

Concept

GENERAL

Base defense includes all actions that units occupying the base must take to protect themselves from enemy acts. Such actions inevitably interfere to some degree with the primary mission of some of the elements involved. To reduce this interference, the following principles apply:

Tenant units not assigned primarily for base defense are normally used in the role or configuration for which they are organized and trained except when required for duty as emergency augmentation forces during an all-out attack on the base.

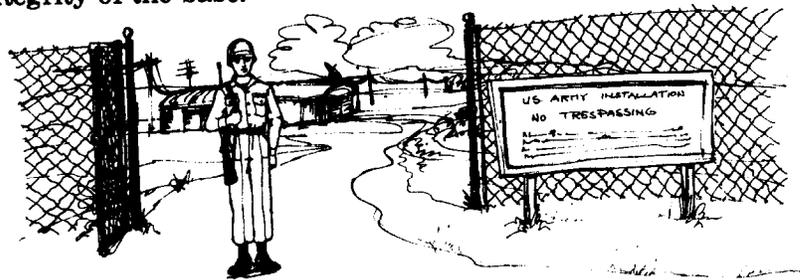
Combat, combat support, and combat service support elements are specifically allocated for base defense missions when enemy actions are frequent, prolonged, or severe.

When emergency augmentation forces are used in base defense situations, they must be returned to their primary functions as soon as the situation permits.

Base tenant unit personnel are responsible for local security. The organization of a provisional defense force or the assignment of a combat unit to provide security for the base does not relieve them of this responsibility.

CONCEPT

The overall concept of base defense includes all actions required to preserve the operating integrity of the base.



Regardless of the military measures applied, there is no defense that will prevent an enemy from attacking and damaging a base if he is willing to pay the price in manpower and materiel. Making him pay a high price will hold down the number of attacks.

Defense of the critical areas is a primary consideration. The critical areas are facilities and installations whose continued operation is essential for the accomplishment of the primary mission. These facilities and installations are designated by the base commander or higher authority and include power stations, POL and