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FORT SILL PRESENTATION - 2nd Hour

SLIDE # 1 AIR ASSAULT BADGE

I - Introduction

During this next period I will cover many subjects, but I'll cover them under these three headings.

SLIDE # 2 PERIOD OUTLINE

- 1- Employment
- 2- Fire power analysis
- 3- Fire Support coordination.

II Employment -

SLIDE # 3 - Frontal Attack

Here we have basic frontal attack with base of fire and maneuver elements - with this approach cmd needs combat power ratio of 2.5 or 3 to 1 to succeed.

SLIDE # 4 - Attack Task Factors change

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SLIDE #5 - Attack rear
Factors even better

SLIDE #6 - Surprise
High degree of surprise
up to 5 to 1

SLIDE #7 - Air Assault
Question - What is
the new factor.

SLIDE #8 - Combat Power
Proper balance between
fire power and mobility - not
nec equal

SLIDE #9 - Improved Weapons
Atomics upset old balance
- fire power can be projected
deep into rear - but ground
forces can only exploit with
difficulty

SLIDE #10

BALANCE RESTORED

THE helicopter has ~~the~~
potential of restoring ~~the~~
balance of combat power =
fire power to mobility

The last series of slides
exposed to provoke thought.

Let turn back to specific
air assault operation.

SLIDE #12 - Arty Employment (w/o flips)

~~On Signal~~ (4)



(DISPLAY CHART #12 - Arty Employment - without flip overs)

(BRING OUT FOLLOWING POINTS)

1. Unsophisticated environment.
2. Mission to control an area.
3. Dynamic situation (explain)
4. Note the range of 105's compared to location of Inf Bn.

(FLIPOVER #1) *On Signal*

5. We may have to break up batteries to provide proper support. No problem, however, since no organized attack expected.

6. Similar range problem with LJ - probably located in Brigade Base.

(FLIPOVER #2) *On Signal*

7. Aerial Rkt ships would operate from Brigade Base. Actually for mutual security support, and control, I visualize the Aerial Rkt Platoons working from the 105 Firing Btry position once they become established.

8. Greater reliance must be placed on aerial fire power and close air support.

9. Duration of individual operations much shorter.

10. Tempo of successive operations much faster.

(CHART OFF) *On Signal*

Are there any questions on employment?

The next major point is Fire Planning.

(DISPLAY CHART # 12)

Planning is the real key to successful fire support.

Unlike some activities - fire planning is continuous in every sense of the word - it may be very informal, but it is continuous.

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Next lets consider how an air assault operation might be laid on.

(DISPLAY CHART ¹³29 - NO FLIPS)

In this situation it has been decided to fire a preparation and two (2) separate flight routes have been selected.

Two Inf Co's have been picked up by helicopter and are shown here moving to CP 1.

(FLIPOVER 2) (on signal)

At CP 2 Mohawks and Aerial Rkt ships join the convoy.

(FLIPOVER 3) (on signal)

At Check point 3 prepositioned Arty begin the preparation.
(on signal remove 3 and turn 4)
(FLIPOVER 4)

At a critical Ch Pt the Arty Fires cease.

(FLIPOVER 5) (on signal)

And the Mohawks and Aerial Rkt ships move forward to attack the targets in the objective area.

(FLIPOVER 6) (on signal remove 5 and turn 6)

Troops land under cover of escort suppressive fires.

(CHART 29 OFF) (on signal)

Now To facilitate planning an air assault operation on short notice we have developed a technique we call hopscotch.

(DISPLAY CHART ¹⁴30 - WITHOUT FLIPOVER)

Before it is filled out ^{the form used} it looks like this.

This will be filled out by the Arty Ln Off at Bn and the info radioed to all interested units.

(TURN FLIPOVER)

When completed it looks like this.

(EXPLAIN HOW LN O SENDS MSG)

(CHART ~~30~~¹⁴ OFF)

Next, I'll go back over the flight to the objective to point out a few additional fire support problems.

(DISPLAY CHART ~~30~~^{15A} NO FLIPOVER)

Once the troops are airborne the helicopters go into a V of V's formation.

(PLACE FORMATIONS ON CHART) on signal

As they proceed along the flight they are joined by aerial rocket ships shown in red and if appropriate Mohawks.

(PLACE MOHAWKS OVER FORMATION) (on signal)

The formation proceeds to the release point.

At the RP the column slows down and the Aerial Rocket ships speed ahead to attack the target. The Mohawks move ahead to attack the target followed by the Aerial Rkt ships which precede the troop carriers by a matter of seconds.

(MOVE FORMATION TO OBJ AREA, THEN TURN CHART OFF)

(DISPLAY CHART ~~30~~¹⁶ 16)

After making a pass over the objective area the Mohawks and the Aerial Rockets go into orbit.

Bring out the following points.

Aerial rockets ships provide visual fire support coordination line.

Line is controlled by force and thru Arty Ln Off.

As trps move so does line.

Zip points.

Technique of attacking targets.- Reason for counter clock)

(TURN ~~SLIDE~~^{chart} OFF ON SIGNAL)

In closing I'd like to make two points:

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(Time permitting display the slides on:

- 1- Strategic Deployment
- 2- TEL Op Analysis AA I.

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For the next few minutes
I'll discuss the comparative
fire power of the various
Army divisions

Display SLIDE # 22

(Explain fire power)

like comparing a motor boat
with a jeep
Everybody does it so lets
run down list.

I TYPE
ON NEW PAGE
CONCLUSION

I'd would like to make clear at
the outset that there are 2 points of
view: (1) which I hold - I look at optimistic
side and seek to obtain the best out of
the weapons and organization I'm authorized -
(2) the other point of view, and equally important: what
improvements can be made - what are follow on weapons?

(8)

Tell story about 1st Sgt
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Conclusion

~~Net result - Strategic / tactical mobility~~

And to give you some idea of how we look when we are operating, I want you to see a short film clip.

Not complete - sound must be added.
just one type of operation
- Film - j (15 minutes)

~~Special Air Assault Badge.~~

Story I hope this

V. Conclusion: This thumbnail sketch of what we are doing at Fort Benning will give you at least an impression of how the air mobile concept is progressing at ^{from} foxhole ~~level.~~ *point of view.*

We believe we are making solid progress in every important area.

We ^{were} are highly gratified with the results of our 1st Phase tests.

While we see plenty of tough problems ahead ^{but none that we} ~~we see no~~ insurmountable

obstacles. We have an exciting, challenging job -- and we like it.

Thank You.