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# LAND RANGES SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

## RANGE SAFETY NOTICE 6/12

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The revised detail will be incorporated in JSP 403 Volume 2 Change 7

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#### PERSONNEL PROTECTION REQUIRED FOR TACTICAL GRENADE TRAINING

References:

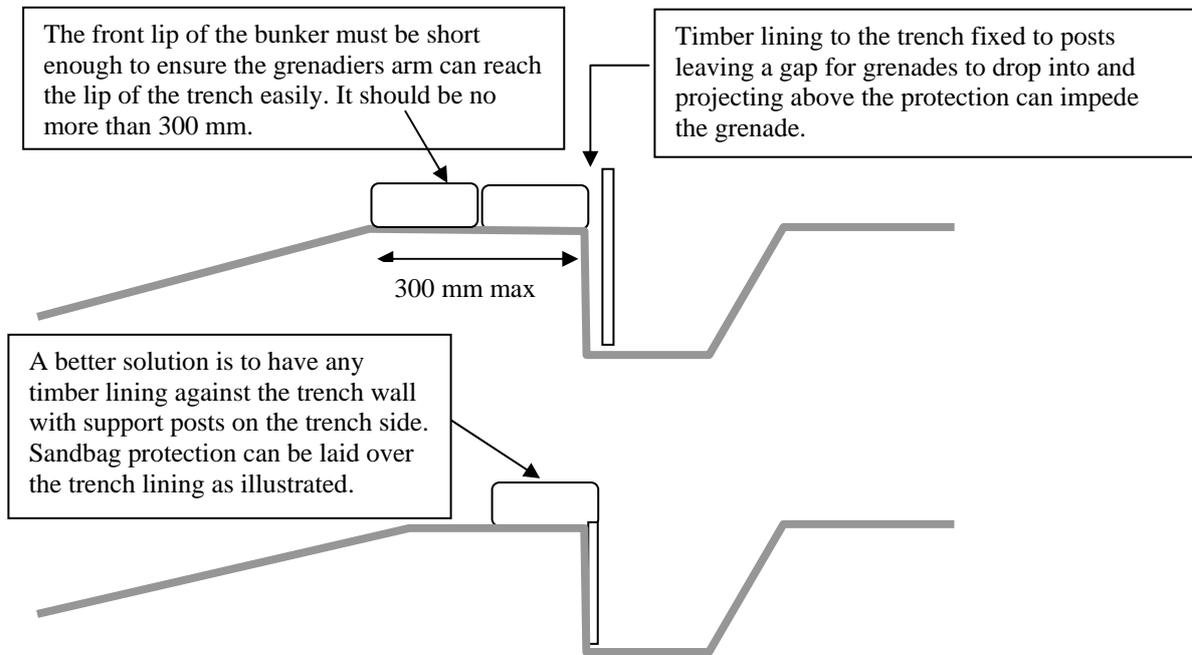
- A. JSP 403 Vol.2.
- B. PAM 21.

#### Issue.

1. Details of grenade protection are provided in Reference A. However in the light of recent experience further explanation is required to ensure the safety of troops in training. The last advice was on the slope used in shell scrapes. This needed to be specified to ensure those taking protection could not rest on the slope exposing their heads to grenade fragmentation.
2. With the increase in CQB (U) that includes HE grenade capability there is need to ensure the correct protection is provided. Grenade posting into bunkers illustrated in Reference A, Figure 22-5 requires the grenadier and safety staff to take cover in the prone position. When assaulting buildings in the CQB (U) environment however, taking cover in the prone position is not tactically realistic. Grenade protection in this situation is illustrated in Reference A, Figure 22-6 where those in the assault team may take cover standing behind a wall or kneeling at a window with at least 1.2 m of protection.
3. Where grenade posting facilities are provided great care must be taken in ensuring that a posted grenade reaches the trench and is not left where grenade fragments are likely to cause injury. See illustrations below.
4. The use of cam nets or other material over the posting trench that might snag the grenadier whilst posting grenades are to be avoided.

## Fuse time reminder.

5. For both basic training and tactical grenade practices the safety rules in Reference B are important relating to taking cover as soon as the grenade hits the ground. The fuse time on the L109 grenade is only 3 – 4 seconds (the L2 was 6 – 8 seconds). It is also important to ensure all parts of the body are behind the protection provided.



## Effective Date

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

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