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1. CARRIAGE AND ISSUE OF ARMS.

A. PERSONAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION MAY BE TAKEN ASHORE FOR USE IN SELF DEFENCE ONLY

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B. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT OPEN DISPLAY OF WEAPONS MAY EXACERBATE SITUATION AND BE OPEN TO SUBSEQUENT MISREPRESENTATION BUT MAY ALSO HAVE DETERRENT OR STABILISING EFFECT

C. IN GENERAL TERMS HOWEVER SERVICEMEN SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN POSITION OF DANGER IN WHICH THEY CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES

D. WEAPONS ARE NOT TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT AMMUNITION

E. INDIVIDUALS ISSUED WITH WEAPONS ARE TO BE CAREFULLY BRIEFED ON INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING FIRE

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PROVIDE THE ONLY WAY OF PROTECTING SERVICEMEN FROM DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. USE OF ARMS IS TO BE LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THIS, CONSISTENT WITH NEED FOR LOW-KEY APPROACH AND CORDIAL BUT FIRM EXCHANGES.

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B. WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT THE SENIOR PERSON PRESENT SHOULD CONTROL THE USE OF ARMS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE INDIVIDUALS MAY AND SHOULD TAKE SUCH INDEPENDENT PROTECTIVE ACTION AS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE

3. INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING FIRE

A. THESE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO COMMANDERS CONTROLLING FIRE OR TO INDIVIDUAL SERVICEMEN ACTING INDEPENDENTLY

B. GENERAL. MINIMUM FORCE IS TO BE USED ONLY TO SAFEGUARD LIFE. IF FIRE IS OPENED

1. ONLY AIMED SHOTS ARE TO BE FIRED

2. NO MORE ROUNDS THAN ARE NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD LIFE ARE TO BE FIRED

3. WHERE POSSIBLE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ARE TO BE ON SINGLE SHOT. AUTOMATIC FIRE SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

4. ONLY PERSONS ARMED WITH FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS ARE TO BE

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FIRED UPON

5. MAGAZINES SHOULD BE LOADED WITH LIVE AMMUNITION AND FITTED TO WEAPONS BUT UNLESS FIRE IS ABOUT TO BE OPENED NO LIVE ROUND IS TO BE IN THE BREACH AND WORKING PARTS ARE TO BE FORWARD

C. WARNING. WARNING IS TO BE GIVEN BEFORE OPENING FIRE.

D. GUIDELINES. YOU MAY FIRE ONLY IF THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF OR THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FROM THE DANGER OF BEING KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED AND THEN ONLY USING

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