

APPENDIX D

MEDICAL EVACUATION REQUEST PROCEDURES**D-1. General**

a. This appendix provides the format for a nonmedical unit requesting medical evacuation support from a medical element. This same format may be used by medical units depending on the procedures set forth in the TSOP. The medical company has organic ground ambulances available and is often augmented with both ground and air evacuation resources from the corps/COMMZ medical evacuation battalion.

b. For information on medical evacuation precedences, refer to paragraph 1-10 a (3).

c. For information concerning the medical evacuation request used in peacetime, refer to FM 8-10-6.

d. For a sample medical evacuation request/after action report, refer to Appendix F.

D-2. Medical Company Evacuation Support

The medical company evacuates patients further to the rear from Echelon I facilities; it also evacuates casualties on an area basis from units without organic evacuation resources.

- In the case of evacuating patients from Echelon I facilities, the required information is passed on the dedicated medical operations net.

- In the case of evacuating patients on an area basis, the request originates from the supported unit on the administration/logistics net and the evacuation request format (Table D-1) is used.

- Medical evacuation requests are transmitted using secure means or are encrypted prior to transmission.

D-3. Preparation of the Medical Evacuation Request

Brevity codes must be used in preparing all medical evacuation requests. The authorized codes are provided in Table D-1; they are also provided in the standard SOI. Use of locally devised brevity codes is not authorized. If the unit preparing the request does not have access to secure communications, the request must be prepared in encrypted form.

D-4. Transmission of the Request

The medical evacuation request should be made by the most direct communications means to the medical unit that controls the evacuation assets. The communications means and channels used depend on the situation (organization, communications means available, location on the battlefield, and distance

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between units). The primary and alternate channels to be used for requesting medical evacuation support are specified in the unit evacuation plan.

a. *Secure Transmissions.* Regardless of the type (secure or nonsecure) communications equipment used in transmission, it is necessary to—

- Make contact with the intended receiver.
- Use the call sign and frequency assignments from the SOI.
- Use the proper radio procedures.
- Ensure that transmission time is kept to a minimum (20 to 25 seconds maximum).
- Provide the opening statement: *"I HAVE A MEDEVAC REQUEST."*

b. *Receiver Acknowledgment.* After the appropriate opening statement is made, the transmitting operator breaks for acknowledgment. Authentication by the receiving or transmitting unit should be done in accordance with the TSOP.

c. *Clear Text and Encrypted Transmissions.* If secure communications equipment is used in transmission, the request will be transmitted in *CLEAR TEXT*. However, if the communications equipment used in transmission is not secure, the request must be transmitted in *ENCRYPTED FORM* with the exception of the following:

(1) The medical evacuation request line number identifier (Line 1, Line 2, Line 3, and so forth). This information is always transmitted in clear text.

(2) The call sign and suffix (Line 2) which can be transmitted in clear text.

NOTE

When using *DRYAD* Numeral Cipher, the same *"SET"* line is used to encrypt the grid zone letters and the coordinates (Line 1 of the medical evacuation request). To avoid misunderstanding, a statement is made that the grid zone letters are included in the message. This must be accomplished unless the unit's standing operating procedure (SOP) specifies that the *DRYAD* Numeral Cipher is to be used at all times.

d. *Letter and Numeral Pronunciation.* The letters and numerals that make up the request will be pronounced in accordance with radio procedures. In transmission of the request, the medical evacuation line number identifier will be given followed by the evacuation information (example: Line One. *TANGO PAPA FOUR SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN NINER*).

e. *Medical Evacuation Request Line Numbers 1 Through 5.* Line numbers 1 through 5 of the request must always be transmitted first. The information enables the evacuation unit to begin the mission and avoids unnecessary delay if the remaining information is not immediately available. The information for Lines 6 through 9 may be transmitted to the evacuation vehicle en route.

f. *Monitoring Requirement.* After transmission and acknowledgment are accomplished, the transmitting operator must monitor the frequency (Line 2 of the request) to wait for additional instructions or contact from the evacuation vehicle.

