

CHAPTER 9

Destroy or neutralize enemy threats by appropriate action to include hasty or deliberate attack and application of appropriate firepower.

CONCEPT

All movements of troops and supplies must be planned and conducted as tactical operations with emphasis on extensive security measures. These security measures may include - -

Secrecy, including planning and disseminating orders, strict noise and light discipline during movement when appropriate, and varying routes and schedules of movement.

Security forces organized and equipped to insure effective front, flank, and rear security during movement and halts. Pre-positioning security elements along the route of movement helps in performing route reconnaissance and movement security.

Coordination with supporting air units to insure thorough understanding of air support used to assist the movement, both in taking preventive measures and in close combat operations. The need for secrecy may preclude initial air cover, but it will not preclude use of close air support when required.

Fire support elements which provide close and continuous fire support for the movement.

Maneuver for counterambush actions, to include contingency plans for immediate action against an ambush and use of formations which allow part of the column to be in position to maneuver against an ambush force.

Communications with supporting units and higher headquarters, to include airborne radio relay.

Varying the location of leaders, communications, and automatic weapons within the movement formation.

Questioning local civilians along the movement route for intelligence information, to include possible guerrilla ambush sites.

Movement by bounds with overwatching fire.

Use of scout dogs and other ambush detection means.

ORGANIZATION

Organization of the movement will depend upon the type of movement, i.e., whether by ground, air, or water, and is discussed in the following paragraphs.