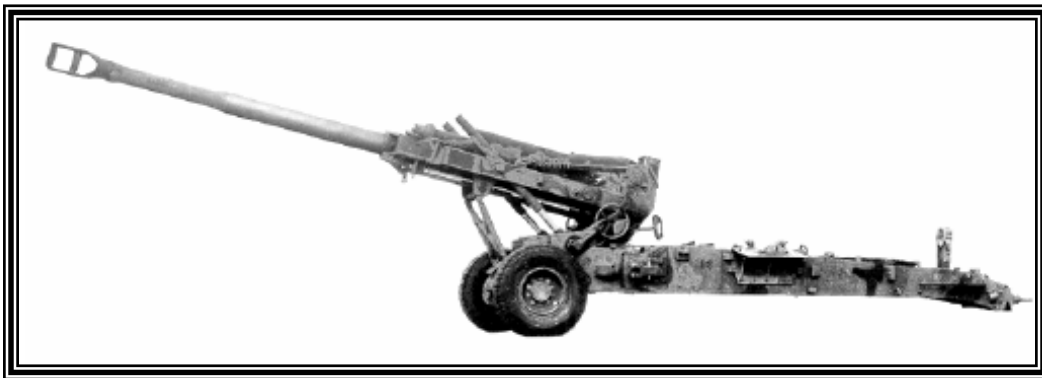


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PREFACE

SCOPE

The purpose of this manual is to provide the latest approved procedures for rigging the M198, 155-mm howitzer on the Type V platform for low-velocity airdrop from C-130, C-141 and C-17 aircraft. This manual is written for use by the parachute rigger.

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Introduction

DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

This manual shows and tells how to rig the M198, 155-MM howitzer with different modifications and different amounts of accompanying equipment and ammunition. The M198 is rigged in the following configurations:

- a. The M198 howitzer with accompanying gun equipment weighing 610 lbs and no accompanying ammunition load.
- b. The M198 howitzer with an accompanying load of ammunition, water cans, and gun equipment weighing 1509 lbs.
- c. The M198 howitzer with accompanying ammunition load using the Modular Artillery Charge System (MACS), water cans and gun equipment weighing 1509 lbs.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

CAUTION

Only ammunition listed in FM 4-20.153/MCRP 4-11.3B/TO13C7-18-41 may be airdropped.

NOTICE OF EXCEPTION:

The procedure for using the 25 foot arming lanyard with the M-2 parachute release differs from the FM 4-20.102/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5. An exception to FM 4-20.102/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 is granted. The procedure in this manual MUST be followed.

The loads covered in this manual include hazardous material as defined in AFMAN(I) 24-204/TM 38-250. The hazardous materials must be packaged, marked and labeled as required by AFMAN(I) 24-204/TM 38-250.

A copy of this manual must be available to the Joint Airdrop Inspectors during the before and after loading inspection.

Chapter 1

Rigging M198, 155-MM Howitzer on a Type V Platform



DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

1-1. The M198, 155-mm howitzer is rigged on a 24-foot, type V airdrop platform for low-velocity airdrop from C-130, C-17 and C-5 aircraft. The howitzer is dropped with the accompanying gun equipment (section chest, camouflage net and poles, cleaning pail, and pioneer tools) which weighs 610 pounds. The load may require either four G-11B or five G-11C cargo parachutes depending on the weight.

PREPARING PLATFORM

1-2. Prepare a 24-foot, type V airdrop platform according to TM 10-1670-268-20&P/TO 13C7-52-22. Install two tandem links and 26 tiedown clevis assemblies as shown in Figure 1-1.

Notes: 1. The nose bumper may or may not be installed
2. Measurements given in this chapter are from the front edge of the platform, NOT from the front edge of the nose bumper.

