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RANGE SAFETY POLICY LETTER 02/08 – LAND RANGE LOG (MOD FORMS 906/906A)

Reference:

A. JSP 403 Volume I Edition 2 Change 5 Chapter 6.

Background

1. There is a need to record the different natures of ammunition used on some constructed ranges as well as those used on field firing areas (FFA). The current versions of the Land Range Log are the MOD Forms 906 (Revised Sep 01) and 906A (Revised Jul 99). Although Reference A explains that the 906 is for ranges upon which only one calibre of ammunition is fired whilst the 906A is for FFA and other ranges where exploding munitions and/or a variety of natures of ammunition or explosives are authorised, it is felt in some quarters that further clarification is needed. Additionally, the notes on the inside of the current versions of the 906 and 906A need some revision.

2. There are many 906 and 906A in use across the MOD estate; some Range Administering Units (RAU) have a large stock of their own, and there are approximately one thousand remaining in stock with the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency (DSDA) awaiting demands. New versions of the 906 and 906A will not be produced until existing stocks have been used. The purpose of this letter is to instruct RAU how to proceed with the existing versions until new versions of the 906 and 906A are introduced.

Existing 906 and 906A

3. Some RAU are using the 906 for constructed ranges irrespective of whether or not more than one nature of ammunition is fired whilst others are using the 906A for all types of ranges. RAU should continue to fill in the 906 or 906A currently in use on a range until it is full. However, once this 906 or 906A is full, thereafter a 906 is to be used solely for constructed ranges where only one nature of ammunition is fired, whilst a 906A is to be used for any ranges where more than one nature is fired.

4. On the 906A, column (b) on each page is no longer to be used.

The 'Notes' Page

4. With immediate effect the relevant attachment to this letter is to be pasted over the existing notes page on the inside cover of the 906 and 906A. The corresponding amendments are to be made to the notes in red in the relevant columns on each page of the Range Log in order that the correct note number is being referenced.

Dissemination

5. In due course, Reference A will be amended to reflect the instructions given in this letter in the event that Change 6 to Reference A is issued before new versions of the 906 and 906A are brought into service. In the meantime, these instructions are effective immediately and remain in force until the new versions of the 906 and 906A are introduced.

6. Duty holders represented on the DLRSC are requested to cascade the instructions in this letter through their chains of command to all Range Authorising Officers and RAU likely to be affected by them. This policy letter will also be distributed to all holders of Reference A through the Defence Storage and Distribution Centre Bicester and will be placed in the 'Library' area of the Defence Intranet website for viewing alongside JSP 403.

File copy signed

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Attachment:

1. Notes Page for Land Range Log 906
2. Notes Page for Land Range Log 906A

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Notes – Single Nature Ammunition (906)

Introduction

1. This Land Range Log provides a permanent record of the use of the range named on the front cover. For each use of the range it records:
 - a. The user unit and name, rank and signature of the RCO/OIC Practice.
 - b. The date and times the range was in use by the unit.
 - c. The number of rounds fired by type.
 - d. Details of any range accident/incident and action taken in response.
 - e. Details of blinds NOT disposed of by the user unit.
 - f. A declaration by the RCO/OIC Practice that the range was left in a clean and tidy condition.
 - g. An acknowledgement that the range was taken back by the RAU in a clean and tidy condition.
 - h. The mandatory range inspections detailed in JSP 403 and technical visits, for example by TAS (RE).

Action by the Range Conducting Officer/OIC Practice

2. On each occasion that the range is used, before firing commences or on change of RCO/OIC Practice the RCO/OIC Practice is to complete columns [a] to [f]. By signing in column [f] the RCO/OIC Practice affirms that:
 - a. He/she is qualified or authorised to conduct the practices for which the range has been allocated and that all firers are trained to fire those practices.
 - b. He/she has read and understood Range Orders and will comply with them.
 - c. He/she will ensure the range, and the weapons and ammunition to be used on it, is used in accordance with current drills and procedures and, where applicable, that the use of lanes is evenly distributed.
 - d. The range is in a clean, tidy and safe condition to be used.
3. At the end of firing the RCO/OIC Practice is to complete columns [g] to [l]. In signing column [l] the RCO/OIC Practice affirms that he/she has, on leaving the range, cleared it of all ammunition, explosives, ammunition salvage and all other rubbish or has informed the RAU if for any reason the range could not be cleared. (Unless stated otherwise in Range Orders range clearance includes the disposal of blinds). Blinds not disposed of by the user unit are to be recorded in column [k] as follows:
 - A. Ammunition nature.
 - B. Location of blind(s).
 - C. Action taken by unit.
 - D. Remarks.

