
PREFACE

Commanders must understand the spectrum of capabilities of the fire support system. Skillful integration of fire support into all facets of the AirLand Battle must take place simultaneously and continuously as close, deep, and rear operations are synchronized.

This publication prescribes fire support doctrine for corps and division operations. It is designed to assist fire support coordinators and their staffs in the conduct of combat operations. It also serves as a guide for echelons above corps regarding the organization, capabilities, and employment of fire support.

Fire support for brigades is addressed in FM 6-20-40 and FM 6-20-50, the companion manuals for this document. FM 6-20 serves as the capstone for the entire series. Other service commanders and staffs will find this publication useful in planning fire support for joint operations.

This publication is fully compatible with the Army's AirLand Battle doctrine as contained in FM 100-5 and is consistent with current joint and combined doctrine. It assumes that the user has a fundamental understanding of the fire support principles set forth in FM 6-20. It does not repeat concepts in FM 100-5, FM 100-6, FM 100-2-1, FM 101-5, and other readily available references except as necessary to explain unique corps- and division-level fire support matters.

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- III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- V Corps Artillery, Federal Republic of Germany (FRG)
- VII Corps Artillery, FRG
- XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- 7th Infantry (Light) Division Artillery, Fort Ord, California

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- 2014/506 *Operation Orders, Annexes to Operation Orders, and Administrative and Logistics Orders*
- 2082 *Relief of Combat Troops*
- 2099/531 *Fire Coordination in Support of Lund Forces*
- 2103/187 *Reporting Nuclear Detonations, Biological and Chemical Attacks, and Predicting and Warning of Associated Hazard Areas (ATP-45)*
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