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1. PURPOSE

FMFM 1-3B, *Sniping*, sets forth the techniques and procedures for selecting, training, and employing scout-snipers within the Fleet Marine Forces.

2. SCOPE

FMFM 1-3B complements, and is designed to be utilized with, FMFM 1-3, *Basic Rifle Marksmanship*, and FMFM 1-3A, *Field Firing Techniques*. This manual addresses the scout-sniper's selection, training, and equipment and its care. It also provides guidance in the proper and effective methods of employment of scout-snipers.

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SECTION 1

THE SCOUT-SNIPER

The Marine Corps sniper is a Marine who has been carefully screened, selected, and has undergone comprehensive training in advanced infantry and marksmanship techniques. The sniper's training, combined with the inherent accuracy of his rifle, firmly establishes him as a valuable addition to the supporting arms available to the infantry commander.

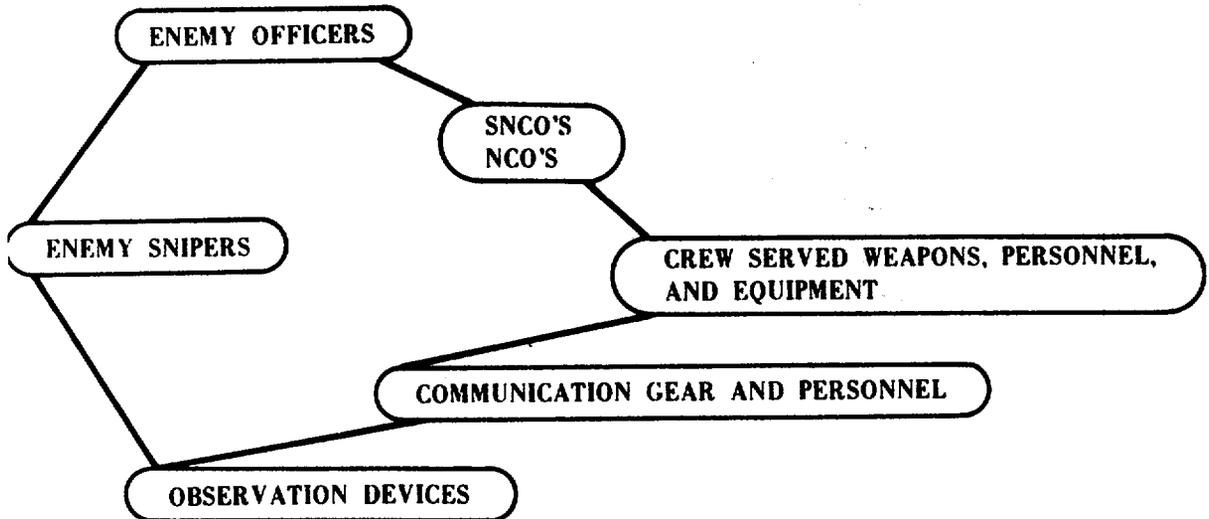
101. DEFINITION

The scout-sniper is a Marine highly skilled in fieldcraft and marksmanship who delivers long range, precision fire at selected targets from concealed positions.

102. DUAL MISSION

The primary mission of a sniper in combat is to support combat operations by delivering precision fire on selected targets from concealed positions. The sniper also has a secondary mission of gathering information for intelligence purposes.

Selected Targets. Those targets that will have a definite influence on the outcome of the battle and the enemy's ability to wage battle, such targets as:



103. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

A *two-man team* is the basic operational organization for the employment of snipers. *Both* team members are trained scout-snipers with the additional MOS of 8541.

104. SNIPER TEAM

Each sniper team consists of a team leader and a scout-sniper. Both are trained 8541's. Each team is equipped with:

- M40A1 sniper rifle with a UNERTL 10X telescope
- Standard M16 service rifle
- M49 20X spotting scope
- Wide-angle binoculars with mil scale
- .45 caliber service pistols
- Starlight scope if necessary
- Radio

Either member of the team can fill the function of the sniper (with the M40A1 sniper rifle); the other member is armed with the standard service rifle and fills the function of the observer.