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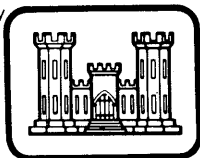
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20. Abstract (cont'd)

on the unique problems of the winter environment. It appears that the U.S. has the capability to conduct defensive warfare during the summer but is not adequately prepared for mine/countermine winter warfare. Test and research programs are called for to compensate for the prior lack of consideration of the winter environment, to adequately winterize new mine/countermine systems, and to formulate appropriate doctrine for defensive winter warfare.

## PREFACE

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## ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

### Organizations

|          |                                                                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AMSAA    | Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency                                |
| ARENBD   | Army Engineer Board                                                  |
| ARRADCOM | Armament Research and Development Command                            |
| ARRCOM   | Army Armament Materiel Readiness Command                             |
| CACDA    | Combined Arms Combat Development Activity                            |
| CE       | Corps of Engineers                                                   |
| CERL     | Construction Engineering Research Laboratory                         |
| CRREL    | Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory                     |
| CRTC     | Cold Regions Test Center                                             |
| DARCOM   | Materiel Development and Readiness Command                           |
| DDC      | Defense Documentation Center                                         |
| ERIM     | Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (remote sensing center) |
| ETL      | Engineer Topographic Laboratories                                    |
| FSTC     | Foreign Science and Technology Center                                |
| MERADCOM | Mobility Equipment Research and Development Command                  |
| OCE      | Office of the Chief of Engineers                                     |
| TECOM    | Test and Evaluation Command                                          |
| TIWG     | Test Integrated Working Group                                        |
| TRADOC   | Training and Doctrine Command                                        |
| USACDA   | U.S. Army Combat Development Activity                                |
| USAES    | U.S. Army Engineer School                                            |
| WES      | Waterways Experiment Station                                         |

### Mine/countermine systems

|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| ADAM      | Artillery delivered antipersonnel mine         |
| Ahkios    | Scow-type over-snow supply sled                |
| AMIDS     | Airborne mine detector system                  |
| AN PRS-7  | Hand held mine detector, dielectric - metallic |
| AN PSS-11 | Vehicle-mounted detector, metal and nonmetal   |

|                   |                                                             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| AP                | Antipersonnel                                               |
| AT                | Antitank                                                    |
| Bangalore Torpedo | Explosive device used to clear obstacles                    |
| DEVA-IPR          | Development acceptance - individual process review          |
| DT II: A          | Development test II A                                       |
| FASCAM            | Family of scatterable mines                                 |
| FOE               | Follow-on evaluation                                        |
| Full Width Plow   | Used with M-1 or counter obstacle vehicle                   |
| GATOR             | Gator mine system delivered by aircraft                     |
| GEMSS             | Ground emplaced mine scattering system                      |
| Giant Viper       | British mine clearing device (rocket propelled line charge) |
| HE                | High explosive                                              |
| IOC               | Initial operational capabilities                            |
| IPR               | In progress review                                          |
| IR                | Infrared                                                    |
| LEA               | Logistics evaluation activity                               |
| MICLIC            | Mine clearing line charge                                   |
| MOPMS             | Modular pack mine system                                    |
| M12               | Antitank mine, practice                                     |
| M14               | Antipersonnel mine, blast type                              |
| M15               | Antitank mine, pressure activated                           |
| M16A2             | Antipersonnel mine, bounding type                           |
| M18A1             | Antipersonnel mine, fixed direction fragmenting             |
| M19               | Antitank mine, nonmetallic                                  |
| M20               | Antitank mine, practice                                     |
| M21               | Antitank mine, shaped charge, pressure or tilt rod          |
| M23               | Chemical mine                                               |
| M24               | Antitank mine, off-route                                    |
| M26               | Antipersonnel mine, bounding type                           |
| M35               | Antipersonnel mine, practice                                |
| M66               | Antitank mine, off-route                                    |

|                |                                                                     |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M68            | Antipersonnel mine, practice                                        |
| M69            | Antitank mine, practice                                             |
| M57 Mine Layer | Towed device for emplacing M15 at mines either on surface or buried |
| M157           | Explosive line charge emplaced with tank                            |
| M173           | Rocket propelled line charge                                        |
| OT II A        | Operational test II A                                               |
| Plow           | Partial plow                                                        |
| POMINS         | Portable man-installed neutralization system                        |
| RAAM           | Remote antiarmor mine                                               |
| R&D            | Research and development                                            |
| REMBASS        | Remotely monitored battlefield sensor system                        |
| ROC            | Required operational capability                                     |
| Roller         | Used to clear mines in front of tank                                |
| SLUFAE         | Surface launched unit, fuel air explosive                           |
| UV             | Ultraviolet                                                         |
| VS             | Visible spectrum                                                    |
| VEMASID        | Vehicle magnetic signature duplicator                               |
| VMRMD          | Vehicle mounted road mine detector                                  |



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INTRODUCTION

The effect of the total winter environment on mine/countermine operations has not been adequately addressed in the past. This has caused some anxiety about the doctrine for and the effectiveness of conventional mine systems during winter warfare. A similar disregard for the effects of cold environments seems to have carried over to new mine systems that are now being designed or proposed.

During 1979, the Chief of Engineers (CE) directed that a mine/countermine program be developed and he designated WES\* as the lead laboratory. The 5-year plan developed for the Corps of Engineers by WES is attached as Appendix A. CRREL was asked to formulate a mine/countermine program specifically addressing the problems of winter warfare. After meetings and discussions with appropriate organizations, including WES, USAES and TRADOC, a preliminary 5-year plan was proposed and is attached as Appendix B.

While formulating its plan, CRREL clearly saw that the winter environment had been seriously neglected. Thus the present workshop was organized to obtain input from the entire mine/countermine community. The express purpose of the workshop was to expose and define problems related to cold climates, as seen by the designers, developers, and users of the mine systems. CRREL would then be able to modify its 5-year plan so as to adequately treat these problems if they are not already covered in the plan and if they fall within the capabilities of CRREL. The workshop was attended by 22 representatives from 16 organizations outside of CRREL, in addition to CRREL personnel. The registration list is included in Appendix C.

For convenience the mine/countermine discussion was divided into four categories: emplacement, performance, detection, and neutralization. It is

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\*See list of acronyms and definitions.

apparent that these components are interrelated for a mine system, but the division is useful for focusing on specific problems. General discussions of the topics were carried out for the first day and a half, four working groups were formed to prepare subreports on each topic, and a complete draft report was then prepared and discussed on the last day. The agenda is included in Appendix C.

The discussions focused on the problems of mine systems during winter warfare. The winter environment includes the interaction of:

1. Snow - physical characteristics, depth, duration, areal extent.
2. Frozen ground - physical characteristics, depth, duration, beginning and end of freeze season.
3. Thawing ground - temperature and areal extent, physical properties.
4. Meteorology - temperature, snow, rain, sleet, hail, fog, ice fog, etc.

The workshop was specifically concerned with the overall interaction of mine systems with the above phenomena.

#### GENERAL SESSION

The workshop began with general discussion by all participants of mine/countermine systems. After this, four working groups were formed to cover the topics of emplacement, performance, detection, and neutralization. A suggested format used by the working groups is included in Appendix C. Each working group prepared a report and these were then combined into a draft report. This was followed up with a general discussion of the draft report and additions were made to it. The amended report forms the next section of this summary and includes the specific problems and actions required. Some general comments, not covered in the draft report, follow.

#### Emplacement

The methods of emplacing mines or mine fields include:

1. Hand emplacement
2. M57 mine layer

3. GEMSS (M128)\*
4. Artillery delivery (ADAM, RAAM)
5. Helicopter (M56) or aircraft dispersal (GATOR)

Common to all of the discussions was a concern for the lack of guidance for commanders with regard to virtually all aspects of the impact of cold weather environments on mine systems. While the possibility exists that this was simply a failure to incorporate available data into manuals, the consensus of the workshop participants seemed to be that little reliable data exist.

