

7. INDIVIDUAL SELF DEFENCE.

- (a) If you are attacked with arms or explosives shoot the attackers at once, wherever you are.
- (b) Don't join in brawls. Always avoid trouble if you can.

8. REPORTS.

You must always report any incident to the nearest Police or Military Post giving details :—

- (a) Location
- (b) Details
- (c) Method of attack
- (d) Description of assailants
- (e) When applicable, number of rounds fired and results.

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR
OPENING FIRE IN CYPRUS.**

**ISSUED BY CHIEF OF STAFF TO
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1. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Before you use force it is always your duty to assess the situation confronting you and to decide what degree of force is necessary.

If having done this carefully and honestly, you decide that there is no alternative but to open fire, and then do so, you will be doing your duty and acting lawfully whatever the consequences.

2. WHEN YOU SHOULD FIRE.

It is your duty to shoot if that is the only way ;

- (a) To defend yourself, your comrades, families, Police and all peaceable inhabitants against serious attack.
- (b) To protect against serious damage all Government property, *e.g.*, buildings, installations, vehicles and equipment.

(c) To disperse a riotous mob that you honestly believe will cause serious injury to life and property if not forcibly prevented.

(d) To arrest persons committing acts of violence, or whom you honestly believe have done so, or are about to do so, and to prevent their escape.

3. WHEN YOU SHOULD NOT FIRE.

(a) If it is obvious that you can achieve your object by other means do not shoot.

(b) If you are a member of a party under the orders of a superior, do not fire until he orders you to do so.

4. HOW TO FIRE.

(a) Always fire aimed shots.

(b) Aim at the part of the body you are least likely to miss, *i.e.*, in the middle.

(c) Never fire warning shots over people's heads.

5. SENTRIES AND PICQUETS.

(a) If you or the persons or place you are guarding are attacked with arms or explosives, open fire at once.

4.2 To cover the possibility of members of EOKA wishing to surrender, there is one modification, *i.e.*, except during the hours of darkness, defined as 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs, fire will only be opened at a person who is

a) Armed

or b) Committing, or ~~has~~ committed a hostile act.

fire at once and tell the driver to keep going and get away.

(b) If you are only stoned tell your driver to keep going and get away. Don't fire unless the stoning is so serious that you really believe the vehicle may be stopped altogether and that you, the driver or your passengers, will be seriously injured.

(c) If your vehicle is obstructed by a road block try to remove it. If you are then attacked with arms or explosive, open fire.

(d) Always be on the alert with your weapon at the ready.