

## CHAPTER 7

- Use a command helicopter for convoys of two or more serials. This affords the commander a good means of control and communication and enables him to react quickly to all contingencies.
- Place armored escort vehicles, if available, in various parts of the convoy.
- Use radio communications to link all command elements of the convoy, standby ready forces, and escort aircraft.
- Location and disposition of weapons:
  - Distribute crew-served weapons throughout the convoy to provide fire support as needed.
  - Emplace crew-served weapons so they can be removed quickly from vehicles.
  - Men armed with grenade launchers should be prepared to fire them into the ambushing force immediately upon contact.
- Preparation of the vehicles. Troops in a vehicle must have all-round visibility, be able to fire their weapons without hindrance, and be able to dismount quickly.
  - Prepare vehicles with armor kits or sandbags when possible. Protecting the 2 1/2-ton truck with sandbags consists of placing a single row of sandbags, stacked five high, on each side of the bed of the truck. This single row will provide protection from small arms fire. One single layer of sandbags on the bed and floor of the cab will minimize casualties from mines detonated under the vehicle.
  - Remove tarpaulins and bows.
  - Remove or place tailgate in a horizontal position.
  - Place protective wire over the open windows of cargo carrying vehicles.
  - Attach a cutting or deflecting bar to the front of vehicles to prevent injury from wire obstacles hung across the road.
- Actions when ambushed:
  - The basic immediate action is to continue moving if possible, and halt only when clear OR BEFORE entering the killing zone. Counterattack immediately from a flank. Drivers should not stop once in the ambush but attempt to reach positions clear of fire. Personnel in moving vehicles bring fire to bear on the ambush positions. When clear of killing zone, vehicles stop and occupants detruck and take immediate offensive action. Vehicles other than armored escort should not attempt to run the gauntlet of the ambush.
  - If a unit, or a portion of a unit, is caught in an ambush, immediate