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MULTISERVICE TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES

QUICK REFERENCE CHECKLIST

Decide to Survive!

S - Size up the situation, surroundings, physical condition, equipment.
U - Use all your senses
R - Remember where you are.
V - Vanquish fear and panic.
I - Improvise and improve.
V - Value living.
A - Act like the natives.
L - Live by your wits.

1. Immediate Actions

- a. Assess immediate situation. **THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!**
- b. Take action to protect yourself from nuclear, biological, or chemical hazards (Chapter IX).
- c. Seek a concealed site.
- d. Assess medical condition; treat as necessary (Chapter V).
- e. Sanitize uniform of potentially compromising information.
- f. Sanitize area; hide equipment you are leaving.
- g. Apply personal camouflage.
- h. Move away from concealed site, zigzag pattern recommended.
- i. Use terrain to advantage, communication, and concealment.
- j. Find a hole-up site.

2. Hole-Up-Site (Chapter I)

- a. Reassess situation; treat injuries, then inventory equipment.
- b. Review plan of action; establish priorities (Chapter VI).
- c. Determine current location.
- d. Improve camouflage.
- e. Focus thoughts on task(s) at hand.
- f. Execute plan of action. Stay flexible!

Recommend inclusion of this manual in the aviator's survival vest.

3. Concealment (Chapter I)

- a. Select a place of concealment providing—
 - (1) Adequate concealment, ground and air.
 - (2) Safe distance from enemy positions and lines of communications (LOC).
 - (3) Listening and observation points.
 - (4) Multiple avenues of escape.
 - (5) Protection from the environment.
 - (6) Possible communications/signaling opportunities.
- b. Stay alert, maintain security.
- c. Drink water.

4. Movement (Chapters I and II)

- a. Travel slowly and deliberately.
- b. **DO NOT** leave evidence of travel; use noise and light discipline.
- c. Stay away from LOC.
- d. Stop, look, listen, and smell; take appropriate action(s).
- e. Move from one concealed area to another.
- f. Use evasion movement techniques (Chapter I).

5. Communications and Signaling (Chapter III)

- a. Communicate as directed in applicable plans/orders, particularly when considering transmitting **in the blind**.
- b. Be prepared to use communications and signaling devices on short notice.
- c. Use of communications and signaling devices may compromise position.

6. Recovery (Chapter IV)

- a. Select site(s) IAW criteria in theater recovery plans.
- b. Ensure site is free of hazards; secure personal gear.
- c. Select best area for communications and signaling devices.
- d. Observe site for proximity to enemy activity and LOC.
- e. Follow recovery force instructions.

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Multiservice Procedures for
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Note: This *UNCLASSIFIED* publication is designed to provide Service members quick-reference survival, evasion, and recovery information. See Appendix B for the scope, purpose, application, implementation plan, and user information.

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THE CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

ARTICLE II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

ARTICLE III

If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

ARTICLE IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

ARTICLE V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

ARTICLE VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Chapter I

EVASION

1. Planning

- a. Review the quick reference checklist on the inside cover.
- b. Guidelines for successful evasion include—
 - (1) Keeping a positive attitude.
 - (2) Using established procedures.
 - (3) Following your evasion plan of action.
 - (4) Being patient.
 - (5) Drinking water (**DO NOT** eat food without water).
 - (6) Conserving strength for critical periods.
 - (7) Resting and sleeping as much as possible.
 - (8) Staying out of sight.
- c. The following odors stand out and may give an evader away:
 - (1) Scented soaps and shampoos.
 - (2) Shaving cream, after-shave lotion, or other cosmetics.
 - (3) Insect repellent (camouflage stick is least scented).
 - (4) Gum and candy (smell is strong or sweet).
 - (5) Tobacco (odor is unmistakable).
- d. Where to go (initiate evasion plan of action):
 - (1) Near a suitable area for recovery.
 - (2) Selected area for evasion.
 - (3) Neutral or friendly country or area.
 - (4) Designated area for recovery.

2. Camouflage

- a. Basic principles:
 - (1) Disturb the area as little as possible.
 - (2) Avoid activity that reveals movement to the enemy.
 - (3) Apply personal camouflage.
- b. Camouflage patterns (**Figure I-1**):
 - (1) Blotch pattern.
 - (a) Temperate deciduous (leaf shedding) areas.
 - (b) Desert areas (barren).
 - (c) Snow (barren).
 - (2) Slash pattern.
 - (a) Coniferous areas (broad slashes).

- (b) Jungle areas (broad slashes).
- (c) Grass (narrow slashes).
- (3) Combination. May use blotched and slash together.



Figure I-1. Camouflage Patterns

- c. Personal camouflage application follows:
 - (1) Face. Use dark colors on high spots and light colors on any remaining exposed areas. Use a hat, netting, or mask if available.
 - (2) Ears. The insides and the backs should have **2** colors to break up outlines.
 - (3) Head, neck, hands, and the under chin. Use scarf, collar, vegetation, netting, or coloration methods.
 - (4) Light colored hair. Give special attention to conceal with a scarf or mosquito head net.
- d. Position and movement camouflage follows:
 - (1) Avoid unnecessary movement.
 - (2) Take advantage of natural concealment:
 - (a) Cut foliage fades and wilts, change regularly.
 - (b) Change camouflage depending on the surroundings.
 - (c) **DO NOT** select vegetation from same source.
 - (d) Use stains from grasses, berries, dirt, and charcoal.
 - (3) **DO NOT** over camouflage.
 - (4) Remember when using shadows, they shift with the sun.