

GLOSSARY

ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS, AND DEFINITIONS

A2C2 Army airspace command and control	ASMB medical battalion, area support
ABCA American, British, Canadian, and Australian	ASMC medical company, area support
ABO agents of biological origin	ASMRO See <i>Armed Services Medical Regulating Office</i>
ACCS Army Command and Control System	ASWBPL Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory
ACofS Assistant Chief of Staff	ATCCS-CHS Army Tactical Command and Control—Common Hardware/Software System
ACR armored cavalry regiment	ATM advanced trauma management
ADC area damage control	AUTODIN automatic digital network
adj adjutant	AVIM aviation intermediate maintenance
AE aeromedical evacuation	AVUM aviation unit maintenance
AECC Aeromedical Evacuation Control Center	BAS battalion aid station
AFMIC Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center	BCSCC brigade combat stress control coordinator
AJBPO Area Joint Blood Program Office	bde brigade
ALB AirLand Battle	bn battalion
AM amplitude modulated	BPD blood product depot
amb ambulance	br branch
AMEDD Army Medical Department	BSA brigade support area
AOR area of responsibility	BSU blood supply unit
AR Army Regulation	BTC blood transshipment center
Armed Services Medical Regulating Office A jointly staffed organization that coordinates all intertheater patient evacuation. It designates the CONUS hospital that each patient will be evacuated to.	BW biological warfare
ASBPO Armed Services Blood Program Office	CINC commander(s) in chief
ASF aeromedical staging facility	cmd command
ASG area support group	CMO civil-military operations
	co company
	CofS Chief of Staff

combat service support The support provided to sustain combat forces, primarily in the fields of administration and logistics. It may include personnel support, religious support, finance support, legal service and support, civil affairs, food service, maintenance, HSS, military police, supply, transportation, and other logistical services. The basic mission of combat service support is to maintain and support our soldiers and their weapon systems in operations on the ALB.

combat support Fire support and operational assistance provided to combat elements. May include artillery, helicopter, engineer, military police, signal, and electronic warfare.

Comdt Commandant

command and staff channels These channels clearly identify the official relationship of commands and staffs and the flow of information as commander to commander, staff to staff, and technical activity to technical activity (see FM 101-5).

- **command channel** This channel is the direct, official link between headquarters and commanders. All orders and instructions to subordinate units pass through this channel. Within your authority, you use command channels when acting in the commander's name.
- **staff channel** This channel is the staff-to-staff link between headquarters. It is for coordination and transmission of information.
- **technical channel** Commanders and staffs use this channel to send technical instructions between commands. Technical changes and decisions may affect the mission's accomplishment; therefore, you must inform your commander of any technical change. He can then accurately assess the impact of these changes and take appropriate action.

command relationships The US Army routinely confirms the degree of command responsibility and

authority through the following command relationships:

- **organic** An organic element or unit is an integral part of a larger organization and is listed in its table of organization and equipment.
- **assigned** An assigned unit is permanently placed within another organization that controls, administers, and provides logistic support for the primary function, or greater portion of the functions, of the unit.
- **attached** An attached unit is temporarily placed within another organization. Sometimes there are limitations to the attachment as outlined in the attachment order. The gaining organization's commander exercises the same degree of command, control, and responsibility for the attached unit as he does over his organic or assigned units. However, the assigned commander retains responsibility for transfers, enforcement of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and promotion of personnel.
- **operational control** Operational control is the authority commanders use to assign missions or tasks to subordinate commanders. If another unit has operational control over your unit, you may be limited by its function, time available, or location. The gaining commander may deploy, reassign, or retain your unit; or he may assign tactical control of your unit to one of his subordinate units. Operational control does not include administrative and logistic control. Within NATO, operational control does not include the authority to assign separate employment of unit components.
- **operational command** Within the Department of Defense, operational command is the authority commanders of unified and specified commands use over their assigned forces. In this context, it is

synonymous with operational control. Within NATO, operational command is the authority a commander uses to assign missions or tasks to subordinate commanders, to deploy units, to reassign forces, and to retain or delegate operational or tactical control, or both as necessary.

command, control, and communications Command and control functions performed through the arrangement of personnel, equipment, communications, facilities, and procedures that provide for direction of combat operations.