Action by RAU Staff

4. Once the RCO/OIC Practice has signed off the range in column [l] the member of the RAU taking back the range is to sign in column [m] indicating that all reports/remarks have been noted for action and that the range has been handed back in a clean and tidy condition.

Use as a Management Record

5. The Land Range Log is a means of recording all other range events such as inspections, technical visits and butt de-leading. At the completion of any inspection/visit the inspecting officer is to enter in **RED INK** on the next available line the date, time and type of inspection (e.g. range officer's monthly inspection) and any relevant comments or remarks together with his/her name, rank/grade, appointment and date.
6. De-leading details are to record the date de-leading was completed, the lanes affected and the signature of the member of the RAU responsible for ensuring de-leading was correctly carried out. After de-leading the RAU must reset the cumulative total of rounds fired to zero.

NB:

Entries need not be limited to a single line or page for each practice. Full use should be made of the pages if additional information is required to be recorded.

Notes – Multi Nature Ammunition (906A)

Introduction

1. This Land Range Log provides a permanent record of the use of the range named on the front cover. For each use of the range it records:
 - a. The user unit and name, rank and signature of the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice.
 - b. The date and times the range was in use by the unit.
 - c. The number of rounds fired by type.
 - d. Details of any range accident/incident and action taken in response.
 - e. Details of blinds NOT disposed of by the user unit.
 - f. A declaration by the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice that the range was left in a clean and tidy condition.
 - g. An acknowledgement that the range was taken back by the RAU in a clean and tidy condition.
 - h. The mandatory range inspections detailed in JSP 403 and technical visits, for example by TAS (RE).

Action by the Range Conducting Officer/Senior Range Conducting Officer/OIC Practice

2. On each occasion that the range is used, before firing commences or on change of RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice is to complete columns [a] to [g]. By signing in column [g] the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice affirms that:

- a. He/she is qualified or authorised to conduct the practices for which the range has been allocated and that all firers are trained to fire those practices.
- b. He/she has read and understood Range Orders and will comply with them.
- c. He/she will ensure the range, and the weapons and ammunition to be used on it, are used in accordance with current drills and procedures and, where applicable, that the use of lanes is evenly distributed.
- d. The range is in a clean, tidy and safe condition to be used.

3. At the end of firing the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice is to complete the relevant ammunition fired columns and columns [h], [ee] and [ff]. In signing column [ff] the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice affirms that he/she has, on leaving the range, cleared it of all ammunition, explosives, ammunition salvage and all other rubbish or has informed the RAU if for any reason the range could not be cleared. (Unless stated otherwise in Range Orders range clearance includes the disposal of blinds). Blinds not disposed of by the user unit are to be recorded in column [ee] as follows:

- A. Ammunition nature.
- B. Grid reference(s) of blind(s).
- C. Action taken by unit.
- D. Remarks.

Action by RAU Staff

4. Once the RCO/Senior RCO/OIC Practice has signed off the range in column [ff] the member of the RAU taking back the range is to sign in column [gg] indicating that all reports/remarks have been noted for action and that the range has been handed back in a clean and tidy condition.

Use as a Management Record

5. The Land Range Log is a means of recording all other range events such as inspections, technical visits and butt de-leading. At the completion of any inspection/visit the inspecting officer is to enter in **RED INK** on the next available line the date, time and type of inspection (e.g. range officer's monthly inspection) and any relevant comments or remarks together with his/her name, rank/grade, appointment and date.

6. De-leading details are to record the date de-leading was completed, the lanes affected and the signature of the member of the RAU responsible for ensuring de-leading was correctly carried out. After de-leading the RAU must reset the cumulative total of rounds fired to zero.

NB:

Entries need not be limited to a single line or page for each practice. Full use should be made of the pages if additional information is required to be recorded.