

CHAPTER 7

firepower, command and control, communications, and service support functions. Typical combat support tasks performed by aviation units include - -

- Aerial command post for command and control of ground maneuver elements.
- Attack helicopter operations.
- Aerial reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisition, to include visual reconnaissance and the use of photographic, infrared, and radar sensors.
- Adjustment of artillery fire (aerial observation).
- Battlefield illumination.
- Airmobile operations, to include assault operations and airlift for reserves.
- Augmentation of USAF search and rescue capability.
- Dissemination of chemical agents and smoke.
- Wire laying.
- Radio relay.
- Message drop and pickup.
- Airdrop of personnel.
- Convoy security.
- Mapping and survey.
- Emergency medical evacuation.
- Liaison.
- Command and staff transportation.
- Chemical and radiological monitoring.
- Column control.
- Screening.
- Delivery of critical personnel, supplies, and material to isolated areas.
- Mine laying operations.

CONCEPT. The availability of aviation support will affect the tactics of supported units. The methods of employment will also be affected by the terrain and the guerrilla