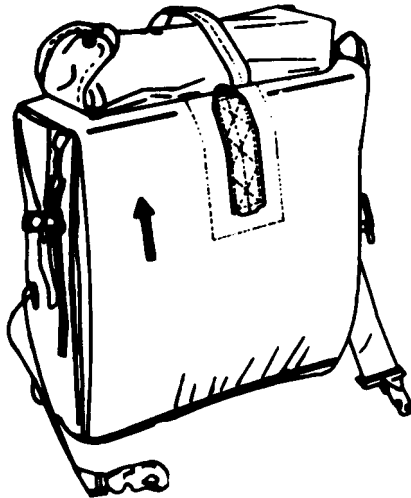


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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Section I. GENERAL

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This manual is for your use, as an aircraft crewmember or passenger, you are required to operate and apply the components of the individual, overwater, survival kit in a survival situation. The survival kit is designed for use on all US Army aircraft, except the OV-1 (Mohawk) aircraft. The purpose of this publication is to provide you with a description of the kit contents and brief instructions on the use of each item.

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Section II. DESCRIPTION AND DATA

1-3. Description

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The Individual, overwater, survival kit (fig 1-1) consists of a cotton/nylon duck outer case which is equipped with a web carrying handle (2), an outside stowage pocket (3) with closing flap (1), two adjustable parachute attaching straps (4) with snap fasteners (5), and a slide fastener (zipper) (7), with a retaining snap (6) which is used to contain the kit inner case with kit survival components and as a means of activating the life raft inflation system. The survival components are exposed when the slide fastener (zipper) on the kit inner case is opened. Upon opening of the kit inner case, the kit packing fiat is located on top of the survival components. This list provides you with the location and identification of each survival component.

NOTE

In an emergency bailout, the survival kit may be attached to either a back type or chest-type personnel parachute harness.