New concepts in surface laying of both conventional and FASCAM mines are being proposed, but doctrine has not yet been established. The merits of surface emplacement vs burial of mines were widely discussed. Proponents of surface emplacement argued that visible mines present adequate threat and obstruction, while opponents noted that surface mines are easier to bypass. The problem is compounded by a lack of data on the performance of mines in snow covered terrain or frozen ground. In any case, conventional mines are presently buried and must be maintained and replaced. Col. Baushke presented a briefing on the problems faced in Korea. The question of burial vs surface emplacement is critical to the doctrine, depending on the time available to emplace the mines. Apparently, some mix of surface and buried mines may be needed. The question of doctrine here is significant because it will determine the direction of research and testing and it should be resolved.

Another area of concern, emphasized by CACDA, was the mobility of emplacement systems in deep snow, thawing soils and freezing bodies of water (swamps in NATO countries, rice paddies in Korea). The performance of most emplacement systems in the winter has not been well documented.

#### Performance

A lack of winter data was identified and the problems can be categorized as:

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\*See Table D1 for details on the various mines.

1. Effect of emplacement in snow or thawing soil on performance.
2. Effect of snow or ice on activation mechanisms.
3. Effect of freeze/thaw cycles on reliability.
4. Effect of snow on fragment attenuation.
5. Stability of mines in snow.

CRTC presented a short movie on the performance of GEMSS and SLUFAE in Alaska during the winter. Quantitative data on system performance, not obvious from the film, were summarized by CRTC and are available in their test reports. Appendix D includes information on mines with cold weather problems.

#### Detection and neutralization

TRADOC is especially interested in the development of a capability for standoff detection of mines. A significant effort has been expended on remote sensing, but applying this expertise to mines and mine fields in the winter seems to be at a preliminary stage.

Knowledge of the performance of neutralization systems in snow requires investigation and testing. These systems include the Roller, Plow, MICLIC, and SLUFAE.

#### Threat capability

FSTC presented an overview of Soviet capability for winter warfare. This underlined the general impression that the Soviets far exceed NATO capabilities in this regard. The briefing did not deal directly with mine systems, but it seems reasonable to extrapolate Soviet superiority to this area also.

#### REVISED DRAFT REPORT OF WORKING GROUPS

##### Group 1. Emplacement of mines

|                      |                                        |
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| R. Liston (Chairman) |                                        |

I. Lack of cold weather information in manuals directing land mine use.

FSTC will conduct an in-depth literature search of all potential sources. Results will be sent to CRREL for evaluation and analysis, and preparation of the final product. If the literature search appears to be of value, a review will be published in the PS Magazine or similar appropriate publications.\* The data will be used to further identify areas of research or testing that will produce urgently needed information, in addition to being used to improve manuals.

II. Determination of the performance of existing Korean mine fields.

Mines have been emplaced and are expected to function for 3 and 5 years (these survivability times need not apply to NATO countries). Field tests will be carried out under conditions of:

- A. Frozen soil.
- B. Snow covered soil.
- C. Thawed soil.

The test details will be established subsequent to the forthcoming visit to Korea by AMSAA, ARRADCOM, CRREL and WES.

III. Cold weather emplacement of conventional mines.

An analysis should be made of the effectiveness of surface emplaced, buried, and a combination of surface emplaced and buried mines (including deployment in snow). If it can be established and verified that surface emplacement is adequate, then the task is complete\*\*. If not, it will be necessary to establish the effectiveness of the current practice of burying mines in frozen soil and in snow covered terrain. This would include evaluation of the following specific systems and related problems:

- A. Excavation of frozen soil and subsequent camouflage for hand emplacement and for the M57 mine layer.

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\*The review may merit publication under separate cover such as a TRADOC Bulletin or Battle Report.

\*\*TRADOC must first determine that tests are required and then adopt test results into doctrine.

- B. M18A1 (Claymore): Electrical leads may break when unfolded in severe cold.
- C. M26 AP, M19 AT HE: Soldiers must remove gloves to emplace and arm (almost all conventional mines).
- D. M16 AP with M605 fuze (bounding type):
  - 1. Weight 7-7/8 lb, transportation problem for soldiers moving with ahkios, true for any large quantity of mines.
  - 2. Prongs or trip wire may be ineffective if covered with new, deep snow, valid for most AP mines.
- E. M14 AP nonmetallic and M26 AP: Easy to lose because of size.
- F. M15 AT HE, heavy: Difficult to lay.
- G. M21 AT, HE, heavy: Must be laid in or on solid ground (290 lb required for detonation).
- H. M23 chemical VX: Weight 22-3/4 lb, transportation problem.
- I. M56 scatterable mines: Must strike ground to arm and may not arm in deep snow.
- J. M24: Off-route mine, discriminator may break when deployed under extreme cold.
- K. ADAM: Trip wires may not deploy properly in snow.
- L. RAAM: Disc-shaped mines may not lay flat enough for required lethality.
- M. The final step will be to establish criteria for mine laying equipment that can operate in frozen soil and in snow.

IV. Emplacement of conventional AP mines in snow covered terrain.

Discussion was not sufficiently detailed to develop an approach. The problem will be identified during the Korean visit (see item III above for possible problems).

V. Emplacement of line charges or bangalore torpedoes in snow covered terrain.

This problem surfaced at the last moment and was not discussed in any depth.

VI. The following items were mentioned frequently during the general discussion:

- A. Mobility of emplacement systems in snow, on thawing ground, and over ice: Deep snow, thawing ground and insufficient ice thickness may hinder dispensing of GEMSS, RAAM and ADAM (by M109 SP howitzer or M114 towed howitzer) and even MOPMS. The combination of small wheels and very high loads caused M113 shear pins to fail excessively while towing GEMSS. A review of the mobility tests and the determined limitations of the emplacement systems is needed, particularly for snow and thawing soils.
- B. FASAM orientation after delivery into snow.
  - 1. Orientation immediately after delivery.
  - 2. Behavior in a snow pack during life of the mine.
  - 3. Effect of unusual emplacement position, possibility of mine activating due to tipping as snow melts.

Group 2. Performance of mines in the winter environment

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- I. General problems, conventional mines.
  - A. Activation under snow.
  - B. Snow acting as buffer to blast and fragments.
  - C. Activation/performance after freezing rain.
  - D. Frozen ground and buried mine degradation.
  - E. Orientation
    - 1. Activation in snow.
    - 2. Performance in snow.
    - 3. Effect of tilt due to mine sinking deeper into soft snow base.
  - F. Effect of freeze/thaw cycles on activation, performance and migration (movements) in a snow-soil environment.
- II. Specific problems, conventional mines.
  - A. AP mines.

1. Tripwire and pressure plate activation under snow (M14, M16A2, M26).
  2. Bounding height and effective radius (M26, M16A2) in snow.
  3. Blast and fragment attenuation (M14) in snow.
  4. Effectiveness against cold weather clothing.
- B. AT mines.
1. Tilt rod breaking or freezing in severe cold (M21).
  2. Off-route functioning (discriminator M24) under snow cover or ice cover.
  3. Off-route (M66) acoustic/IR/magnetic detection degradation in snow or ice.

### III. FASCAM

- A. General problems.
1. Increased minefield density needed because of reduced effectiveness with delivery in snow or on ice.
  2. Battery life under winter conditions.
  3. Orientation in snow (all members of FASCAM).
  4. Movement in snow (orientation).
  5. Performance/activation under snow.
  6. Freeze/thaw cycles.
  7. Freezing rain.
- B. Specific problems.
1. AP mines.
    - a) Trip line deployment in snow cover (M67/72 ADAM, M74 GEMSS, MOPMS), possibility of freezing in place.
    - b) Degradation of fragments in snow (M74).
    - c) Bounding height (M67/72) in snow.
    - d) Wind/snow effects.
  2. AT mines.
    - a) Migration/activation interface.
    - b) Interference of snow with clearing charge.
    - c) Pressure detonation in snow (M56).
    - d) Effect of detonation of mine on its side in 6 to 12 in. of snow, and trajectory of slug.



