Recording the use of explosive ammunition

The Swedish Armed Forces are developing a system for recording the use of explosive munitions in accordance with the provisions in Article 4 of CCW Protocol V.

We are using two different kinds of records:

- One manual record.
  The data are written by hand by the shooter as soon as possible after firing the explosive munition, and

- One spreadsheet.
  The manual data are transferred to the spreadsheet at Battalion HQ. The spreadsheet originates from the Irish system.

During the trials we have conducted, we have come to the conclusion that there is no need to exclude any type of explosive munition. The Swedish Armed Forces will therefore record the use of all types of explosive munitions including 12.7 mm explosive ammunition, artillery shells, hand grenades, rifle grenades, anti-tank rockets, bombs, etc.

However, that doesn’t mean that 100% of all explosive munitions used will be recorded. The shooters, sometimes with the help of their section leaders, will fill the forms when there is a pause in combat, maybe several hours later, and there is always the risk of being wounded or killed in combat.

Still, we aim to record all explosive ordnance used.

After filling a manual record, the record is gathered by the platoon leader and sent up the chain of command to Battalion HQ, where the Engineer Officer will transfer the data to the spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet will then be sent to the Swedish EOD and Demining Centre, SWEDEC, where they will be kept until the hostilities are finished.

The following slides will show the two types of records.