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PREFACE

This manual is both a planning guide for staff and unit officers and a digest of operational data for reference by operators and users of transportation. It gives characteristics of typical transportation equipment and facilities and methods for estimating capabilities and requirements for transportation equipment, facilities, and troop units. It provides personnel and equipment data for the modes of transportation and for transportation terminals; and data for computing requirements for staff, supervisor, and control activities. It also addresses administrative support requirements.

This manual contains report formats and examples of orders and standing operating procedures; loading data for water, rail, motor, and air movements; tables on weights, measures, and conversion factors; and miscellaneous information of general usefulness. Planning data contained herein may be modified as necessary to meet known conditions and requirements.

The Army's environmental strategy into the 21st century defines our philosophy and commitment in protecting and preserving the environment and natural resources for present and future generations. Sound environmental practices and considerations must be integrated into all Army documents, missions, and operations. In keeping with the Army's vision to be a national leader in environmental stewardship, commanders and leaders must ensure that all local, state, federal, and host nation laws and regulations pertaining to the environment are included in the planning process and strictly followed.

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CHAPTER 1 MOVEMENT CONTROL

This chapter discusses key elements of movement control, including movement programming and highway regulation. See Appendix A for transportation movement control unit TOE data.

ELEMENTS OF MOVEMENT CONTROL

Movement control is the planning, routing, scheduling, coordinating, and in-transit visibility of personnel, units, equipment, and supplies moving over the lines of communication. Movement control requires the commitment of allocated transportation resources in keeping with command priorities. Staff planners and movement managers have primary responsibility for movement control. They, along with mode and terminal operators at each level, perform movement control functions.

Movement Control in the Communications Zone

In a theater army, the TMCA, subordinate transportation battalions (MC), and their MC detachments perform movement control functions. The TMCA serves as executive agent and primary staff element to the theater commander for planning and controlling theater transportation operations. It provides movement management services and highway regulation and coordinates personnel and material movements into, within, and out of the COMMZ or lodgment area. TMCA responsibilities include—

- Coordinating with HN and allied MCAs and transportation component commands.
- Providing technical assistance to corps MC battalion.
- Ensuring proper use of available HN and military transportation assets.

Chapter 3, FM 55-10, details TMCA missions and functions.

Movement Control in the Corps

The transportation battalion (MC) is the corps movement control organization. It provides centralized movement control and highway regulation for moving personnel and materiel into, within, and out of the corps area of operations. Responsibilities of the MC battalion include—

- Ensuring effective and efficient use of transportation resources.
- Commanding and supervising subordinate MC detachments.
- Planning, programming, coordinating, managing, and analyzing transportation and movement requirements.
- Implementing corps priorities.
- Maintaining liaison with higher-level MC organizations.

FM 55-10 discusses the role of transportation movement management within the corps.

Movement Control in the Division

The DTO and the DISCOM MCO manage the division transportation system. The DTO advises the commander on transportation matters and highway