IV. Action required.

- A. Search literature for test data (if any) available on all systems.
  - 1. Continued close liaison, including visits to TECOM, AMSAA and ARRADCOM by CRREL.
  - 2. Followup on Soviet capability to determine if there are any useful data available on mine/countermine winter operations; CRREL will query FSTC.
- B. FASCAM (test program): Orientation in snow.
  - 1. Degradation of performance and effect of snow on plate charge.
  - 2. Degradation of trip line deployment.
  - 3. Effect of snow on ADAM.

V. CRREL will accelerate its 5-year plan to address these questions as soon as possible and will coordinate with TECOM and AMSAA.

Group 3. Neutralization of mines

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I. Conventional systems: SLUFAE, MICLIC, Roller, Plow.

- A. SLUFAE
  - 1. Status with regard to snow, ice, frozen ground, thawing ground, etc.
    - a) Test reports and data from CRTIC.
    - b) CRTIC and MERADCOM for additional data on performance.
  - 2. Action needed.
    - a) Search literature for any cold tests (DDC test reports), evaluate.
    - b) Additional testing if data not available. Possibly FOE, terminal effects of SLUFAE (materiel developer) and how SLUFAE is impeded by cold weather, performance limitations, etc.

3. Effect on doctrine or manuals: None proposed at this time, but must be considered; possible impact from literature search.
4. Responsible for action: MERADCOM is responsible for collecting and reporting. CRTC provides information as required on tests conducted in Alaska. MERADCOM/USAES evaluates.

B. MICLIC

1. Status
  - a) Reports on U.S. line charges and U.K. Giant Viper, winter tests.
  - b) WES analytical model modified for winter conditions.
2. Action needed.
  - a) Literature search: Predicted blast effects vs depth and type of snow. Limited confirmation of WES model from firings. Placement depth of line charges, firing data on Giant Viper, M157, M173.
  - b) Long term action depends upon data from part 1.
3. Effect on doctrine: Unknown.
4. Responsible for action: FSTC for general literature search. Groups at workshop can translate identified needs into action after FSTC provides copies of search to CRREL and USAES for analysis. Extract needed data (blast effect vs depth of burial, placement depth of line charge) and forward to appropriate workshop liaison.

C. Roller

1. Status: No data identified on cold climate limitations.
2. Action needed: Evaluate mobility and effectiveness degradation, effect of snow depth on Roller effectiveness. TRADOC/USAES/MERADCOM to develop this as part of the IPR position, i.e., evaluation of Roller in snow must follow DEVA-IPR.
3. Effect on doctrine: Unknown.

4. Responsible for action: TRADOC. USAES/MERADCOM, Lt. Col. Mills, OCE, will coordinate.
- D. Plow
1. Status
    - a) Limited data identified.
    - b) ARENBD should be contacted.
  2. Action needed, immediate: OT II A will be required so that cold weather testing will be incorporated.
  3. Effect of doctrine: Depends on OT II A.
  4. Responsible for action: TRADOC/DARCOM.
- E. Overall action needed.
1. Incorporate CE labs into requirements staffing; lead, ACE/TRADOC.
  2. Proposed systems: POMINS, VEMASID, full width plow.
    - a) All of the proposed systems have IOC's of FY86 or beyond. Testing will be accommodated so that snow/ice conditions will be addressed in either OT or DT. This should be in conjunction with DT II or OT II.
    - b) Future requirements documents will be routed to CE labs, specifically the ROC's for POMINS, VEMASID and the full width plow.

Group 4. Detection of Mines

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- I. Conventional systems (immediate access to mines).
- A. It was felt that an AN PRS-7 was the most likely of all the systems to be adversely affected by snow and ice. Snow and ice have dielectric constants similar to plastic mines; therefore, the contrast between the mines and snow and ice may not be very high. This will produce small detection signals. A secondary problem is that deep snow prevents the antenna from coming within an effective range of the target. The combination of these two problems may result in poor detection of mines.

- B. Status with regard to snow and ice: No immediately identifiable test data. Engineering Division Countermine Laboratory, MERADCOM, should be queried for latest modifications.
  - C. Action needed: Relatively simple tests should answer most questions on the effect of snow. A dielectric coefficient that is a function of snow or frozen ground could be plugged into a predictive model to initiate study.
  - D. Responsible agency: CRREL can follow this up with the cooperation of appropriate groups. Field tests can be combined with proposed tests on mines that will require detection in snow.
- II. Remote sensing (IR, VS, UV, acoustic, etc.).
- A. VMRMD, off-route mine det., AMIDS: These systems are all in the R&D stages, with some question as to their effectiveness, even under ideal conditions. Thus, the conclusions are vague with regard to winter warfare. There has been and is a very large R&D effort in remote sensing, in general, but the specific application to mine systems has been much more restricted. The effort here will be to define those characteristics of the winter warfare environment that are compatible with the available sensing equipment.
  - B. Specific data on mine systems: No systematic data are anticipated, but multi-band systems may have been tested on mines (possibly in winter). Followup with MERADCOM and ERIM-University of Michigan for data. CRREL will continue its literature search on remote sensing and the winter environment, and coordinate with the FSTC literature survey.
  - C. Performance of IR systems in snow: A program to evaluate system performance in snow layers could examine the following items.
    1. Thermal signature of individual mines as a function of snow depth, density, and depth of mine burial.
    2. Temperature gradient for mines in snow fields. CRREL has carried out considerable work on surface temperatures of cold regions environments and man-made structures. Adapt

these procedures and data for mine systems and coordinate with WES computer programs for non-winter surface temperatures.

3. Recognition of mine field patterns and background in snow covered terrain.

### III. Mine laying activity.

Use of VS and IR seems like a viable approach. The following points need to be addressed: use of IR characteristics of tracks in snow, instantaneous recognition of mine laying activity, and definition of the unique characteristics (if any) of mine laying activity as opposed to normal activity. The effort here with regard to winter conditions is at a preliminary stage.

### IV. Side looking radar.

This may be effective during adverse weather conditions, such as snow storms; further data are required.

### V. Battlefield environment winter warfare, mine/countermine.

An effort should be undertaken to define how the winter environment affects mine/countermine. This could follow the example of the draft report, Battlefield Environment Obscuration Handbook\*. Significant parameters for snow, ice, frozen or thawing ground, atmospheric components, etc., should be identified and made accessible. CRREL will incorporate this into its winter warfare mine/countermine plan if preliminary study shows this to be feasible.

### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following problems and recommendations result from the draft report. Some of the questions can be answered quickly while others will require long term research and testing.

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I. Immediate action.

- A. Data on mine systems under winter conditions: FSTC will conduct an all source review and forward the results to CRREL and USAES for analysis. This should clarify the present state of our mine capability in a winter theater.
- B. Field tests on emplaced conventional systems: The mine fields of Korea present an excellent opportunity to generate significant data under winter conditions. A visit to Korea will be made by AMSAA, CRREL and WES; Lt. Col. Mills will coordinate the effort for CE\*.
- C. Consideration of winter conditions on requirements documents: TRADOC will ensure that all requirements documents are sent to OCE for comment.
- D. Field tests on Roller and Plow in snow: Evaluation of Roller and Plow should follow DEVA-IPR. Lt. Col. Mills will coordinate with TRADOC/USAES/MERADCOM.
- E. Battlefield environment, winter warfare, mine/countermine: CRREL will perform a preliminary analysis of the possibility for quantification of winter environment information as it pertains to mine/countermine.
- F. FASCAM orientation in snow: Winter tests should be carried out. CRREL will coordinate work with AMSAA, TECOM.

