

3084TH AIR POLICE SQUADRON
3084TH AVIATION DEPOT GROUP (AMC)
Stony Brook Air Force Station
Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts

SSP

26 November 1957

SUBJECT: Discharge of Firearms

TO: All Personnel

1. Within the past seven months there has been eight accidental discharges of weapons by personnel in this squadron. I can only evaluate this as carelessness emanating from either a lack of training in the particular weapon involved and/or familiarity, better known as horseplay. In either case this careless discharge of weapons must cease. We now have installed a weapon clearing pit at the outside basement step for all personnel who are armed to clear their weapon in before entering the building. This is only one measure taken, others are to follow.

2. No sentry or guard will fire his weapon at an individual except as a last resort. Other methods of immobilizing a suspect will be considered and used. Sentries on the administrative gate will not fire their weapons at anyone except to protect their own life.

3. The above instructions are covered in the Basic Air Police Manual, Station Guard Orders and are constantly covered during our training. I can not condone any careless discharge of firearms and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against all violators.

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Commander

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15 November 1957

SUBJECT: Weapon Safety Precautions

TO: All Personnel

1. It is my desire that you read and certify by indorsement that you understand the following instructions. I further desire that you obtain a working knowledge, to include firing for familiarization of the .45 caliber pistol, sub-machine gun, and the .30 caliber carbine.

2. It has been proven that a fire arm, even when unintentionally fired, is a dangerous killer -- especially when not handled with ordinary common sense and respect. Because a weapon can be controlled, there is no excuse for an accidental discharge.

3. Persons, regardless of rank or experience, who handle weapons frequently tend to become careless. To prevent this tendency, the following procedures will be followed:

a. You will always consider a weapon loaded until you personally clear it. Do not rely on the other fellow. Do not rely on your memory.

b. Never place your finger within the trigger guard unless you intend to fire or release the hammer after inspection.

c. Never point the weapon at anyone unless you intend to fire at them. When challenging, keep the weapon pointed into the air.

d. Do not place a round into the chamber unless you intend to fire.

e. A weapon will be fired at persons only to prevent a felony (serious crime) to prevent the escape of a dangerous criminal, to protect life and limb, to protect classified information, to protect the mission of the station.

f. A weapon will be cleared in a three step procedure:

(1) Remove the magazine.

(2) Check the chamber to insure it is empty by eye or with a finger.

(3) Point the weapon away from all persons and release the hammer by pulling the trigger.

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g. A loaded magazine will not be placed in the weapon unless the weapon has been cleared and the bolt is forward.

h. A weapon will only be handed to another person butt first, and only after it has been cleared.

i. The .45 caliber pistol will:

(1) Be carried in a holster, or else in the hand with the slide locked to the rear (never in a pocket or in a belt).

(2) When carried on post, never be drawn from the holster except in the performance of official duty.

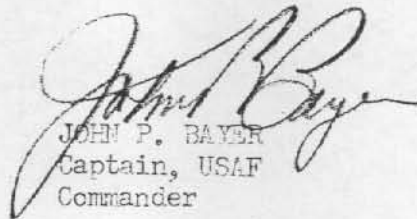
(3) When left out of the holster, have the magazine removed and the slide locked to the rear.

(4) Be turned into the arms room, butt first and the slide to the rear.

j. The .30 caliber carbine will be turned into the armorer on safety, bolt locked to the rear, and butt first.

k. The .45 caliber sub-machine gun will be kept with the bolt forward and the cover latch down at all times.

l. Weapons will never be left where they are accessible to unauthorized personnel.


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TO: Commander, 3084th Air Police Squadron, Stony Brook Air Force Station, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts

I have read and understand the instructions on the handling of fir arms. I have fired the .45 caliber pistol and sub-machine gune, and the .30 caliber carbine. I feel that I have ample knowledge of the weaon to handle it competently and safely.

Signature

Rank and AFSN