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Op TELIC V  
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All 40 Cdo RM Op TELIC V locations

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**GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF WARNING SHOTS ON OP TELIC V**

Reference:

A. JSP398, Card A (Guidance for opening fire for service personnel authorised to carry arms and ammunition on duty) 2004 Edition.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. A number of incidents involving 40 Cdo ranks during Op TELIC V have resulted in a necessity to use warning shots, in addition to the challenges detailed at Reference A. In order to ensure compliance within UK law, the following guidelines are to be followed by all 40 Cdo ranks currently deployed in Iraq.

**CARD A**

2. The contents of Reference A must be fully understood by all ranks deployed on Op TELIC V. Training will be conducted during the RSOI package and a copy of Card A must be carried by all individuals whilst using weapons and live ammunition.

**USE OF WARNING SHOTS**

3. Warning shots may be used where necessary, after weighing the risk of collateral damage against the extent of the threat in the particular circumstances and after considering whether to fire may escalate the situation.

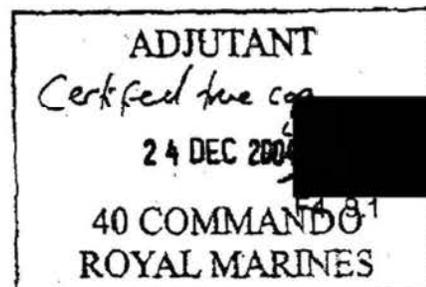
4. The risk of collateral damage is increased in crowded urban areas and all appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that friendly forces and innocent civilians are not wounded or killed by warning shots. Only aimed shots are to be fired, and no more rounds are to be used than are absolutely necessary. Firearms are only to be used as a last resort in order to protect human life and the firer is responsible for justifying his actions in response to the threat.

5. Warning shots should not be used if the resultant delay would increase the risk of death or grave injury to you or any other friendly forces. Lethal force is to be used under those circumstances as detailed in Reference A.

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