II. Research and test programs.

- A. Emplacement
  - 1. Surface vs buried - doctrine and performance.
  - 2. Excavation of frozen soil for mines (hand, M57).
  - 3. Arming in snow (M56, ADAM).
  - 4. Effect of extreme temperature on breakage of electrical leads (M18A1), breakage of discriminator (M24), and use of gloves to emplace and arm (M19, M26 and others).
  - 5. Effect of weight in snow (M15, M16, M23 and others).

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\*The visit to Korea took place during December 1980, research and test plans are being formulated

6. Stability in snow (M21, M23, M26 and others).
  7. Mobility of emplacement systems in snow, on thawing ground, and over ice (GEMSS, M57 mine layer).
- B. Performance
1. FASCAM - effect of orientation on performance.
  2. Effect of snow on ADAM.
  3. Effect of snow on all types of fragments.
- C. Neutralization
1. Cold weather tests of SLUFAE to obtain quantitative data.
  2. Study of force and stress transmission in snow and frozen ground.
- D. Detection
1. Field tests of AN PRS-7 in snow.
  2. Continue work on remote sensing under winter conditions.

The workshop revealed the present state of mine/countermine warfare, its complexity, and some deficiencies of winter warfare preparedness. Readiness, preparedness and defense capability depend upon personnel, materiel, doctrine and organization. It appears that the U.S. has the doctrine, organization, materiel and personnel to conduct limited defensive warfare during the summer. We are not adequately prepared for mine/countermine winter warfare.

Test programs are called for to compensate for prior lack of consideration of the winter environment. Research programs are called for to avoid the same inadequate winter readiness in proposed systems.

PART I: INTRODUCTION

A. Responsibility:

The research outlined in this plan will provide the technology base required to permit the Corps of Engineers (CE) to carry out its responsibilities in Mine Warfare as defined in AR 70-1, Army Research, Development and Acquisition and further described in FM 5-100, Engineering Operations; FM 90-7, Obstacles; FM 20-32, Landmine Warfare; and FM 31-10, Denial Operations and Barriers. Coordination necessary to carry out this plan has been undertaken and will be maintained on a continuing basis with the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Research and Development Command, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, the U.S. Army Armament Research and Development Command, the U.S. Marine Corps Development and Engineer Command, and the U.S. Air Force Armament Laboratory.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of the work described in this plan is to develop technology, concepts, and techniques to be used to develop new mine warfare tactics and equipment with concentration on standoff detection and neutralization. Emphasis will be placed on defining terrain/environmental signature anomalies created by mine placement activities and terrain/environmental factors relating to the deployment, emplacement, and effectiveness of mines. Also, in the area of neutralization, emphasis will be placed on developing and using rational quantitative methods for evaluating explosives and advanced concepts to defeat conventional and advanced mines and to assess the effect of mine placement conditions on explosive neutralization effectiveness. The results of the program will provide the answers required to:

- a. Establish empirical and theoretical data bases to define the range and nature of terrain anomalies created by mine placement activities.

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\*Prepared by WES.



- b. Provide methods to locate and evaluate mined areas as a function of terrain and environmental changes.
- c. Provide concepts and criteria for using explosives and simulated target signatures for neutralization.
- d. Provide analytical models, concepts, and criteria to improve mine/countermine operations for transfer to equipment developers.

The products will be new guidelines and methods for developing all-terrain mine warfare equipment and providing substantive input into a revised and updated manual for mine warfare operations.

C. Scope:

This plan emphasizes the development of methods for realistically considering the battlefield environment in three technical areas: (a) Detection, (b) Neutralization, and (c) Mine Use. The products of the research will directly support the development of standoff detection methods by showing terrain and environmental anomalies created by mining activities and developing standoff neutralization techniques using explosives and target signature simulation. The plan also provides for recommended improvements in mine design and mine deployment procedures as a function of terrain and environmental conditions.

## PART II: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. Description:

The plan is presented in Table A1. The program will be carried out primarily by CERL, CRREL, ETL, and WES in coordination with DARCOM elements, particularly MERADCOM. Initial efforts will be by WES and CRREL. ETL and CERL will support the Mine/Countermine Program through negotiations with WES as needed. WES, as Lead CE Laboratory, will provide technical coordination and oversight. Portions of this planned work began in FY80; it is anticipated that most of the remainder will begin in FY81. The milestone schedule follows this section.

B. Investment Strategy:

The investment strategy is to develop the technology needed to meet the CE responsibility in Mine/Countermine Warfare and defeat anticipated intensive use of mine warfare by threat forces. The use of mines and their effectiveness have increased in all wars of this century. The advent of remotely delivered mines has added a new dimension to offensive mining which provides the field commander new options and, conversely, poses new threats. Mines are a major threat to the mobility of all ground forces. U.S. combat doctrine requires high mobility; threat tactics emphasize extensive use of mines. In light of the increasing threat it is imperative to develop a real-time capability to allow field commanders to identify minefields at standoff distances and to provide them with rapid minefield neutralization techniques to maintain battlefield mobility critical to success and survivability of U.S. forces.

A fundamental detection problem is determining a method(s) of detecting mines/mine activity anywhere in the battlefield during all categories of tactical operations under all conditions of terrain and environment. This proposed research emphasizes identifying detection methods and techniques which focus on terrain and environmental anomalies created by mine placement activities and the mine's introduction into the environment.

With exception of fuel-air-explosive devices, current neutralization techniques are generally refinements of explosive and mechanical methods used during World War II. Neutralization is addressed in the research to develop new concepts and criteria for ordnance, concepts, and methods for simulated target signature mine detonation, and development of recommended performance characteristics for use of mechanical neutralization equipment in different terrain and environmental conditions.

Improved mobility and counter mobility options for field commanders are addressed in the proposed research by the development of decision criteria for real-time standoff detection technique application, and criteria for optimum employment of mines under varying conditions of terrain, environment, and tactical situation.

The return on investment and technology transfer related to this work will be accomplished and accelerated by: (a) aggressive and total coordina-

tion with user and materiel development agencies; (b) publication of technical reports on new results, criteria, and methods of application in various mine/countermine warfare activities; and (c) publication of updated and revised editions of applicable mine warfare field and technical manuals.

Milestone schedule

| <u>Milestone*</u>                                                                                                                        | <u>Estimated completion date</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Complete study on the shock wave transmission pressure, tripline fuses performance, and fragment attenuation in snow environments        | Sept '81                         |
| Develop baseline data for:                                                                                                               |                                  |
| Evaluating the difference between mine induced terrain signature anomalies and other terrain signature anomalies                         | Sept '82                         |
| Terrain and environmental data for use in mine/countermine design criteria                                                               | Sept '82                         |
| Blast signatures for explosive neutralization ordnance                                                                                   | Sept '82                         |
| Mechanical response of mines                                                                                                             | Sept '82                         |
| Complete study of GEMSS and M57 mine layer performance in snow. Complete tests of pressure/tripwire activation in snow and freezing rain | Sept '82                         |
| Develop analytical models for:                                                                                                           | Sept '83                         |

\*Milestones include publication of appropriate technical reports, TM's, and FM's.

