

Miscellaneous:

a. Accounting and Maintenance Schemes for Special Items of Equipment: Commanders of Radio Battalions and of other organizations with Special Operations Capability (SOC) are, in some instances, delegated authority by CMC to establish non-LMIS allowances for special items of equipment. For example, Radio Battalions may receive funding or actual equipment from outside agencies such as the NSA or CIA. Similarly, commanders of SOC-capable organizations may receive direction from unified commanders or other senior commands to perform missions that entail the procurement of special equipment items. Accordingly, those commanders may acquire and hold that equipment which is essential to their mission, subject to the following restrictions.

(1) Allowances will be established in writing by the MSC commander, and the equipment will be properly accounted for on the unit's supply records using locally assigned TAMCN's and NSN's.

(2) If equipment is to be retained for more than one year or beyond its initial mission tasking, a credible maintenance scheme will be developed by the commander to ensure continuing serviceability. Examples of acceptable maintenance schemes are organic (based on unit capability), vendor support, or treating the equipment as non-reparable.

(a) Maintenance support schemes that entail organic support will require only those skills or equipment already provided by the unit's T/O and T/E, respectively.

(b) Maintenance support schemes that entail evacuation to the supporting MARFOR maintenance facilities will require only those skills or equipment already provided by the supporting unit's T/O and T/E, respectively.

(c) Maintenance support schemes based on vendor support need close scrutiny of contractual agreements. Commanders should take into consideration situations where the equipment will be used in an austere environment where vendor support is not readily available or accessible.

(d) Maintenance support schemes based on non-reparable concept are, in certain circumstances, the best solution but usually require additional equipment procurement for backup capability.

(3) A Universal Needs Statement (UNS) will be generated for all equipment expected to be held beyond initial mission requirement. A UNS is required to integrate such equipment into the Marine Corps' inventory and initiates action to ensure proper integrated logistics support (ILS) for that equipment.

(4) Where peculiarities of the equipment or support schemes dictate departure from conventional directive requirements, the commander is authorized to establish prudent alternate procedures. When temporary circumstances require deviation from established requirements, the deviation will end when the circumstances that prompted such deviation change.

Reference: FSMAO OICs' conference at HQMC (LPP), 24-28 October 1994.

b. Rifle Team Equipment (RTE) Tool Kit Buy Back: A clarification was requested as to whether Marines with MOS 2112 are allowed to retain RTE tools, which were manufactured per their preference, upon discharge/separation/retirement from the Marine Corps.

Response: RTE tools are government property. Such items will be added to the inventory, accounted for properly, and recovered when Marines with MOS 2112 are discharged/ separated/retired from the Marine Corps or promoted to another MOS such as 2181.

Reference: LAN message from CW05 Davis (WTBN, Quantico) of 25 November 1996.

c. Waterproofing Enhancement Retrofit Kits for M998's: A clarification was requested as to whether the waterproofing enhancement retrofit kits which were listed in MI-11240-24/129 are still required to be installed.

Response: The modification instruction was canceled by SI 5600-15/129 due to the fact all repair parts are listed in the TM-9 for the M998 vehicles.

Reference: LAN message from GS09 Thompson (ILS853, MCLB Albany) of 28 January 1997.

d. Support for The Young Marines: Clarification was requested concerning the issuing of non-excess or excess government property to The Young Marines and whether excess property could be withdrawn from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) for issue to the Young Marines.

Response: The Marine Corps is prohibited from issuing non-excess or excess property to The Young Marines and from withdrawing excess property from the DRMS for issue to The Young Marines. The Young Marines do not belong to the Marine Corps. They are a private, nationally organized youth group which belongs to the Marine Corps League. Active duty Marines may not use their status or positions as active duty Marines to obtain support or obtain DoD property such as uniforms and accessories for issue to The Young Marines.

Reference: LAN message from GM13 Barchuk (HQMC, LPP) of 11 March 1997.