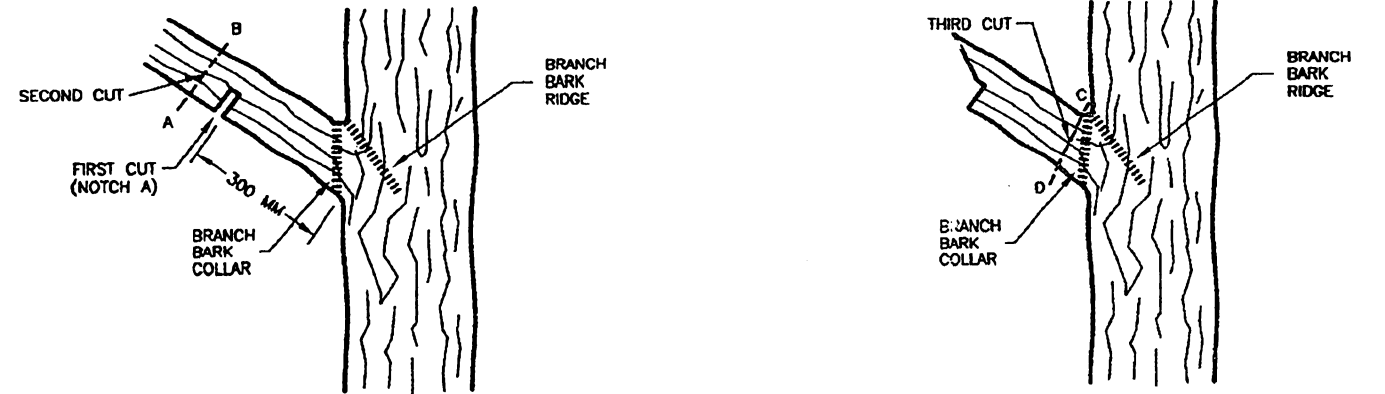


**PROCEDURE:**

MAKE A CLOSE CUT BY PLACING THE BLADE SHEARS JUST TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BRANCH BARK RIDGE OF THE BRANCH TO BE REMOVED. LESS EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE BLADE CUTS UP OR DIAGONALLY INSTEAD OF DOWN.

**SMALL AND MEDIUM BRANCHES**



**PROCEDURE:**

1. THE FIRST CUT SHALL BE UP ABOUT 300 MM FROM THE TRUNK (NOTCH A).
2. THE SECOND CUT SHALL BE WITHIN 25 MM OF THE FIRST AND DOWN TO REMOVE THE BRANCH (LINE A-B).
3. THE THIRD CUT SHALL BE LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE THE BRANCH BARK COLLAR (LINE C-D).

**LARGE BRANCHES**

| DIAMETER BRANCH         | SIZE   |
|-------------------------|--------|
| LESS THAN 25 MM         | SMALL  |
| BETWEEN 25 MM AND 50 MM | MEDIUM |
| LARGER THAN 50 MM       | LARGE  |

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