COMMZ communications zone

compt comptroller

con control

CONUS continental United States

COSCOM corps support command

CS combat support

CSA corps support area

CSC combat stress control

CSCP combat stress control preventive

CSCR combat stress control restoration

CSH combat support hospital

CSS See *combat service support*

CSSCS Combat Service Support Control System

CTASC II Corps Theater ADP Service Center II

CW chemical warfare

CZ combat zone

DA Department of the Army

DAMMS-R Department of the Army Movement Management System—Redesign

DBMIS Defense Blood Management Information System

DD Department of Defense

dent dental

DEPMEDS Deployable Medical Systems

det detachment

direct support A direct support unit gives priority of support to a specific unit or force. The supporting unit takes support requests directly from the unit or force in need of support. The supporting unit normally establishes liaison and communications; it also provides advice to the supported unit. A unit in direct support has no command relationship with the supported unit or force (see FM 101-5).

DISCOM division support command

distr distribution

div division

DIVARTY division artillery

DMHS division mental health section

DMMC division materiel management center

DMOC division medical operations center

DMRIS Defense Medical Regulating Information System

DMSO division medical supply office

DNBI disease and nonbattle injury

DOD Department of Defense

DSA division support area

EAC echelons above corps

EACIC echelons above corps intelligence center

EMT emergency medical technician

enteric diseases Diseases pertaining to the small intestine.

entomology That branch of zoology which deals with the study of insects.

- **medical entomology** That concerned with insects that cause disease.

epidemiology

- The study of the relationships of the various factors determining the frequency and distribution of disease in a human community.
- The field of medicine concerned with the determination of the specific causes of localized outbreaks of infection such as hepatitis, of toxic disorders such as lead poisoning, or any other disease of recognized etiology.

EPW enemy prisoner(s) of war

etiology The study or theory of the factors that cause disease and the method of their introduction to the host; the sum of knowledge regarding causes.

evac evacuation

FASCO forward area support coordinator

FAST forward area support team

FH field hospital

fld field

FLOT forward line of own troops

FM field manual/frequency modulation

FSB forward support battalion

FSMC forward support medical company

fwd forward

FY fiscal year

G1 Assistant Chief of Staff, G1 (Personnel)

G2 Assistant Chief of Staff, G2 (Intelligence)

G4 Assistant Chief of Staff, G4 (Logistics)

G5 Assistant Chief of Staff, G5 (Civil Affairs)

GC Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War

general support A general support unit provides support to the total force—not to any particular subdivision. Therefore, subdivisions may not directly request support from the general support unit. Only the supported force headquarters may determine priorities and assign missions or tasks to the general support unit. A general support unit has no command relationship with the supported unit or force.

GH general hospital

gp group

GPW Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War

GWS Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field

GWS Sea Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick, and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea

health service support This term is used in current doctrine to include all services performed, provided, or arranged by the Army Medical Department to promote, improve, conserve, or restore the mental or physical well-being of personnel in the Army and, as directed, in other Services, agencies, and organizations.

HHC headquarters and headquarters company

HHD headquarters and headquarters detachment

hosp hospital

host nation A nation in whose territory US or allied forces are operating or supporting the battle.	LIC low-intensity conflict
host-nation support Civil and military assistance rendered in peacetime and in wartime to allied forces and organizations located in the host nation's territory. The bases of such assistance are commitments arising from national agreements concluded among host nation(s), international organizations, and nation(s) having forces operating in the host nation's territory.	log logistics
HQ headquarters	maint maintenance
HSC headquarters and support company	MASF mobile aeromedical staging facility
HSS See <i>health service support</i>	MASH mobile army surgical hospital(s)
HU hospitalization units	MCC movement control center
HUB1 hospital unit, base	med/MED medical
HUH hospital unit, holding	MEDBLD medical blood products management
HUM hospital unit, medical	MEDCEN United States Army Medical Center
HUS hospital unit, surgical	MEDCOM medical command
IG inspector general	MEDDAC medical department activity
IHFR improved high-frequency radio	medical treatment facility A facility established for the purpose of providing health services to authorized personnel. It may be, but is not limited to, an aid station, a clinic, a dispensary, or a hospital.
info information	MEDLOG medical logistics
int intelligence	MEDMNT medical maintenance
ISO International Organization for Standardization	MEDOPT medical optical fabrication management
JA judge advocate	MEDPAR medical patient accounting and reporting
JBPO joint blood program office	MEDREG medical regulating
JINTACCS joint interoperability of tactical command and control system	MEDSOM medical supply, optical, and maintenance
JMRO joint medical regulating office	MEDSTEP medical standby equipment program
JTB Joint Transportation Board	MEDSUP medical supply
lab laboratory	METT-T mission, enemy, terrain (and weather), troops, and time available
	mobility The percentage of organic equipment and personnel that can be moved in a single lift

using organic vehicles. It does not include patients in MTFs.

