Operations Directorate (J3)

Israel Defense Forces (IDF)

Tel Aviv, Israel

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For the Attention Of:

Colonel John Kenkel

U,S Army Attaché

US Embassy, Israel

Dear COL Kenkel,

The following is a request for information (RFI), by the head of the IDF Doctrine department in the IDF J3/7 Directorate, Colonel Vardi. The Doctrine Department is in charge of the Doctrine development in the IDF, as a whole (joint staff) and provides guidance, policy and best practices for all the military branches.

Pamphlet 385 63 of the US Army says, in its first page – “This pamphlet provides minimum requirements for… it also establishes standards and procedures for the safe firing of ammunition, demolitions, lasers, guided missiles, and rockets, and the delivery of bombs for training, target practice, and to the extent practicable, combat”

Do you have similar phrases in the current version? Do you have other doctrinal guidance for the safe application of friendly firepower **in combat?** Is here a common and accepted procedure for determining such guidance?

The November 1997 version of “J-Fire: Multiservice procedures for the joint application of firepower FM 90-20 “presents in it table 12”, risk estimates for aircraft delivered ordnance” this table give risk-estimate distances for probability of incapacitation (PI) equal to either 10% or 0.1%. Are these two numbers 10% and 0.1% - still used in current doctrinal documents? Can you explain and for the elaborate the choise of 10% and 0.1%?

Any additional and relevant doctrinal document, that you can supply us with, would be greatly appreciated.



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