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FOREWORD

1. PURPOSE

Marine Corps Reference Publication (MCRP) 2-15.3B, *Reconnaissance Reports Guide*, provides tactical reference material on the content and format of reconnaissance reports. It is intended as a reference aid for tactical field use and is based on information contained in numerous doctrinal publications available to Marines. This publication is intended to be used not as a replacement for those source publications, but as a handy compilation of important tactical information.

2. SCOPE

MCRP 2-15.3B contains reference material that is frequently used in the collection and reporting of information resulting from Marine ground-reconnaissance operations. This publication was prepared primarily to assist reconnaissance patrol leaders and communicators functioning at the team level and the parent organization or supported unit to which the reconnaissance element may report. Leaders and staffs of supported organizations should also have knowledge of the contents of this manual so that they may have compatible reporting formats and, thereby, increased accuracy and consistency of reported information. This publication is in a loose-leaf format to better facilitate its use.

3. SUPERSESSION

None. This is a new publication that is based on information contained in locally produced publications and existing doctrinal manuals.

4. CERTIFICATION

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General Information

1001. General. The purpose of report formats is to provide information in a *standardized* format within or between units. Standardized formats simplify and speed the accurate, timely flow of reports from information collectors to information analysts. Formats help to minimize confusion and assist the generation of tempo. In modern warfare, one can expect to conduct operations as part of a joint or allied/coalition force; this makes the disciplined use of accepted formats a requirement.

1002. Organization. A common listing of units of measurement is found in paragraph 1006. This paragraph lists codes for each unit of measurement that may be used throughout a particular report; these codes are common to all succeeding formats. Each individual report format included within this publication (Appendices A through U) is internally organized to provide a logical sequence for reporting the required information. The information comprising the report is organized to support analysis and ensure completeness of data. The information is arranged as a series of fields; each field contains adequate space for reporting in sufficient detail. The formats also support the use of brevity codes, which minimize transmission time and thereby increase the probability of survival for the reconnaissance patrol.

1003. Use. The formats in Appendices A through U are intended for use by the information collector for transmission of reports to the organization requiring that information. These reports may be used to provide initial information on specific objectives or areas. They may also be used to confirm or amplify information that is already known or reported.