MOPP mission-oriented protection posture

MOS military occupational specialty

MRO medical regulating office

MSB main support battalion

MSO medical supply officer

MTF See medical treatment facility

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NBC nuclear, biological, and chemical

NCO noncommissioned officer

NCOES noncommissioned officer education system

NSN national stock number

OCONUS outside continental United States

ODA operational detachment "A"

op operations

operational command The authority granted to a commander to assign missions or tasks to subordinate commanders, to deploy units, to reassign forces, and to retain or delegate operational or tactical control as may be deemed necessary. It does not, of itself, include administrative command or logistical responsibility.

operational control The authority delegated to a commander to direct forces provided him so he can accomplish specific missions or tasks that are usually limited by function, time, or location; to deploy units concerned; and to retain or assign tactical control of those units. It does not include authority to assign separate employment of components of the units concerned, nor does it, of itself, include administrative or logistics control.

PA physician assistant

PCB printed circuit board

pers personnel

PMCS preventive maintenance checks and services

POL petroleum, oils, and lubricants

prof professional

PT physical therapy

QSTAG Quadripartite Standardization Agreement

reparable exchange A supply method of issuing serviceable materiel in exchange for un-serviceable materiel on an immediate item-for-item basis. This is accomplished without the normal property accountability documents and with a minimum of paperwork.

ROP reorder point

RTD return to duty

RX See *reparable exchange*

S1 Adjutant

S2 Intelligence Officer

S3 Operations and Training Officer

S4 Supply Officer

S&T supply and transport

SAMS Standard Army Materiel System

SARSS Standard Army Retail Supply System

SB supply bulletin

SC special category

sec section

SI seriously ill

- SIDPERS-3** Standard Installation/Division Personnel System
- SLM** shelf life months
- SOC** special operations command
- SOF** Special Operations Forces
- SOP** standing operating procedures
- SOTI** security, operations, training, and intelligence
- SPBS-R** Standard Property Book System-Revised
- SRC** special requirements code
- sta** station
- STANAG** See *Standardization Agreement*
- Standardization Agreement** The record of an agreement among several nations to adopt like or similar military equipment; ammunition; supplies and stores; and operational, administrative, and logistics procedures.
- STANFINS** Standard Financial System
- STC** storage code
- sup** supply
- supply point distribution** A method of distributing supplies to the receiving unit at a supply point, railhead, or truckhead. The unit then moves the supplies to its own area using its own transportation.
- svc** service
- TA** theater army
- TAACOM** theater army area command
- TACCS** Tactical Army CSS Computer System
- tailgate medical support** An economy of force device employed primarily to retain maximum mobility during movement halts or to avoid the time and effort required to set up a formal, operational treatment facility (for example, during rapid advance and retrograde operations). Tailgate medical support consists of dispensing medications, bandaging and splinting, and performing simple emergency life sustaining procedures. It is literally performed at the "tailgate" of a vehicle or in a structure or other area using an easily reached set of medical supplies and equipment to ensure promptness and efficiency. Mobility of the unit is not affected and only three to five minutes are required to open or close this service.
- TAMCA** Theater Army Movements Control Agency
- TAML** theater army medical laboratory
- TAMMIS** Theater Army Medical Management Information System
- TB** technical bulletin
- TC** training circular
- throughput distribution** Term used to describe shipments that bypass intermediate activities in the supply system, thereby avoiding multiple handling.
- TM** technical manual
- TMMMC** theater medical materiel management center
- TOE** table(s) of organization and equipment
- UL** unit level
- US** United States
- USAF** United States Air Force
- USN** United States Navy
- USTRANSCOM** United States Transportation Command
- vector** A carrier, especially the animal (usually an arthropod) which transfers an effective agent from one host to another.

vet veterinary

VSI very seriously ill

WIA wounded in action

ZI zone of interior