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| Evaluating the difference between mine induced terrain signature anomalies and other terrain signature anomalies                                            | Sept '83 |
| Evaluating effectiveness of minefield design as a function of threat, terrain, and environmental conditions                                                 | Sept '83 |
| Response of mines to effects of blast and shock from mine clearing munition and mechanical methods                                                          | Sept '83 |
| Develop test programs to investigate remotely emplaced mine performance, including tripwire deployment and anti-disturbance features in winter environments | Sept '83 |
| Develop methods to employ current mine clearing munitions to increase cleared zone and enhance kill of non-impulse mines                                    | Sept '84 |
| Develop terrain/climate analysis and portrayal systems for effective mine deployment                                                                        | Sept '85 |
| Criteria and methodology for minefield breaching with explosives and signature duplications                                                                 | Sept '85 |
| Criteria for employment of standoff detection systems                                                                                                       | Sept '85 |
| Develop concepts for clearing remotely emplaced and other mines with various fusing methods                                                                 | Sept '85 |
| Complete investigation of winter environment impacts on remotely emplaced mine performance                                                                  | Sept '86 |
| Demonstrate standoff detection of minefields                                                                                                                | Sept '86 |

APPENDIX B: CRREL 5-YEAR PLAN, MINE/COUNTERMINE

Mine and countermine performance in cold environments

Project/Technical Area/Work Unit: 4A762730AT42/A/15

a. The objectives of this work unit are: (1) to investigate the performance of conventional and scatterable mines, deployment systems, detection and clearance equipment in winter and cold regions environments, and (2) to identify those sensitive areas of the world where the use of these systems are likely to be severely limited during winter months.

Liaisons with other DOD agencies such as MERADCOM, ARRADCOM, WES, and USAES will be established to determine high priority problem areas. Investigations of the installation, functioning, lethality, location and removal of mines under winter conditions will be conducted. Laboratory experiments and field tests will be conducted as deemed necessary. Stress wave transmission and attenuation in snow, ice and frozen soil will be considered.

The overall plan is to examine mine/countermine materiel in regard to winter use, and address related questions and problems of the combat engineering community. Current technology will be applied to the solution of specific operational problems where possible, e.g. to determine the ice thickness required to support GEMSS. In other areas where current technology is inadequate, theoretical analyses with confirmation by laboratory and/or field tests will be required. The information generated, to the maximum extent possible, will be in mine-independent format so that it will apply to both current and future mine/countermine systems. Contact with USAES, USACDA, ARRADCOM, PM Selected Ammunition, MERADCOM, WES and other agencies with mine/countermine interests will be developed and maintained.

b. Work to be accomplished in FY81:

1. Arrange for loan of FASCAM delivery systems for study of terminal repose angle of mines in snow.
2. Continue literature survey on mine performance and numerical techniques for predicting penetration and velocity decay of fragments in snow or other soft materials.
3. Develop fragment simulation capability.

4. Pressure mine/snow interaction investigations will continue; trip wire activation and emplacement techniques will be examined when inert mines become available and are instrumented. Optimal emplacement techniques in snow covered terrain and guidelines for determining snow covered minefield effectiveness will be determined. Plans will be formulated for required field tests.

5. Over snow mobility calculations for mine laying systems and minimum ice thickness requirements for lake and river surface mining operations will continue. Results of these calculations will provide guidelines for efficient mining operating in snow and ice covered areas.

| <u>Milestones</u>                                                                    | <u>Estimated completion date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Design instrumentation for laboratory study of snow effects on tripwires          | January 1981                     |
| 2. Complete RPG-7 tests                                                              | February 1981                    |
| 3. Draft report on literature review of shock wave transmission in snow              | March 1981                       |
| 4. Complete field tests of snow effect on activation of pressure mines               | March 1981                       |
| 5. Complete mine fragment simulation tests in snow                                   | March 1981                       |
| 6. Conduct field tests of FASCAM delivery systems in snow                            | April 1981                       |
| 7. Draft report on low density snow tests                                            | June 1981                        |
| 8. Construction contract for statically detonated mines                              | June 1981                        |
| 9. Draft RPG-7 report written                                                        | July 1981                        |
| 10. Draft mine fragment report written                                               | August 1981                      |
| 11. Complete laboratory testing of snow interaction with pressure activated mines    | September 1981                   |
| 12. Design instrumentation for laboratory study of force transmission in snow layers | September 1981                   |
| 13. Complete simulation of AP mine fragment attenuation in snow                      | September 1981                   |

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| 14. Complete design of stress instrumentation for ice/frozen ground                                                                                                           | September 1981 |
| 15. Initiate study of large caliber projectile penetration in snow and other deformable media                                                                                 | September 1981 |
| 16. Complete a review of firing records and required operating conditions; correlate with climates in selected countries in cold regions and incorporate FSTC data            | September 1981 |
| 17. Draft FASCAM report written                                                                                                                                               | September 1981 |
| 18. Prepare report on snow depth limitation for GEMSS and M57 mine layers                                                                                                     | April 1982     |
| 19. Provide technology transfer on ice thickness requirements of GEMSS and M57 mine layers                                                                                    | April 1982     |
| 20. Complete field tests of overpressure devices and pressure/tripwire activation in snow                                                                                     | April 1982     |
| 21. Complete statistical analysis to estimate the scope of the work required to establish degradation effects of snow on AT mines as a function of orientation after delivery | September 1982 |
| 22. Complete laboratory tests on effects of freezing rain on conventional mines                                                                                               | September 1982 |
| 23. Provide technology transfer on critical frost depth for M57 mine burial operations                                                                                        | September 1982 |
| 24. Complete report on pressure/tripwire activation in snow                                                                                                                   | March 1983     |
| 25. Complete report on freezing rain effects on conventional mines                                                                                                            | March 1983     |
| 26. Develop test program to study FASCAM tripwire deployment and anti-disturbance features                                                                                    | March 1983     |
| 27. Complete report of field tests of FASCAM delivery systems in snow and statistical analysis of final angle of repose after delivery                                        | September 1983 |
| 28. Complete report on overpressure devices, shock-wave transmission in snow                                                                                                  | September 1985 |

- 29. Complete arena tests of FASCAM AP mines in snow, correlation with laboratory results, and analysis of degradation effects on both AP and AT mines April 1986
- 30. Complete report on FASCAM tripwire and anti-disturbance tests September 1986
- 31. Complete comprehensive report on performance of scatterable mines buried in snow September 1986

Final product and when available

The final product will be the series of reports identified in the milestones listed above. The reports will be available shortly after the completion of each phase of the planned program.

Mine emplacement in cold regions

Project/Area/Work Unit 4A762730AT42/A/-

The objective of this work unit is to evaluate the effectiveness of mine emplacement systems when the terrain is snow covered or the soil is frozen or when both conditions exist. The emphasis for air delivery systems will be on terrain that is snow covered prior to emplacement of the mines and on which the snow cover remains or increases and on terrain which becomes snow covered subsequent to emplacement of the mines. Emplacement systems which involve burial of mines will be investigated as they operate in frozen soil and in thawing soil. The problems associated with thawing soils will include the mobility of the prime mover of the emplacement device. In addition, the effect of thawing soil on the detonation system will be included as a part of the emplacement process.

| <u>Milestones</u>                                                                      | <u>Estimated completion date</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Design of experimental program                                                      | December 1981                    |
| 2. Completion of first interim report                                                  | September 1982                   |
| 3. Completion of study of emplacement of air delivered mines in an existing snow cover | April 1983                       |



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| 4. Completion of tests of emplacement systems<br>operating in frozen soil                         | July 1983      |
| 5. Completion of second interim report                                                            | September 1983 |
| 6. Completion of study of emplacement of<br>air delivered mines subsequently covered<br>with snow | April 1984     |
| 7. Completion of third interim report                                                             | September 1984 |
| 8. Completion of fourth interim report                                                            | September 1985 |
| 9. Completion of tests of emplacement systems<br>operating in thawing soils                       | April 1986     |
| 10. Completion of final report                                                                    | September 1986 |

Final product and when available

The final product will be a comprehensive technical report detailing the results of the investigation of both surface emplacement and burial emplacement systems. The report will include an annex that can be incorporated into manuals dealing with the emplacement of mines and mine fields. The report will be available at the end of FY86.

