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FOREWORD

1. PURPOSE

Marine Corps Warfighting Publication (MCWP) 4-6, *MAGTF Supply Operations*, provides guidance governing the principles and concepts of supply and the organization, planning, and execution of supply support for a MAGTF in an expeditionary environment (afloat/ashore). This publication also provides essential information concerning supply sources and options available internally and externally to sustain the MAGTF during predeployment and deployment.

2. SCOPE

This publication is intended primarily for MAGTF commanders and their staffs to expand their knowledge and understanding of the supply process during a peacetime environment and the supply mission area in an expeditionary environment. It concentrates on the ground and aviation supply functions and operations necessary to sustain MAGTF operations.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

One of the primary logistic concerns of a MAGTF commander is to have the requisite supplies, equipment, and repair parts on hand to sustain the mission. If this is not possible, the concern of the MAGTF commander then becomes the timely acquisition of the required items. This manual is structured to provide the MAGTF commander with supply support options that sustain a MAGTF operation.

1001. MAGTF Overview

The Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF) is a task-organized unit consisting of elements from the Marine division, Marine aircraft wing, and the Marine force service support group formed into an air-ground-logistics team under one commander. In a MAGTF operation, each MAGTF is task organized according to the mission as a self-contained unit that has the necessary logistic support to sustain itself for varying periods of time. The mission of an operation determines the size of the MAGTF and the amount of time that the MAGTF will be deployed. Prior to deployment, a MAGTF has a basic load of supplies. Based on the recommendations from the CSSE commander and the MAGTF staff, the MAGTF commander makes decisions on supplies required beyond its basic load. Throughout the operation, the MAGTF commander will find it necessary to adjust his supplies.

The degree of supply support will vary with the size of the MAGTF. The different types of MAGTFs that require supply support are a MEU, MEF forward, and a MEF. A Marine expeditionary unit (MEU) normally deploys with the logistic capability to sustain itself with some classes of supply for up to 15 days, a brigade-sized MAGTF (MEF forward) for up to 30 days, and a Marine expeditionary force (MEF) for up to 60 days. The combat service support element (CSSE) commander in each MAGTF provides combat service support to include supply support to the MAGTF commander. When a MAGTF participates in protracted land operations involving joint forces, a well-established logistic pipeline for sustainment will eventually

be required. The joint force commander (JFC) will normally be responsible for coordinating this logistic support. MAGTF combat service support elements must be prepared to function with or integrate into the joint force logistic support pipeline.

1002. Supply Relationship to Combat Service Support

Combat service support (CSS) is logistics for the tactical level of war. The objective of combat service support is to sustain all elements of an operating force (MAGTF) in an area of operations. Supply is one of the six functional areas of combat service support. See figure 1-1. The overall effectiveness of combat service support is dependent on a sound supply system. Although all CSS functions are important, supply support has the greatest potential impact on the MAGTF commander's ability to integrate essential elements of firepower, mobility, and



Figure 1-1. CSS Functional Areas