

## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Due to the large number of weapons now stored in BEQ/BOQ's, and the inherent danger of indiscriminate firing during times of tension, it is necessary to establish positive control governing the use of weapons. The following rules of engagement will be adhered to by all occupants of BEQ/BOQ's.

- a. Fire only when you have a clearly defined target and you are sure your target is the enemy.
- b. Fire only when you have a reasonable chance to hit the target.
- c. Billet guards will fire on any force or individual committing the following hostile acts:
  - (1) Imminent threat to penetrate a specific billet by fire.
  - (2) Attempt to infiltrate a billet.
  - (3) Attempt to overwhelm a billet by numbers.
  - (4) Attempt to place an explosive charge in or against a billet.
- d. When there is no doubt that a vehicle or group is in fact an enemy, firepower will be employed as necessary to stop it, again being careful not to fire into innocent bystanders.
- e. Sniper fire and firing by unobserved or unidentified persons in the general surrounding area of a billet is not considered a threat to penetrate a specific billet. Never fire solely because you are receiving fire. Take cover, observe and identify the source of fire. If you can identify the source as hostile, open fire to neutralize target; cease fire when neutralized.
- f. All reasonable care will be taken to reduce the danger to innocent personnel and damage to private property. During hostile actions, Vietnamese Police or Army personnel may clear the area around your billet. It is difficult to determine friend from enemy under such circumstances; therefore, it must be positively determined that you are not receiving "overshots" from friendly forces. Insure that you positively identify your target and that your target is hostile prior to firing upon it.
- g. All personnel are reminded of the consequences of firing upon, wounding or killing innocent personnel. Therefore caution and common sense must be used for your safety and the safety of friendly forces and innocent persons.