Mine detection in cold regions

Project/Area/Work Unit 4A762730AT42/A/-

The objective of this work unit is to develop techniques and propose equipment for the detection of mines and mine fields emplaced in snow covered terrain and in frozen soil and to detect mine laying activities under conditions of reduced visibility caused by low temperature phenomena. If mines are to be bypassed or neutralized it is obvious that their location must be identified accurately and quickly. There has been almost no effort expended in studying the cold weather mine detection problem. CRREL conducted a low-key study of ways to detect mines using chemical apparatus to analyze air samples obtained with "sniffers" and demonstrated that it was possible to detect the presence of mines, but the method was far too slow to be acceptable and it was not evident that the time could be reduced significantly. Thus, the first step in the study will have to involve the determination of feasible ways to detect mines by remote

means. Analysis of the various methods will establish which are most promising and will indicate how the study should proceed. In general, the study will follow a sequence of identification of detection methods; selection of the most promising method; conduct tests in snow covered terrain and in frozen soil; and finally, recommend the specifications for prototype equipment.

The problem of detecting mine laying operations will be particularly concerned with detection methods for conditions in which conventional observation is either hampered or prevented by a cold weather obscurant. It is anticipated that this phase of the study may benefit from the battle-field obscuration program in progress at CRREL. The sensing systems which are found to function in blowing snow and in fog may be adapted for the detection of activities rather than stationary targets.

| <u>Milestones</u>                                                       | <u>Estimated completion date</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Review detection methods (apparatus)*                                | March 1983                       |
| 2. Select optimum methods                                               | June 1983                        |
| 3. Complete first interim report                                        | September 1983                   |
| 4. Evaluate optimum methods in snow covered terrain                     | April 1984                       |
| 5. Complete second interim report                                       | September 1984                   |
| 6. Evaluate optimum methods in frozen terrain                           | April 1985                       |
| 7. Analyze results of battle obscuration<br>program for optimum sensors | July 1985                        |
| 8. Complete third interim report                                        | September 1985                   |
| 9. Prepare recommendation for prototype equipment                       | October 1985                     |
| 10. Evaluate sensors in fog                                             | April 1986                       |
| 11. Complete fourth interim report                                      | September 1986                   |
| 12. Evaluate sensors in blowing snow                                    | April 1987                       |
| 13. Prepare recommendations for prototype equipment                     | July 1987                        |
| 14. Complete final report                                               | September 1987                   |

\*When "method" referred to, it is assumed that apparatus is involved.

Final product and when available

There will be two final products in the form of recommendations for systems to detect mines and mine laying activities. The former will be available in the first quarter of FY86 and the latter will be available at the end of FY87.

Mine neutralization in cold regions

Project/Area/Work Unit 4A762730AT42/A/-

The objective of this work unit is to develop techniques for the neutralization of mines and minefields which are in either snow covered terrain or in frozen soil. The investigation will consider both mechanical and explosive neutralization systems. The air delivery emplacement systems will likely be affected more by snow cover than by frozen soil, particularly if the snow is deep and existed prior to emplacement of the mines. It is assumed that the performance of explosive neutralization systems will be reduced more by snow than by frozen soil. Thus, the neutralization of air delivered mines in deep snow by explosive means will receive early, special attention. Simultaneously, the neutralization of mines emplaced in frozen soil by mechanical means will be studied in the laboratory. Three conditions will be examined: mines emplaced in soil which is subsequently frozen; mines emplaced in frozen soil which remains frozen; mines emplaced in frozen soil which is either thawed or in the process of thawing.

| <u>Milestones</u>                                                                                             | <u>Estimated completion date</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Design of experimental program                                                                             | December 1981                    |
| 2. Establishment of performance of explosive systems in snow-free terrain                                     | August 1982                      |
| 3. Establishment of relationship among pressure, burial depth, and load for mechanical systems                | August 1982                      |
| 4. Completion of first interim report                                                                         | September 1982                   |
| 5. Establishment of the relationship among the pressure at the soil-snow interface and snow depth and density | April 1983                       |

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| 6. Completion of study of mechanical systems for mines emplaced in soil which is subsequently frozen                          | August 1983    |
| 7. Completion of second interim report                                                                                        | September 1983 |
| 8. Establishment of the relationship among snow depth and density and the soil/snow interface pressure for mechanical systems | April 1984     |
| 9. Completion of study of mechanical systems for mines buried in frozen soil which remains frozen                             | August 1984    |
| 10. Completion of third interim report                                                                                        | September 1985 |
| 11. Completion of study of mechanical systems for mines buried in frozen soil which subsequently thaws                        | August 1986    |
| 12. Completion of final report                                                                                                | September 1986 |

Final product and when available

The final product will be a comprehensive technical report which identifies the effectiveness of neutralization systems in snow covered terrain and frozen soil and it will be available at the end of FY86.

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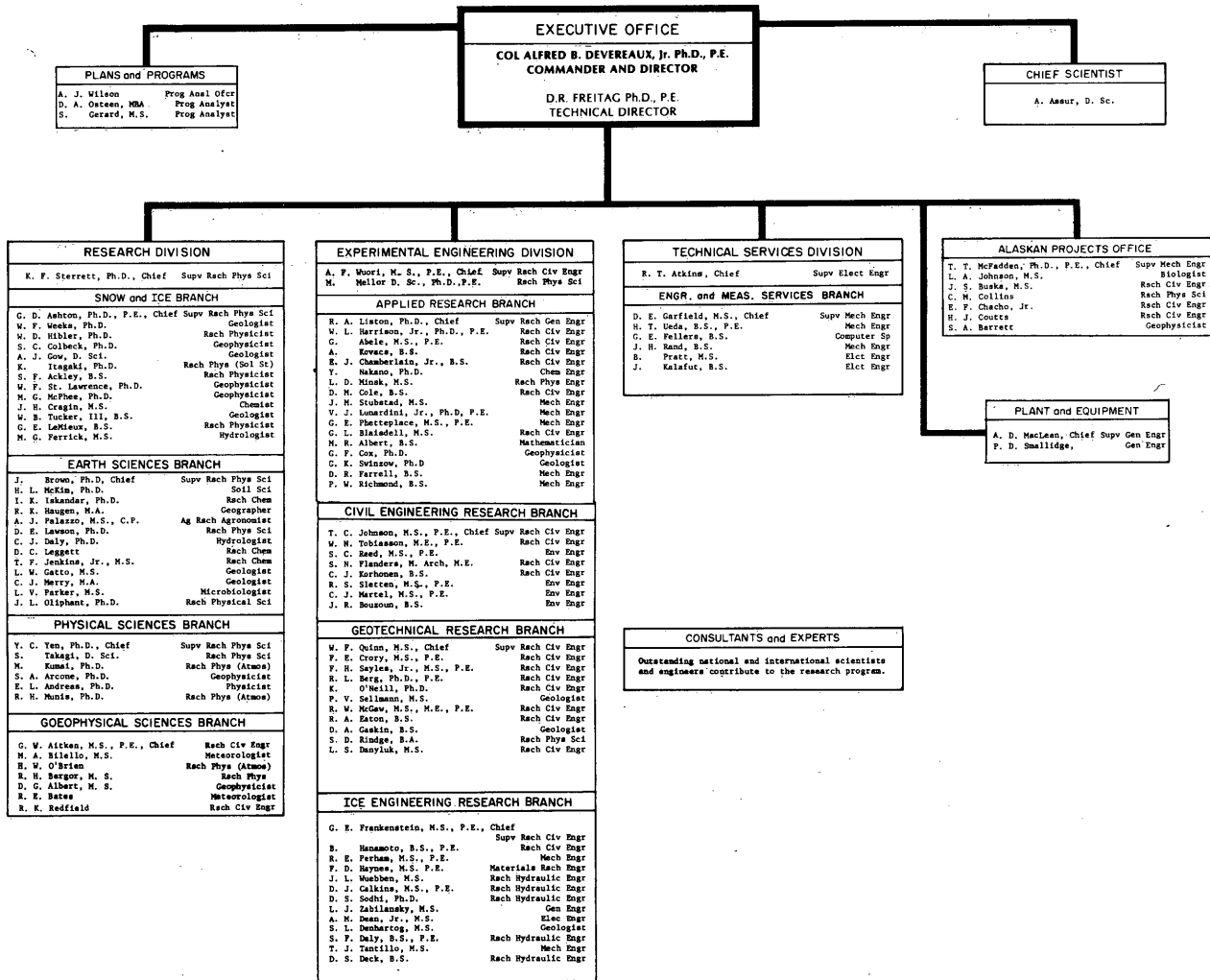


Figure B1. CRREL organization chart as of 20 February 1981.

