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1 KINGS SHOOTING INCIDENT 06 NOV 03

References:

A. 1 KINGS 3067F dated 6 Nov 03.

B. LANDSO 3203 (Third Revise) dated May 01.

C. HQ MND(SE) J3/1260 dated 28 Jul 03.

INTRODUCTION

1. Working on a tip off from an interpreter, C Coy minus deployed on 6 Nov at approximately 0020 to apprehend a group of men who had been seen entering a house in the Madran area of Basrah. It was reported that they were in possession of long barrelled weapons, grenades and RPGs. After attempting a 'soft-knock' operation which proved unsuccessful they forced their entry into the premises. The commander, Sgt S011 cleared the first room but then heard shots from within the house. As he moved to the bottom of the stairs he was confronted, in a confined and dark space, by 2 men armed with long barrelled weapons. Fearing that his life was in immediate danger Sgt S011 fired one round which hit the gumman in the abdomen. The second gumman dropped his weapon which allowed Sgt S011 to administer first aid to the injured man, who was subsequently taken to hospital.

ENDORSEMENT OF CO'S INVESTIGATION

2. I have read the report of the CO's investigation (Reference A). I am happy that this investigation has been conducted in accordance with the policy laid down by HQ MND(SE). Furthermore I am satisfied that the action of the soldier involved was within the current Rules of Engagement. I concur with the CO's view that this incident requires no further investigation and is now closed.

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