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## **PREFACE**

## **SCOPE**

This manual covers the TTP of the QM FSC, DS (TOE 42414L0) and QM FSC, M (TOE 10414L0). It describes the mission, organization, and operations of both companies in terms of performing SLCRs as a section/team concept under the SLCR platoons for the QM FSC, M. New doctrinal concepts supporting this structural idea for the QM FSCs are included in this manual and, at the same time, providing field service applications in today's setup. However, this manual implements a new way of performing the mission by the QM FSC, DS as it materializes into the new QM FSC, M in supporting the U.S. Army into the twenty-first century. This manual is for all QM FSC personnel. All soldiers should use this manual along with FMs 10-1, 10-27-2, and 63 series. This manual is based on doctrine in FMs 100-5, 100-10, 100-15, and 29-15. FM 100-5 is the Army's keystone doctrinal manual. It outlines how the Army will fight. FM 100-10 is the Army's keystone CSS doctrinal manual. It provides an overview of the CSS systems for supporting the Army in the field. FM 100-15 is the Army's keystone manual for corps operations. FM 29-15 is the Army's guidebook for division supply and FS operations. FM 42-414 is meant to be a doctrinal guide, not a precision directive. Refer to the publications identified in the References at the end of this manual for more tactical and technical "how-to" procedures for CSS.

*Planning*. Supervisors must ensure the unit's mission is carried out with the available equipment, personnel, and METT-TC conditions. They must be aware of the problems they will face in wartime versus peacetime (or stability and support operations). This manual will help them determine their unit's capabilities. It will also help them organize their resources to do their mission.

*Operations*. This manual explains doctrine and describes current and pertinent polices and standards. It relates accepted and new TTPs and policies that apply to the QM FSC, DS and formation of the QM FSC, M. This manual allows the command to make decisions to do their mission, based on chain-of-command guidance and the immediate and future prediction of METT-TC status and stability and support operational setting. This manual is for the use by Active Army, National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve organized as QM FSC, DS under TOE 42414L and QM FSC, M under TOE 10414L0.

*Training*. Supervisors are responsible for training their soldiers to meet the standards set in the unit ARTEP/MTP and STP manuals. Training must be geared to meet both wartime and peacetime operations. See FMs 25-100 and 25-101 for details on training.

## ORGANIZATION AND COVERAGE

There are four chapters in this manual. Chapter 1 covers the overall alignment and mission of FS support units and the organizational structure and services of the QM FSC, DS and QM FSC, M. Chapter 2 identifies both the QM FSC, DS and QM FSC, M headquarters' mission and responsibilities. Chapter 3 explains operational mission services of the SLCR platoons and their sections/teams that make up the QM FSC, M while depicting the QM FSC, DS present operational functions. Chapter 4 cites the new emerging systems, effecting the QM FSCs.

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#### CHAPTER 1

## ALIGNMENT OF QUARTERMASTER FIELD SERVICE SUPPORT

This chapter is for all unit leaders and supervisors.

### Section I

### FIELD SERVICES

### INTRODUCTION

FS functions include airdrop, mortuary affairs, field feeding, laundry and shower, clothing repairs and light-textile repairs, and water purification. These help keep the soldiers' morale high. They also enhance unit effectiveness and mission success. FS covers many and varied services or functions. Quartermaster personnel primarily provide these services in many units at the tactical and operational levels of logistics. See FM 10-1 for QM fundamental principles on field service operations.

Wartime Tactical Support. Laundry and shower DS at the tactical level will be provided by a FSC that can send small teams as far forward as desired by the supported commander. At the operational level, this GS will be provided by a combination of FSCs, HNS, and contractors. A GS laundry capability will be provided by a laundry and renovation company assigned to the TAACOM. The FSC can make limited, minor clothing repairs. A larger capability exists in the laundry and renovation company. In addition, Quartermaster fabric repair specialists are organic to selected maintenance units to repair a variety of canvas and fabrics used on tactical vehicles.

**Peacetime Support**. In support of peacetime training, contingencies, or support and stability operations, FS may be provided by Active, Reserve, and National Guard components, contract, or HNS. ARs, SOPs, and HNS agreements will govern policies and procedures for procuring and using contracted services. Appendix A gives a suggested SOP format.

Augmentation Support. The Army continually seeks to increase its combat potential within peacetime resources allocations. This requires augmentation support (contracting) from external resources. US Armed Forces use of contractors to provide supplies and services during both peacetime and contingencies dates back to the Revolutionary War. Thus, to achieve the maximum augmentation potential, support from as many sources as possible is necessary. HNS, as mentioned above, is one method of support obtained through Government-to-Government negotiations. Today, a program exists to preplan for the effective use of civilian contractors in wartime and other contingencies to augment US forces and support DOD missions. The program is known as LOGCAP. AR 700-137 gives the program for the Army. In short, LOGCAP is a DA capstone program. It includes all preplanned logistics, engineering, and construction-oriented contingency contracts, actually awarded. This includes peacetime contracts, having contingency clauses. LOGCAP, thus, is a tool that provides field commanders an alternative augmentation source for filling CS/CSS shortfalls by using contractor/commercial vendor expertise and resources when other sources are unavailable.

## FS SUPPORT TO CORPS AND THEATER ARMY

Logically, units in the rear areas will enjoy greater opportunities for improved quality of life support than maneuver units deployed on or near the FLOT. Rear area units have unit self-help support, individual