APPENDIX C: INFORMATION ON THE MINE/COUNTERMINE WORKSHOP  
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21 October 1980

- 0830 - 1600 Opening remarks: Col. Devereaux
- 0900 - 0930 Outline of present and proposed Mine/Countermine R&D (WES). Impact of cold environment on equipment and research plan (CRREL)
- 0930 - 1200 Emplacement of mines in field; vehicle mobility for mine laying; participant input and discussion (R. Liston, CRREL coordinator)
- 1030 - 1045 Coffee
- 1200 - 1230 Review of emplaced mine/countermine systems in Korea
- 1230 - 1330 Lunch
- 1330 - 1400 Soviet winter warfare capability
- 1400 - 1415 SLUFAE, GEMSS tests in Alaska
- 1415 - 1500 Performance of mines, effect of snow, ice fragment attenuation, etc., participant input (G. Aitken, CRREL coordinator)
- 1500 - 1515 Coffee
- 1515 - 1600 Continue with formulation and discussion of specific problems, presentations by participants
- 1600 - 1700 Tour of CRREL
- 1900 - 1930 Cocktails
- 1930 Dinner at Sheraton North Country Inn

22 October

- 0900 - 1015 Neutralization of mines, force transmission in snow, frozen ground, effect on mines and doctrine, participant input (V. Lunardini, CRREL coordinator)
- 1015 - 1030 Coffee
- 1030 - 1200 Continue with formulation of specific problems and discussion of systems for neutralization; participant presentations
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch
- 1300 - 1530 Working Groups to prepare discussion papers



1530 - 1800      Combine Working Groups' reports into one draft report  
for comment

23 October

0900 - 1200      Review of draft report (V. Lunardini, CRREL  
                  coordinator)  
0900 - 0930      Emplacement  
0930 - 1000      Performance  
1000 - 1015      Coffee  
1015 - 1045      Neutralization  
1045 - 1100      Detection  
1100 - 1200      Summary

Guide for working groups

Winter warfare - cold climate effects on mine/countermine systems.

I. Conventional system - in current use.

II. Proposed systems - all others.

1. Status with regard to snow, ice, frozen ground, thawing ground,  
etc.
  - A. Current data.
  - B. Is data available elsewhere? If so, point of contact, etc.
2. Action needed.
  - A. Immediate - (Korea, NATO, other).
  - B. Long term.
3. Effect on doctrine/engineering manuals, etc.
4. Who is responsible for action? (Not necessarily who will  
actually conduct studies).
5. How can groups represented at workshops cooperate to translate  
identified needs into concrete action?

APPENDIX D: MINE WARFARE, BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Concept statement for mine warfare\*

1. PURPOSE:

a. The purpose of this concept statement is to set forth an operational concept for the employment of land mines.

b. U.S. military forces must be capable of employing mines anywhere on the battlefield to support combat operations in a wide variety of tactical situations. Modern threat forces are generally composed of mobile, balanced fighting forces of all arms, organized, equipped and trained to establish and maintain a high tempo of offensive action. Offensive momentum will be built up and sustained by massing numerically superior, armor heavy combined arms forces, employed in echelons. Rates of advance up to 30-50 kilometers a day in a nonnuclear war, and 60-100 kilometers a day in a nuclear war are set forth as threat goals. The impressive quantities of modern, mobile, survivable weapons systems in the hands of threat forces, coupled with a traditional emphasis on speed and offensive action, establish the need for U.S. forces to field flexible and versatile tactics, techniques, and weapons systems. Land mines are an essential element in any scheme designed to delay, disrupt, or stop threat force momentum, deny threat use of key terrain, canalize threat force movement, reduce threat force mobility, and decrease threat's numerical superiority.

2. LIMITATIONS: This statement does not deal with mine warfare which includes the use of biological agents in land mines.

3. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT:

a. General:

(1) The principal objectives of land mine operations are to delay, disrupt, destroy, or canalize enemy forces.

(2) All U.S. Army units should be trained and equipped to conduct land mine operations.

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(3) Mine operations may be conducted anywhere on the battlefield during offensive, defensive, retrograde, and rear area combat operations.

(4) Land mine warfare employment techniques include:

- Employing mines in deliberate patterns or randomly to create obstacles to mobility and destroy or damage weapon systems. In this fashion it is possible to improve protection for flanks, rear areas, and fortified positions.

- Delivering mines by artillery, rocket or aircraft to interdict threat reinforcing or follow-on forces.

b. Operational Considerations:

(1) Offensive Operations: The maneuver commander may use antipersonnel (AP), antitank (AT), nuclear, or chemical mines to:

- Deny the use of terrain, block or canalize threat forces, reducing the ability to mass.

- Disrupt or delay commitment of threat reserves and follow-on forces.

- Isolate an objective.

- Interdict reinforcing threat forces.

- Disrupt or delay threat retrograde operations.

- Protect his flanks and rear.

(2) Defensive and Retrograde Operations:

- The maneuver commander may use mines to:

- Disrupt, delay and destroy.

- Kill advancing threat forces, reserves and follow-on echelons.

- Reduce threat mobility.

- Defend fighting positions.

- Defend his own flanks and rear.

(3) Rear Area Combat Operations: Mines may be employed in rear areas to protect installations, built-up areas, logistical operations and facilities, and to deny threat use of good landing/drop zones.

c. Responsibilities:

(1) Maneuver commanders are responsible for mine operations in forward areas.

(2) DISCOM/COSCOM\* commanders are responsible for mine operations in rear areas.

(3) Combat engineer commanders are responsible to the maneuver commander as his primary source of mine warfare capability.

(4) Field artillery, aviation, and other designated commanders will emplace scatterable mines using organic delivery systems.

(5) Units designated by the maneuver or rear area commander will provide personnel and transportation resources to assist combat engineers during mine operations.

(6) All units are responsible for developing and executing plans to protect their own positions using mines.

Types of mines with potential cold weather problems\*\*

1. M18A1 (Claymore): Electrical leads may break when unfolded in severe cold.
2. M26 AP: Must remove gloves to emplace and arm.
3. M16A2 AP with M605 Fuze (Bounding Type):
  - a. Weighs 7-7/8 lb (transportation problem for soldiers moving with ahkios).
  - b. Prongs or trip wire may be ineffective if covered with new, deep snow.
4. M14 AP Nonmetallic and M26 AP:
  - a. Easy to lose in snow because of size.
  - b. Heavy snow will negate blast effect.
5. M15 AT HE, Heavy:
  - a. Rubber moisture seals may break in severe cold.
  - b. Difficult to lay.
6. M21 AT, HE, Heavy:
  - a. Extension rod may break in severe cold.
  - b. Must be laid in or on solid ground (290 lb required for detonation).

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7. M19 AT HE: Must remove gloves to emplace and arm.
8. M23 Chemical: Weighs 22-3/4 lb (transportation problem). Doctrine outlining use of chemical mines in extreme cold is severely limited.
9. M56 Scatterable Mines: Must strike ground to arm — may not arm in deep snow.
10. Firing Devices: Must remove gloves to use.

