

QUARTERMASTER PRINCIPLES

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PREFACE

PURPOSE

FM 10-1 is the Army's capstone manual for Quartermaster (QM) Corps soldiers and units. It focuses on current doctrine in FMs 100-5, 100-10, and 100-16. It also considers recent combat experience from operations Desert Shield/Storm; guidance in TRADOC Pamphlet 525-5 and the Combined Arms Support Command's publication *Vision of Combined Arms Support*; and information from TRADOC battle labs and warfighting lens analyses.

This manual looks at the role of quartermasters and QM units as they function on the battlefield. It will guide the development of quartermaster doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures related to the following publications and subject areas:

- FM 10-15 - Supply and storage.
- FM 10-23 - Army field feeding.
- FM 10-27 - General supply.
- FM 10-52 - Water supply.
- FM 10-63 - Mortuary affairs.
- FM 10-67 - Petroleum supply.
- FM 10-500-1 - Airdrop support operations.

It also will serve as a guide for the future development of training, leader development, organizations, materiel, and soldier support. Users of this manual should note that supply and field service needs for each theater are unique. The supply and field services doctrine and structures presented in this manual must, therefore, be adapted to meet theater-specific requirements.

SCOPE

This manual sets guidelines for unit commanders and their staffs operating within the Army's support structure. Further, it--

- Realigns supply and field service functions within the Quartermaster Corps (QMC) and explains how they relate to classes of supply and field services.
- Explains to combat arms, combat support, and combat service support commanders and their staffs how and where they will receive QM proponent supply and field services support.
 - Introduces QM unit missions and explains unit operations.
 - Outlines relationships between the various levels of supply and field services support.

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CHAPTER I A QUARTERMASTER CORPS OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Since 1775, the QMC has provided logistical support to the United States (US) Army's combat forces. During its long history, it has developed a special one-to-one relationship between quartermasters and supported soldiers. This has been a critical factor in the success of the Corps and the keystone to its heritage. QM soldiers and units have a dual responsibility. They must be technically proficient and prepared to provide supply and field service support to the force. And, they must be tactically proficient and prepared to deploy as quickly as the combat and combat support forces. Once deployed, they must be able to fight and defend themselves. At the same time, they must concurrently provide logistical support on an extended battlefield.

The QMC is one of the more complex and diverse branches of the Army. It has personnel pronency for 11 enlisted military occupational

specialties (MOSs) in three career management fields, four warrant officer MOSs, and five officer areas of concentration. QM personnel serve in every type of unit--from units at the forward line of own troops (FLOT) to the theater rear boundary. These units range from light infantry to armor units, from special operations units to personnel and administration units, from artillery to signal units, and from ordnance to transportation units. We can also see the QMC diversity in the six tactical logistics functions described in Table 1-1.

RESPONSIBILITIES

QMC diversity can also be seen by a review of its mission and functions. The QMC, throughout the range of military operations, procures, provides, manages, and distributes supplies and field services. These support and sustain units, soldiers, and related materiel.

Table 1-1. CSS tactical logistics functions related to the QMC

FUNCTIONS	RELATIONSHIP TO QMC
Manning the force	The mortuary affairs function is responsible for the recovery and identification of soldiers killed in battle. This information feeds both the casualty notification and the personnel replacement systems.
Arming the force	Ammunition transfer points are organic to divisional supply companies.
Fueling the force	Total QMC responsibility.
Fixing the force	QMC is responsible for Class IX supply support and repair of airdrop equipment.
Moving the force	QMC is responsible for airdrop, development of deployment and storage systems, operation of pipelines, and movement of petroleum in tankers within divisions and separate brigades and ACRs.
Sustaining the soldier and his systems	QMC provides field services such as feeding, laundry, shower, clothing repair, and mortuary affairs, as well as supply support for all classes of supply except medical.