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- a. Challenge. Any process carried out by one unit or person with the object of ascertaining the friendly or hostile character or identity of another.
- b. Reply. An answer to a challenge.
- c. Password. A secret word or distinctive sound used to reply to a challenge.
- d. Countersign. A secret challenge and its reply, e.g., NUTS = challenge, WINE = password or reply.

GENERAL

- 3. The conduct of the individual sentry is to be prescribed by the authorities of his own force and may be varied in accordance with operational or other special requirements.
- 4. Confusing or misleading replies to a challenge are prohibited.
- 5. The countersign is normally prescribed by the highest authority within a zone or area. This power may be delegated, but higher authority must be informed without delay when such power is exercised by a subordinate.
- 6. When forces of two or more nations are in the same area, the countersign should be selected from words which can be readily pronounced by the forces concerned.

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PROCEDURE FOR CHALLENGING
AND REPLYING

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Action by Sentry	Action by Person or Group Challenged
a. "HALT! WHO IS (or GOES) THERE?"	a. Halts and gives any reply which indicates the person or group is authorized to pass, e.g. "FRIEND", "ALLY", "CORPORAL OF THE GUARD", etc.
b. "ADVANCE (ONE) AND BE RECOGNIZED".	b. Person (or group leader) advances without replying.
"HALT!" (When unknown has approached sufficiently for sentry to recognize him or to give challenge)	c. Person halts until recognized by sentry.
d. Challenge (if any) is given in a low tone.	d. Reply or password is given in a low tone.
e. "ADVANCE AN-OTHER ONE (or REMAINDER) AND BE RECOGNIZED". (Sentry calls forward remainder one by one or as a group, as the situation or his orders demand.)	e. Second unknown (or remainder of group) advances at order of sentry to be recognized. Group leader, or person designated by leader must remain with sentry to assist in identifying remainder of group.

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FIRING BY SENTRIES

8. The circumstances under which a sentry is to be instructed to fire on persons or groups failing to heed a challenge is left to national authorities and must, necessarily, vary depending upon the particular situation and the laws of the countries concerned.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

9. This STANAG will be considered to have been implemented when the necessary orders/instructions to adopt the method described in this Agreement have been issued to the forces concerned.

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