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CARD A - GUIDANCE FOR OPENING FIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL
AUTHORISED TO CARRY ARMS AND AMMUNITION ON DUTY

GENERAL GUIDANCE

- 1. This guidance does not affect your inherent right to self-defence. However, in all situations you are to use no more force than absolutely necessary.

FIREARMS MUST ONLY BE USED AS A LAST RESORT

- 2. When guarding property, you must not use lethal force other than for the protection of human life.

PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

- 3. You may only open fire against a person if he/she is committing or about to commit an act likely to endanger human life and there is no other way to prevent the danger.

CHALLENGING

- 4. A challenge **MUST** be given before opening fire unless:
 - a. To do this would increase the risk of death or grave injury to you or any other persons other than the attacker(s);

OR

- b. You or others in the immediate vicinity are under armed attack.
- 5. You are to challenge by shouting:

"NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE,
STOP OR I FIRE." Or words to that effect.

OPENING FIRE

- 6. If you have to open fire you are to:
 - a. Fire only aimed shots;
 - AND
 - b. Fire no more rounds than are necessary;
 - AND
 - c. Take all reasonable precautions not to injure anyone other than your target.

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