#### Employing mines in winter\*

##### Current Doctrine:

- a. Don't use mines in drifting snow.
- b. Mines laid in snow should be painted white.
- c. Lay mines on top of ground when snow is 4 in. to 10 in. deep.
- d. Lay mines on platform in soft snow over 10 in. deep.
- e. Bury mines if snow is less than 4 in. deep w/pressure plate protruding above ground.
- f. Command detonated mines are more reliable than pressure detonated mines.
- g. Place mines in plastic bags.

##### Problems:

- a. Winds can cover or uncover mines in snowfields.
- b. Mines may tilt or shift in soft snow or tundra.
- c. Heavy snowfalls on minefield will reduce blast effect.
- d. Extension rod on AT M21 mine may break if frozen.
- e. Trip wires on mines may be useless if buried under recent snow.  
Same for prongs.
- f. Trip wire may break if subjected to severe cold.
- g. Minefield is difficult to mark in snow and may be impossible to recover if new snow covers field.
- h. Mines will be extremely difficult to emplace in frozen ground.
- i. Use of bounding mines (M16A1) may be limited if covered with new, heavy snow.

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- j. Must remove gloves to arm mines.
- k. Transporting mines will cause logistics problems.
- l. Mine detectors using standard batteries may be ineffective in severe cold.
- m. Fuzes and mines may fail to detonate if moisture enters mechanisms.

Table D1. Characteristics of mines.

Conventional land mines

| Nomenclature | Characteristics                                                                          | Main Charge     | Dimensions                                                 | Weight    | Material | Fuze         | Activation                                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M12          | Antitank, practice (simulates M15)                                                       | Smoke           | Diameter - 13.25 in.<br>Height - 3.5 in.                   | 20 lbs    | Steel    | M604         | Depress pressure plate, 391-739 lbs.                                                  |
| M14          | Antipersonnel, blast type                                                                | Tetryl          | Diameter - 2.2 in.<br>Height - 1.6 in.                     | 3.5 oz    | Plastic  | Integral     | Depress pressure plate, 20-35 lbs.                                                    |
| M15          | Antitank, pressure activated                                                             | Comp B          | Diameter - 13.25 in.<br>Height - 4.91 in.                  | 31.5 lbs  | Steel    | M603         | Depress pressure plate, 350-750 lbs.                                                  |
| M16A2        | Antipersonnel, bounding type                                                             | TNT             | Diameter - 4.05 in.<br>Height - 7.82 in.                   | 6.25 lbs  | Steel    | M605         | Tripwire or depress prong (8-45 lbs).                                                 |
| M18A1        | Antipersonnel, fixed direction fragmenting                                               | Comp C4         | Thickness - 1.9 in.<br>Width - 8.5 in.<br>Height - 3.2 in. | 3.5 lbs   | Plastic  | -            | Tripwire or command detonated.                                                        |
| M19          | Antitank, non metallic                                                                   | Comp B          | Width (square) - 13.1 in.<br>Height - 3.7 in.              | 27.7 lbs  | Plastic  | M606         | Depress pressure plate, 300-500 lbs.                                                  |
| M20          | Antitank, practice (simulates M15)                                                       | Smoke           | Diameter - 13.25 in.<br>Height - 4.91 in.                  | 31.5 lbs  | Steel    | M604         | Depress pressure plate, 391-739 lbs.                                                  |
| M21          | Antitank, shaped charge, pressure or tiltrod                                             | Comp H-6        | Diameter - 9.0 in.<br>Height - 8 in.                       | 17.51 lbs | Steel    | M607         | Tilt rod, 3.75 lbs, or 290 lbs on pressure ring                                       |
| M23          | Chemical mine                                                                            | VX agent        | Diameter - 13 in.<br>Height - 5 in.                        | 22.9 lbs  | Steel    | M603<br>M608 | Pressure or boobytrap.                                                                |
| M24          | Antitank, off route mine, range 30 m                                                     | Comp B          | (Rocket)<br>Length - 23.55 in.<br>Diameter - 3.5 in.       | 18 lbs    | Steel    | -            | Pressure on two adjacent, 2.6 m segments of an 11 m plastic covered activated switch. |
| M26          | Antipersonnel, bounding type                                                             | Comp B          | Diameter - 3.1 in.<br>Height - 5.7 in.                     | 2.2 lbs   | AL/Steel | Integral     | Tripwire or pressure (14-28 lbs).                                                     |
| M55          | Antipersonnel, practice (simulates M26)                                                  | Blue dye powder | Diameter - 3.1 in.<br>Height - 5.7 in.                     | 2.2 lbs   | AL/Steel | Integral     | Tripwire or pressure (14-28 lbs).                                                     |
| M66          | Antitank, offroute mine - not fielded, same as M24 but uses geophones & infrared sensors |                 |                                                            |           |          |              |                                                                                       |
| M68          | Antipersonnel, practice (simulates M18A1)                                                |                 | Same as M18A1                                              | 3.5 lbs   | Plastic  | -            | For emplacement & arming practice.                                                    |
| M69          | Antitank, practice (simulates M66) not fielded                                           |                 |                                                            |           |          |              |                                                                                       |

Table D1. (cont'd).

Family of scatterable mines

| Nomenclature | System Name | Method of Delivery | Mine Type   | Mine Weight | Main Charge | Activation               | Self-Destruct Time |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| M56          | M56         | Helicopter         | AT/Blast    | 5.6 lbs     | Comp H6     | Pressure/Antidisturbance | Long               |
| M70          | RAAM        | 155 mm Howitzer    | AT/Plate    | 5 lbs       | RDX         | Magnetic                 | Short              |
| M73          | RAAM        | 155 mm Howitzer    | AT/Plate    | 5 lbs       | RDX         | Magnetic                 | Long               |
| M67          | ADAM        | 155 mm Howitzer    | AP/Bounding | 1 lb        | PBX         | Tripwire                 | Short              |
| M72          | ADAM        | 155 mm Howitzer    | AP/Bounding | 1 lb        | PBX         | Tripwire                 | Long               |
| M74          | GEMSS       | M128 Ground        |             |             |             |                          |                    |
|              |             | Vehicle Dispenser  | AP/Blast    | 4 lbs       | Comp B      | Tripwire                 | Long               |
| M75          | GEMSS       | M128 Ground        |             |             |             |                          |                    |
|              |             | Vehicle Dispenser  | AT/Plate    | 4 lbs       | RDX/ESTANE  | Magnetic                 | Long               |
| BLU 91/B     | GATOR       | Aircraft           | AT/Plate    | 4 lbs       | RDX/ESTANE  | Magnetic                 | Long               |
| BLU 92/B     | GATOR       | Aircraft           | AP/Blast    | 4 lbs       | Comp B      | Tripwire                 | Long               |
| XM78         | MOPMS       | Ground emplaced    | AT/Plate    | 4 lbs       | RDX/ESTANE  | Magnetic                 | Adjustable         |
| XM77         | MOPMS       | Ground emplaced    | AP/Blast    | 4 lbs       | Comp B      | Tripwire                 | Adjustable         |

Abbreviations:

RAAM - Remote Anti Armor Mine  
 ADAM - Artillery Delivered Antipersonnel Mine  
 GEMSS - Ground Emplaced Mine Scattering System  
 GATOR - Gator Mine System  
 MOPMS - Modular Pack Mine System

Composition of Explosives:

Tetryl: 2,4,6 Trinitrophenylmethylnitramine  
 Comp B: 60-40 cyclotol (60% RDX, 39.9% TNT, 1% desensitizer)  
 TNT: 2,4,6 trinitrotoluene  
 Comp C4: 91% RDX, 2.1% polyisobutylene, 1.6% motor oil, 5.3% di-(2-ethylhexyl) sebacate  
 Comp H6: no data  
 VX Agent: A chemical nerve agent  
 RDX: Cyclotrimethylenetrinitramine  
 PBX: no data  
 RDX/ESTANE: no data