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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 008-19

From: Commanding General
To: All hands

Subj: SERVICE RIFLE PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) TM 4700-15/1H
(b) TI 8005-24/20I
(c) TM 05538/10012-OI

1. Purpose. Aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Parris Island, Recruit Training close order drill is causing additional wear on weapons, which is exceeding the guidelines set in reference (c). As a result, MCRD Parris Island's demand for service rifles is outpacing Logistics Command's plan to provide replacements. Per reference (b), Pre-Fire Inspections (PFIs) are to be conducted no more than 30 days prior to firing.

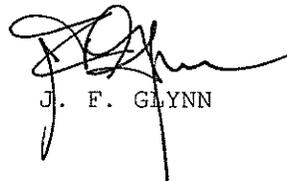
2. Policy. Modifications to MCRD Parris Island's current recruit training rifle issue procedures will extend the life of the M16A4 service rifle and permit the armory to dedicate more hours towards weapons maintenance. Effective the date of this policy:

a. Recruits will continue to receive a rifle at initial issue. However, the rifle received at initial issue is strictly designated for close order drill and will no longer be used for any live-fire training event.

b. During scheduled PFIs on T25 and T28, recruits will exchange their initially issued weapon to receive a new, PFI'd rifle with a rifle combat optic (RCO) attached in preparation for rifle qualification and Basic Warrior Training. By conducting the exchange, the PFI process will become more time efficient, as platoons will not be required to conduct the PFI on their current issued weapons.

c. On M8, graduating platoons will de-issue weapons (rifle and RCO) at the armory. Armory personnel will conduct PFIs on the de-issued weapons and store the weapons in the armory until issued to the next scheduled unit. Armory personnel will track and ensure the PFIs are conducted no more than 90 days before live-fire training. With de-issuing weapons on M8 RCOs will no longer be taken at M2.

3. The point of contact is the Ordnance Officer, at 843-228-2224.


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