "We're extending a full, fair and open trial to the terrorists that have attacked us."

Davis defended his rhetoric as typical of a passionate prosecutor in any American court, and then invoked the wisdom of television's Bart Simpson, quoting the cartoon character as saying, "Damned if you do, damned if you don't."

### **TEMPTING T-SHIRTS**

Guards may come and guards may go, but they're still selling the same \$9.99 souvenir T-shirt at a video rental shop adjacent to the Navy Base commissary.

"BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION INSTRUCTOR," it proclaims, along with the location "Guantánamo Bay, Cuba."

It makes no mention of the suspected al Qaeda and Taliban captives held up the road at Camp Delta.

### **OLD PHOTO, NEW STORY**

Most of the world knows accused teen terrorist Omar Khadr as a fresh-faced, adolescent school boy. In stark contrast, the Toronto-born youth who was captured at age 15 in a gunfight in Afghanistan shuffled into his military commission hearing as a 19-year-old, 6-foot-tall young man with a black beard.

But the boyish picture is all the public gets to see. The military refuses to permit photographers in the commissions, citing Geneva Conventions protections that prevent the military from parading war prisoners before the cameras.

An al Jazeera correspondent noted the ban was inconsistent with the U.S. release of photos of a bedraggled Saddam Hussein shortly after U.S. troops snatched him from his snake hole in Iraq in December 2003.

A Pentagon spokesman shrugged off the inconsistency.