Table D-1. Procedures for Information Collection and Medical Evacuation Request Preparation (1 of 3)

LINE	ITEM	EXPLANATION	WHERE/HOW OBTAINED	WHO NORMALLY PROVIDES	REASON
1	Location of Pickup Site	Encrypt the grid coordinates of the pickup site. When using the DRYAD Numeral Cipher, the same "SET" line will be used to encrypt the grid zone letters and the coordinates. To preclude misunderstanding, a statement is made that grid zone letters are included in the message (unless unit SOP specifies its use at all times).	From Map	Unit Leader(s)	Required so evacuation vehicle knows where to pick up patient. Also, so that the unit coordinating the evacuation mission can plan the route for the evacuation vehicle (if the evacuation vehicle must pick up from more than one location).
2	Radio Frequency, Call Sign, and Suffix	Encrypt the frequency of the radio at the pickup site, not a relay frequency. The call sign (and suffix if used) of person to be contacted at the pickup site may be transmitted in the clear.	From SOI	RTO	Required so that evacuation vehicle can contact requesting unit while en route (obtain additional information, or change in situation or directions).
3	Number of Patients by Precedence	Report only applicable information and encrypt the brevity codes. A - URGENT. B - URGENT-SURG. C - PRIORITY. D - ROUTINE. E - CONVENIENCE. If two or more categories must be reported in the same request, insert the word "BREAK" between each category.	From Evaluation of Patient(s)	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required by unit controlling the evacuation vehicles to assist in prioritizing missions.

Table D-1. Procedures for Information Collection and Medical Evacuation Request Preparation (2 of 3)

LINE	ITEM	EXPLANATION	WHERE/HOW OBTAINED	WHO NORMALLY PROVIDES	REASON
4	Special Equipment Required	Encrypt the applicable brevity codes. A - None. B - Hoist. C - Extraction equipment. D - Ventilator.	From Evaluation of Patient/Situation	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required so that the equipment can be placed on board the evacuation vehicle prior to the start of the mission.
5	Number of Patients by Type	Report only applicable information and encrypt the brevity codes. If requesting MEDEVAC for both types, insert the word "BREAK" between the litter entry and ambulatory entry. L + # of Pnt - Litter A + # of Pnt - Ambulatory (sitting).	From Evaluation of Patient(s)	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required so that the appropriate number of evacuation vehicles may be dispatched to the pickup site. They should be configured to carry the patients requiring evacuation.
6	Security of Pickup Site (Wartime)	N - No enemy troops in area. P - Possibly enemy troops in area (approach with caution). E - Enemy troops in area (approach with caution). X - Enemy troops in area (armed escort required).	From Evaluation of Situation	Unit Leader	Required to assist the evacuation crew in assessing the situation and determining if assistance is required. More definitive guidance can be furnished the evacuation vehicle while it is en route (specific location of enemy to assist an aircraft in planning its approach).
6	Number and Type of Wound, Injury, or Illness (Peacetime)	Specific information regarding patient wounds by type (gun-shot or shrapnel). Report serious bleeding, along with patient blood type, if known.	From Evaluation of Patient(s)	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required to assist evacuation personnel in determining treatment and special equipment needed.
7	Method of Marking Pickup Site	Encrypt the brevity codes. A - Panels. B - Pyrotechnic signal. C - Smoke signal. D - None. E - Other.	Based on Situation and Availability of Materials	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required to assist the evacuation crew in identifying the specific location of the pickup. Note that the color of the panels or smoke should not be transmitted until the evacuation vehicle contacts the unit (just prior to its arrival). For security, the crew should identify the color and the unit verify it.

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LINE	ITEM	EXPLANATION	WHERE/HOW OBTAINED	WHO NORMALLY PROVIDES	REASON
8	Patient Nationality and Status	The number of patients in each category need not be transmitted. Encrypt only the applicable brevity codes. A - US military. B - US civilian. C - Non-US military. D - Non-US civilian. E - EPW.	From Evaluation of Patient(s)	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required to assist in planning for destination facilities and need for guards. Unit requesting support should ensure that there is an English speaking representative at the pickup site.
9	NBC Contamination (Wartime)	Include this line only when applicable. Encrypt the applicable brevity codes. N - Nuclear. B - Biological. C - Chemical.	From Situation	Medic or Senior Person Present	Required to assist in planning for the mission. (Determine which evacuation vehicle will accomplish the mission and when it will be accomplished.)
9	Terrain Description (Peacetime)	Include details of terrain features in and around proposed landing site. If possible, describe relationship of site to prominent terrain feature (lake, mountain, tower)	From Area Survey	Personnel At Site	Required to allow evacuation personnel to assess route/avenue of approach into area. Of particular importance if hoist operation is required.