

APPENDIX C

Combat forces use Army aviation extensively and must be trained to fully utilize it as a normal means of combat support. All units, from battalions to rifle squads, are trained to participate in airmobile operations as a routine method of employment for ground operations. SOPs are developed for loading and tactical deployment from all available types of Army aircraft. Units should be supportable with any mix of available aircraft and with minimum time lost in reorganizing the force so that aircraft furnished can accommodate it. Particular attention must be given to:

- Safety, both ground and in-flight.
- Characteristics, capabilities, and limitations of Army aircraft.
- Techniques of loading and unloading.
- Techniques of stowing and transporting equipment.
- Aircraft guidance techniques.
- Employment of aircraft guidance equipment and navigational aids.
- Aerial resupply techniques, to include procedures for packaging equipment.

Unit esprit is developed by regularly training units in widely separate areas and on special task assignments which require maximum individual and unit endurance.

Immediate action drills are essential to most counter guerrilla operations conducted by small units. Their actions will often be in rapid reaction to guerrilla activities. In many cases, speed is more essential than a detailed reconnaissance of the area, development of detailed estimates of the situation, or issuance of detailed orders. Therefore, small units must be conditioned to react according to an SOP, often practiced in training, immediately after contact. Battle drills are excellent examples of training in basic movements. Alerts should be practiced at various times throughout the training program to condition personnel to react swiftly to urgent situations.

Proficiency in the following areas should be stressed:

- Exploitation of local intelligence sources.
- Use of small unit mobile patrol bases for extensive ground patrolling.
- Reconnaissance-in-force operations.
- Continuous operations against guerrilla forces.
- Raids, ambushes, cordon and search, encirclement, and sweeps.
- Movement to contact, hasty attacks, and deliberate attacks.
- Perimeter defense.