

PART ONE

MP ON THE BATTLEFIELD

On the intensive modern battlefield, extensive combat action in every area of the battlefield is likely. Soldiers and leaders at every level must face the challenge of combat with leadership, initiative, and skill. MP can meet this challenge with success.

You are trained and experienced in—

- Exercising leadership and good judgment.
- Sizing up a situation quickly.
- Knowing what is important.
- Knowing how to do what needs to be done.

You are technically skilled to carry out your MP missions. You are tactically skilled for survival.



You are responsive to the needs of those you support. You set your priority of operations to best support the echelon commander's intent. You respond readily and ably to changing mission needs and to changing tactical situations. You exercise initiative, reacting to changes with fast, independent decisions based on broad guidance and mission orders. Leading a light, mobile force based on self-aligning, sustainable, 100-percent-mobile, three-man

teams, you accomplish your missions and carry out your operations with the smallest force needed to do the job.

You are responsive to the needs of those you lead. You act to ensure MP can support, survive, and win in combat.

You provide sound leadership. Wherever possible, you offset the effects of battle on your soldiers and your unit.

You develop competent and courageous soldiers. You ensure cohesive, well-trained units. You promote training and teamwork to maintain combat effectiveness.

You motivate your soldiers. Understanding that war is basically a contest of will fought by men, not machines, you enhance the morale and confidence of your soldiers.

Knowing that good leadership makes the vital difference in the staying power and effectiveness of a unit, you foster your subordinates' initiative. You encourage subor-

dinates to focus their operations on the broad overall mission. You give them the freedom and responsibility to develop ways to carry out their mission more effectively. You ensure everyone understands the commander's intent and also the assumptions on which it is based. Then, allowing decision authority at the lowest practical level, you foster maximum freedom of action within the scope of the commander's intent. Willing and able to take decision-making risks yourself, you nurture that willingness and ability in your subordinates.
