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**From:** Commandant of the Marine Corps  
**To:** Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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**Subj:** Deactivation of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company,  
T/O 4253 and Reorganization of the Ammunition Company, T/O 3343

**Encl:** (1) Major Functions - Reorganized Ammunition Company, T/O 3343  
(2) Representative List of Publications pertaining to Chemical  
Munitions

1. A review of Marine Corps units with logistical responsibilities for nuclear-biological-chemical munitions indicates the necessity for reorganization of the Ammunition Company, Automatic Supply Distribution (ASD) Battalion, Force Service Regiment to include integration of the personnel, equipment and functions of present EOD units.

2. A revised T/O for the Ammunition Company will be promulgated about 1 October 1963 with implementation scheduled for 1 November 1963. The revised T/O will provide an organization capable of performing support functions required by the presence of conventional, nuclear, biological and chemical munitions in the Marine Corps' logistic channels. EOD support will continue to be provided on an "as required" basis.

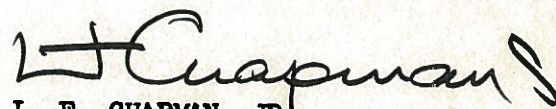
3. Major changes occasioned by the revision of the Ammunition Company are:

- a. Deactivation of Headquarters, 1st EOD Company (-).
- b. 1st Platoon, 1st EOD Company will be redesignated as the EOD Platoon, Ammunition Company, ASD Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment.
- c. 2d Platoon, 1st EOD Company will be redesignated as the EOD Platoon, Ammunition Company, ASD Battalion, 2d Force Service Regiment.
- d. 3d Platoon, 1st EOD Company will be redesignated as the EOD Platoon, ASD Battalion, 3d Force Service Regiment.
- e. Each present Atomic Ordnance Platoon will be redesignated as a Nuclear Ordnance Platoon within present Force Service Regiments.
- f. The present 5th Atomic Ordnance Platoon, after redesignation, will remain attached to the Support Battalion, Twentynine Palms, California. Nuclear weapon support of 1st Marine Division units at Camp Pendleton will be accomplished by this unit on a TAD basis.

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g. The reorganized Ammunition Company is considered capable of providing the escort function associated with the transport of chemical and nuclear munitions. It is recognized that additional training will be required to obtain the requisite capability.

4. The major functions of the Ammunition Company are in accordance with enclosure (1).
5. The EOD and Atomic Ordnance personnel are considered to be adequately trained to fulfill their portion of the Ammunition Company mission. The Ammunition Technicians (OF 23) will require additional training on chemical munitions for which plans are now being formulated. Planning for training of OF 23 personnel does not preclude commanders from utilizing available training facilities (such as Division or local schools) to enhance the capability of the revised Ammunition Company personnel in the performance of assigned tasks.
6. The MOS Manual is being changed to reflect the increased emphasis on toxic chemicals and chemical munitions in MOS 2311.
7. The personnel to man the reorganized Ammunition Company are available from the personnel allowances of the present Ammunition Companies and EOD Company.
8. Concurrent with the reorganization of the Ammunition Company, major commands should develop logistical concepts pertaining to toxic chemical munitions, agents in bulk and ancillary equipment. The publications listed in enclosure (2) will be of assistance.

  
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By direction

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Major Functions - Reorganized Ammunition Company, T/O 3343

	<u>Conventional Ammunition</u>	<u>Nuclear Ordnance</u>	<u>Biological Munitions</u>	<u>Chemical Munitions</u>
Receipt	X	X		X
Storage	X	X		X
Inspection	X	X		X
Renovate (Retrofit)	Limited	X		Limited
Assembly	-	X		-
Maintenance	-	X		-
Issue	X	X		X
Delivery (Courier or Escort)	-	X		X
Disposal (Return to source or disposition of Grade 3)	X	X		X
Explosive Ordnance Disposal	X	X		X
X - AmmoCo capability				

To be determined.

**Representative List of Publications Pertaining to Chemical Munitions**

TM 3-250	Storage, Shipment, and Handling of Chemical Agents and Hazardous Chemicals
TM 3-300	Ground Chemical Munitions
TM 3-350	Improvised CBR Protective Shelters
TM 3-200	Capabilities and Employment of Toxic Chemicals
TM 3-200A (C)	Employment of Chemical Agents (U)
TM 3-205	Protective Mask and Accessories
TM 3-215	Military Chemistry and Chemical Agents
TM 3-216	Military Biology and Biological Warfare Agents
TM 3-220	Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) Decontamination
TM 3-225	Radiological Recovery of Fixed Military Installations
TM 3-255	Chemical Filling and Handling Equipment
TM 3-303	Impregnating Set, Clothing, Field, M3; Impregnating Outfit, Clothing, Field, M1 Kit, Testing, Impregnite-in-clothing, M1
TM 3-304	Protective Clothing and Accessories
TM 3-306	Detector Kits, Chemical Agents, M18, M9A2 and M15
TM 3-313	Preventive Maintenance of Chemical Corps Equipment
TM 3-400	Chemical Bombs and Clusters
TM 3-500	Chemical Corps Equipment Data Sheets
TM 3-285	Treatment of Chemical Warfare Casualties
TB 68	Testing Kit Impregnite-in-clothing, M2
SM 3-1-1000	Weapons

SM 3-1-1325, 30, 45, Ammunition and Explosives  
65, 70, 75

SM 3-1-3900 Materials Handling Equipment

SM 3-4-6910A22 Detonating Equipment, War Gas Identification, M1

FM 3-5 Tactics and Techniques of Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Warfare

FM 3-8 Chemical Corps Reference Handbook

FM 3-85 Chemical Service Units

FM 3-130 (S) U. S. Army Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) Intelligence (U)

FM 3-10 Chemical and Biological Weapons Employment

FM 3-10A (S) Chemical and Biological Weapons Employment (U)

FM 5-25 Explosives and Demolitions

FM 21-41 Soldiers Handbook for Atomic Biological and Chemical Warfare

FM 21-48 CBR Training Exercises

FM 21-40 Small Unit Procedures in Atomic, Biological and Chemical Warfare

NAVWEPS OP 3142 Characteristics of Biological and Chemical Munitions and Delivery Systems (U)

OP 5  
Volume 1 Ammunition Ashore Handling, Stowing and Shipping

Volume 3 Ammunition Ashore Advanced Bases

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