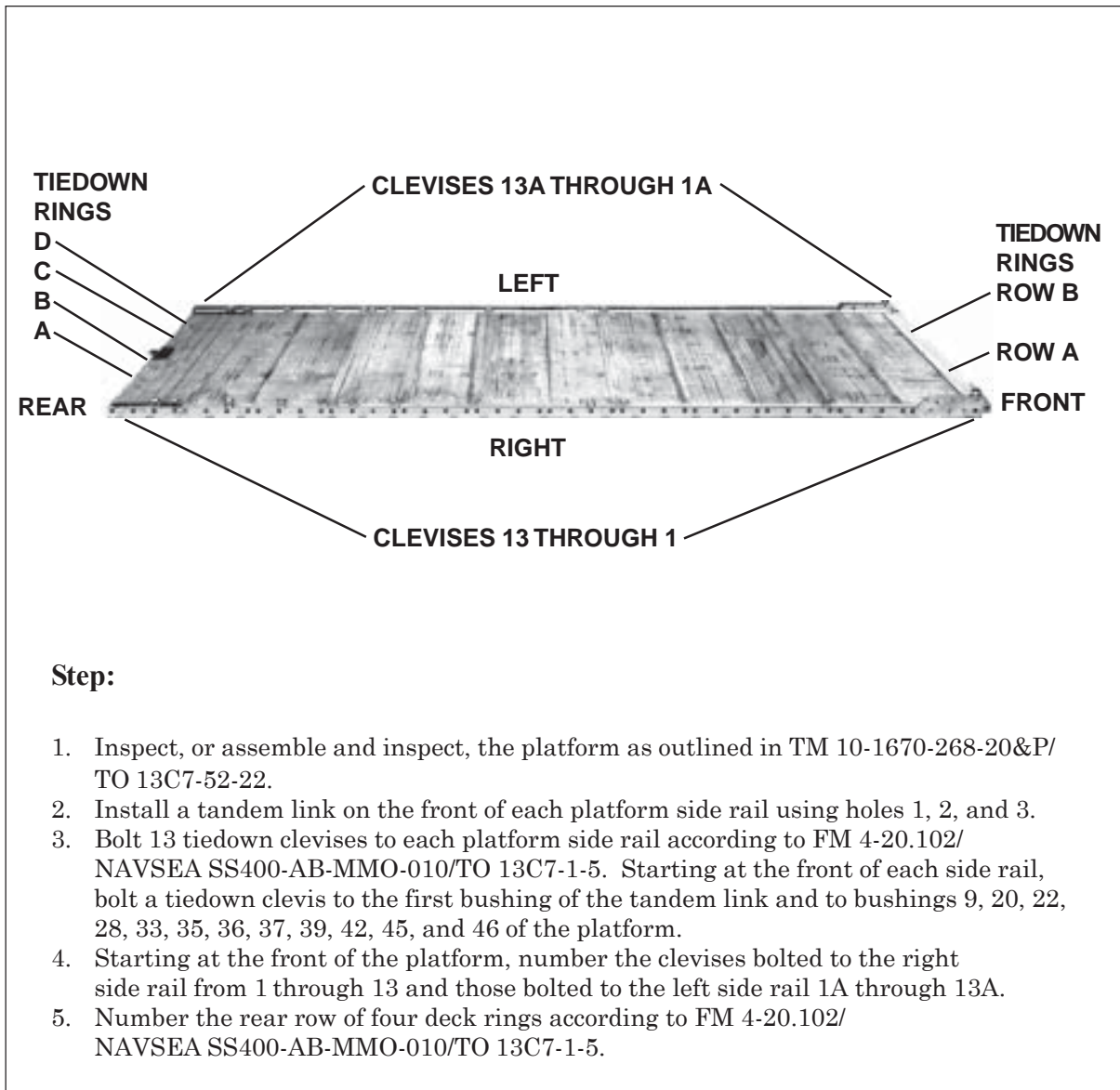



Figure 1-1. Platform Prepared

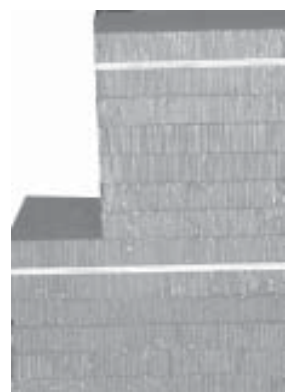
BUILDING AND POSITIONING HONEYCOMB STACKS

1-3. Build five honeycomb stacks and place them on the platform as shown in Figures 1-2 through 1-4.

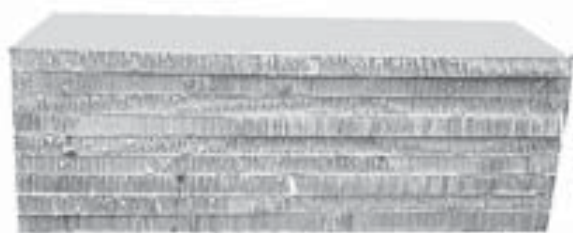
Stack 1



Stack 3



Stack 2



Stack Number	Pieces	Width (Inches)	Length (Inches)	Material	Instructions
1	*2	36	9	Honeycomb	Use honeycomb to make a two-layer base 105 inches long.
	*2	36	96	Honeycomb	
	6	36	75	Honeycomb	Stack and center the 75-inch pieces on the base.
2	9	30	80	Honeycomb	Form a stack.
3	5	30	18	Honeycomb	Form base.
	1	30	18	3/4-inch plywood	Place on top of honeycomb base.
	1	30	18	Honeycomb	Place on top of plywood.
	6	20	18	Honeycomb	Place on top of 30- by 18-inch honeycomb.
	1	20	18	3/4-inch plywood	Place on top of 6 layers of honeycomb.
	1	20	18	Honeycomb	Place on top of plywood.

*** Alternate the sizes of the honeycomb in each layer.**

Figure 1-2. Honeycomb Stacks 1, 2, and 3 Prepared