

APPENDIX G

DENTAL SERVICES—MEDICAL FORCE 2000

G-1. Dental Support

Dental support in Medical Force 2000 is arranged into echelons, reflecting an increase in capability at each succeeding echelon. The functions of each lower echelon of dental support are contained within the capabilities of all higher echelons.

a. There are three dental care categories in a theater of operations.

(1) *Maintaining care.* Definitive dental treatment to include—

- Most routine dental procedures.
- Removable prosthodontics (dentures).
- Minor oral surgical procedures.
- A preventive dentistry program.

(2) *Sustaining care.* Routine dental treatment to prevent future dental emergencies using the modular dental equipment available to Echelon II dental support personnel.

(3) *Emergency care.* Expedient dental treatment directed toward the relief of pain and management of infection and oral trauma.

b. A fourth category of highly specialized dental support termed comprehensive care is performed only in CONUS.

G-2. Echelon II Dental Support

Under Medical Force 2000, Echelon II dental support provides emergency and sustaining dental care and is based on the modular concept. The dental module consists of a dental officer and a dental specialist equipped with compact dental equipment which is lightweight and easily transported. A dental module is organic to the medical companies of the divisions, ASMBs, separate brigades, and the Special Forces groups.

G-3. Area Dental Support

Medical Force 2000 area dental support units are dental companies, dental detachments, and prosthodontic augmentation teams organized under a medical battalion, dental service, assigned to the medical group or medical brigade in the CZ and the MEDCOM in the COMMZ. Area dental support units provide categories of dental support up to and including maintaining care. Area dental support units also provide dental modules for direct support or reconstitution of division, ASMB, and separate brigade dental assets. A description of these organizations follows:

a. Medical Battalion (Dental Service), TOE 08-475L0.

(1) *Mission.* The mission of the medical battalion (dental service) is to provide maintaining, sustaining, and emergency dental care on an area basis within a theater of operations.

(2) *Assignment.* This unit is normally assigned to the senior medical headquarters in the TA or corps area (that is, medical command, TOE 08-611L medical brigade, TOE 08-442L, or medical group, TOE 08-432L).

(3) *Capabilities.* This unit provides—

- Maintaining, sustaining, and emergency dental care on an area support basis in the theater of operations.
- Mobile dental treatment teams.
- Field dental clinics.
- Dental treatment modules to reinforce or reconstitute the unit dental modules when necessary.
- Dental treatment modules performing dental services for small or forward troop concentrations.
- Prosthodontic support to troops, dental units, and facilities.

- Emergency medical augmentation to the ATM capabilities of other MTFs during mass casualty situations.

(4) *Allocation.* The basis of allocation of the organizational components of this organization is—

- One headquarters and headquarters detachment (HHD), medical battalion (dental service), TOE 08-476L0, per three to eight subordinate dental service organizations.

- One medical company (dental service), TOE 08-478L0, per 20,000 US Army troops supported.

- One medical detachment (dental service), TOE 08-479L0, per 8,000 US Army troops supported.

- One medical team, prosthodontics, TOE 08-588 LA00, per 40,000 troops supported.

b. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Medical Battalion (Dental Service), TOE 08-476L0.

(1) *Mission.*

(a) The headquarters provides command and control to assigned and attached dental organizations.

(b) The operations and administrative section provides administrative, logistics, and personnel support to the headquarters. It also provides technical guidance on medical equipment maintenance and Class VIII supply.

(2) *Assignment.* This unit is organic to medical battalion (dental service), TOE 08-475L000.

(3) *Capabilities.* This unit—

- Commands and controls three to eight assigned or attached units.

- Furnishes current information concerning the dental aspects of the CSS situation to higher headquarters.

- Plans and allocates dental resources (personnel and equipment) to ensure adequacy of dental treatment to all units within the assigned area of responsibility.

- Provides technical expertise, coordination, and support to subordinate units for accomplishing their medical equipment maintenance and Class VIII supply.

c. Medical Company (Dental Service), TOE 08-478L0.

(1) *Mission.* This unit provides maintaining, sustaining, and emergency dental care on an area support basis within a theater of operations.

(2) *Assignment.* This unit is organic to medical battalion (dental service), TOE 08-475L00.

(3) *Capabilities.* This unit provides—

- Maintaining care on an area basis for 20,000 troops.

- Sustaining care on an area basis for 30,000 troops.

- One field dental clinic.

- Dental treatment modules to reinforce or reconstitute the unit dental modules when necessary.

- Unit maintenance for HHD, medical battalion (dental service), TOE 08-476L000.

- Up to six dental treatment modules performing dental services for small or

- Prosthodontic support to troops, dental units, and hospitals.

- Augmentation to the ATM capabilities of other MTFs during mass casualty situations.

d. Medical Detachment (Dental Service), TOE 08-479L0.

(1) *Mission.* This unit provides maintaining, sustaining, and emergency dental care on an area support basis within a theater of operations.

(2) *Assignment.* This unit is assigned to medical battalion (dental service), TOE 08-475 L000.

(3) *Capabilities.* This unit provides—

- Maintaining care on an area basis for 8,000 troops.
- Sustaining care on an area basis for 12,000 troops.
- A field dental clinic.
- Dental treatment modules to reinforce or reconstitute the unit dental modules when necessary.
- Up to three dental treatment modules performing dental services for small or forward troop concentrations.
- Augmentation to the ATM capabilities of other MTFs during a mass casualty situation.

e. Medical Team, Prosthodontics, TOE 08-588LA00.

(1) *Mission.* Prosthodontic augmentation teams may be attached to dental companies or hospitals to assist in providing maintaining dental care when required by the patient work load. This team can provide fixed and removable prosthodontics support.

(2) *Assignment.* The prosthodontics team is normally assigned to the medical battalion (dental service) with further attachment to the medical company (dental service) or an existing hospital organization.

(3) *Capabilities.* This unit provides additional fixed and removable prosthodontics support for up to 40,000 personnel.

G-4. Echelons III and IV Dental Support

Hospital dental support (Echelons III and IV) in Medical Force 2000 is provided by the dental service organic to the hospital unit, base (see Appendix B). The dental service consists of an oral surgeon, a comprehensive dental officer, an enlisted preventive dentistry specialist, and an enlisted dental specialist. The dental service provides oral and maxillo-facial surgery specialty care and consultation, as well as maintaining dental care for hospital patients and staff.