

- While the engaged element continues its action to protect the convoy, the commander rapidly surveys the situation and issues orders to the designated attack elements to begin predrilled offensive maneuvers against the enemy force. The fire of the engaged security element is used to fix the ambushing force and is coordinated with that of the attacking element.

- After the enemy force is destroyed or neutralized, security details are posted to cover convoy reorganization. The convoy commander, using the fastest communication available, briefs his commander (or the appropriate ACC) on the engagement. Captured enemy troops are interrogated as to where they planned to reassemble, and this information is reported immediately to higher headquarters.

- After an ambush, patrols may be sent to interrogate and, if necessary, apprehend suspected civilians living near or along the routes of approach to the ambush positions.

**SECURITY OF A CONVOY WITH A WEAK SECURITY DETACHMENT.** If the security detachment accompanying a convoy is too weak for decisive action against a guerrilla attack or ambush, the following principles apply:

- Some of the troops are placed well forward in the convoy, and the remainder are placed a short distance to the rear.

- Radio contact is maintained between the two groups.

- Sharp curves, steep grades, or other areas where slow speeds are necessary are reconnoitered by foot troops before passage.

- At the first indication of ambush, leading vehicles, if the road appears clear, increase speed to the safe maximum in an effort to smash through the ambush area. Troops from vehicles halted in the ambush area dismount and immediately return fire. Troops from vehicles breaking through the ambush dismount and assault the flanks of the ambush position. The rear guard of the convoy dismounts and attacks the flanks of the ambush position. Both attacking groups must exercise care that they do not fire on each other.

- If the enemy force allows the main convoy to pass through and then ambushes the rear guard, troops from the main body return and conduct an attack against the flanks of the ambush position.

## **ARMOR AND CAVALRY MOVEMENT**

General security doctrine and techniques for ground movement of armored units are covered in FM 71-2. Doctrine for cavalry units is contained in FM 17-95. During movements, unit vehicles and equipment are arranged to facilitate their employment upon contact with or interference from the enemy. Traveling, traveling overwatch, and bounding overwatch techniques are used in movement. Air cavalry is used to provide column cover and to give early warning of hostile activity. Security measures are employed to keep the enemy from learning of the movement or its destination once it has begun. Terrain and weather permitting, a ground security force (advance guard,