

TECHNICAL MANUAL

**PROCEDURES FOR THE DESTRUCTION
OF
AIR DELIVERY EQUIPMENT
TO PREVENT ENEMY USE**

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Personnel performing operations, procedures, and practices that are included or implied in this technical manual shall adhere to the following instructions. Disregard of these warnings can cause serious or fatal injury to personnel.

FIRE (para. 2-2) Exercise extreme care when using highly flammable petroleum products to destroy equipment by fire.

EXPLOSIVE DEMOLITION (para. 2-3). Use areas free of personnel, when destroying equipment with explosives, to prevent injuries from flying fragments.

M233 PARACHUTE EJECTOR (para. 2-8). Do not attempt to fire an M233 cartridge-actuated parachute ejector unless it is installed in a packed 24-foot-diameter chest personnel parachute.

M233 PARACHUTE EJECTOR (para. 2-8) During destruction procedures, secure each initiator with a cotter pin or similar type device prior to removal of initiators from the M233 parachute ejector.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION Section I. GENERAL

1-1. Scope.

This manual prescribes equipment priorities, methods, and techniques that are to be used in the destruction of air delivery equipment to prevent enemy use when capture or abandonment of the equipment is imminent.

1-2. Purpose

The purpose of this publication is to provide personnel with guidance that will permit quick, effective, and safe means of rendering inoperative or destroying air delivery equipment that is in imminent danger of capture by an enemy.

1-3. Reporting of Errors.

The reporting of errors, missions, and recommendations for improving this publication by the individual user is encouraged. Preparation and submission of reports will be as follows:

a. Reports by US Army personnel should be submitted on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to DA Publications) and forwarded direct to commander, US Army Troop Support and Aviation Material Readiness Command, ATTN: DRSITS-MF 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63120. A reply will be furnished to you.

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c. Reports by U.S. Navy personnel shall be submitted in accordance with instructions contained in publication OPNAVINST 4790.2B.

Section II. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

1-4. General.

Destruction of air delivery equipment that is in imminent danger of capture by an enemy is a command decision that must be made by a battalion or higher commander the equivalent. Upon receipt of orders from proper authority, equipment destruction may be initiated and should be thorough as time, personnel, and means permit.

1-5. General

All units which possess air delivery equipment should have a plan for the implementation of destruction procedures to insure that the maximum and most effective damage is done to equipment to deny use of

the equipment to an enemy. The plan should outline the extent of destruction to be performed, priorities of destruction as applicable to the assigned air delivery items, and the amount of explosives required, if applicable. Additionally, the plan must be flexible enough in the designation of time, equipment and personnel to fit a tactical withdrawal situation. To prevent equipment cannibalization by an enemy, unit personnel who are air delivery oriented shall be familiar with the priority sequence in which essential air delivery items, including repair parts in stock, are to be destroyed. The applicable unit personnel shall also be familiar with the sequence to be followed for total destruction of unit air delivery equipment.

Section III. PRIORITIES FOR DESTRUCTION

1-6. General

- a. Priority be always be given to the destruction of classified air delivery equipment and associated documents.
- b. When lack of time and /or stores prevent complete destruction of air delivery equipment, priority is to be given to the destruction of essential parts, and the same parts are to be destroyed on all like items.
- c. A guide to priorities for destruction of repair parts for air delivery equipment is contained in table 1-1.

1-7. Repair Parts.

The same priority for destruction of repair parts of a major item necessary to render that item inoperable must be given to the destruction of similar repair parts located in storage areas.

1-8. Priorities for Destruction of Parts of Military Technical Equipment.

Table 1-1 is a list of air delivery equipment and associated parts that are to be destroyed and the priority designation of each item.