
LAND RANGES WORKING PARTY

RANGE SAFETY NOTICE 02/09

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SUBJECT: USE OF SHOTGUN COMBAT 12 BORE L128A1 ON GALLERY RANGES

References:

- A. JSP 403 Vol 2.
- B. LRWP TWG 30 Jan 09.

Introduction/Background

1. Operational shotgun practices will be authorised early in 2009. Authorised shotgun practices will be set out in Pam 21 (2009). In order to facilitate training with shotgun, both shot and slug is authorised on Gallery Ranges with the restrictions detailed below.

Action Required

- 2. Combat shotgun, shot and slug is only to be fired into ground mounted Figure 11 targets fixed in lanes 10m in front of the gallery range mantlet. The flank lanes (normally lane 1 and 12) are not to be used.
- 3. No slug ammunition is to be fired into mantlets with dense rubber blocks fixed at the top of the mantlet until trials have determined the backsplash potential.
- 4. The RAU is to monitor shotgun use and any build up of lead or steel in the mantlet. Shotgun slug is large and the build up of lead behind targets in the mantlet may need more de-leading than current de-leading following LNV practices.
- 5. No firing closer than 25m to the target is permitted.

Monitoring Shotgun Practices

6. As this is a new practice all users and range managers are to monitor backsplash, ricochet and heavy build up of surface debris in the mantlets reporting any incident to the RAU and TAS (RE).

Effective Date

7. The required action is to be taken immediately on receipt of this notice.

Disposal

8. This Range Safety Notice remains in force until the content has been incorporated into Reference B by a Change or until it has been cancelled. In either of these eventualities, it can be destroyed.

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