

Chapter 9

Artillery Weapons and Munitions

9001. Introduction

This appendix provides information on artillery weapons and ammunition. For detailed information, see technical manuals.

9002. Selected Characteristics of Artillery Weapons

WEAPON	XM777	M198	M109A3/A4	M109A5/A6	CRUSADER
WEIGHT (lbs)	9000	16000	53940	64000 lded	
TIME TO EMPLACE (min)	3 or less	4	0.5	0	
TRANSPORT CAPABILITY					
Ground	MTVR, 5-ton	5-ton	SP		
Helo	V-22, CH53E, CH53D	CH53E	No		
Fixed-Wing Transport	All	All	C-5A		
MAXIMUM RATE OF FIRE Per tube (rounds per minute)	5-8	4	4		
SUSTAINED RATE OF FIRE Per tube (rounds per minute)	2*	2*	1	4	
HIGH EXPLOSIVE				1	
Effective casualty radius (1 round)	50m	50m	50m	50m	
Weight of proj. (fuzed) (lbs)	95***	95***	95***	95***	
TRAVERSE (mils)	6400**	6400**	6400	6400	
MAXIMUM SPEED (mph)					
Towing - cross country	NLT 24 kph	5	----		
Towing - secondary roads	NLT 56 kph	25-30	----		
Towing - improved roads	NLT 88 kph	45	----		
SP speed	----	----	35	38	
CRUISING RANGE (miles)	----	----	220	185	

* Two rounds per minute or as determined by thermal warning device.
 ** 6400 traverse using speed shift; 400 left/right without speed shift.
 *** 95 lbs for M107 Family; 103 lbs for M483 Family; 138 lbs for Copperhead.

NOTE: Fuze DODAC = 1390 plus DODIC number as shown below.

TYPE	CURRENT	DODIC	REPLACEMENT	DODIC	FUTURE
CP delay	M78A1	N330	None	---	Mk 300 Mod 1
nondelay	M78A1	N331	None	---	DODIC 659
PD SQ/D	M557	N335	M739	N340	MOFA
SQ/D	M572	N331	M739	N340	MOFA
MT	M565	N248	M577 ¹	N285	M762
MTSQ	M564	N278	M582 ¹	N286	M767, MOFA
VT	M728	N463	M732	N464	MOFA

¹ M577 and M582 can be set for either MT or SQ action. There is not a PD backup on these fuzes.

(M198/M109A5/A6)

PROJECTILES	DODAC	PROPELLING CHARGES (See 155mm Propelling Charges)				MAXIMUM RANGE	FUZE ACTIONS
		M3 SERIES	M4 SERIES	M119 SERIES	M203		
M107 HE	1320-D544	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	CP,PD, MTSQ, VT
M549A1 RAP	1320-D579	No	Yes, but zone 7 only	Yes, but not M119	Yes	30,000	PD
M449A1 ICM	1320-D562	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	MT
M485 Illum	1320-D505	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes, but degraded reliability	No	18,100	MT
M483A1 DPICM	1320-D563	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M864 BB DPICM	1320-D864	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	28,180 (M198) 27,740 (M109A5/A6)	MTSQ M577
M692 ADAM-L	1320-D501	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M731 ADAM-S	1320-D502	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M116A1 HC	1320-D506	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	MT
M110A1 WP	1320-D550	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	PD,MTSQ
M795 HE	1320-D529	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	22,500	PD,MTSQ (M732 VT only)
M825 smoke ¹	1320-D528	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	MT
M718 RAAMS-L	1320-D503	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M741 RAAMS-S	1320-D509	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M712 Copperhead	1320-D510	Yes, but no requirement for zones 1 through 3	Yes	Yes	No	16,400	BD (comes already installed)
M804 practice	1320-D513	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	PD,MTSQ, VT (M732 only)

1 ¹ Only M825A1 is authorized to be fired with M203/203A1. The USMC has not procured
2 this munition.

(M109A2/A3/A4)

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PROJECTILES	PROPELLING CHARGES (See 155mm Propelling Charges)					MAXIMUM RANGE	FUZE ACTIONS
	DODAC	M3 SERIES	M4 SERIES	M119 SERIES	M203		
M107 HE	1320-D544	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	CP,PD, MTSQ, VT
M549A1 RAP	1320-D579	No	Yes, but zone 7 only	Yes, but not M119	Yes	23,500	PD
M449A1 ICM	1320-D562	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	MT
M485 Illum	1320-D505	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes, but degraded reliability	No	17,500	MT
M483A1 DPICM	1320-D563	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,500	MT
M864 BB DPICM	1320-D864	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	22,000	MTSQ M577
M692 ADAM-L	1320-D501	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M731 ADAM-S	1320-D502	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M116A1 HC	1320-D506	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	MT
M110A1 WP	1320-D550	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	PD,MTSQ
M795 HE	1320-D529	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	Yes	22,500	PD,MTSQ (M732 VT only)
M825 smoke ¹	1320-D528	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,500	MT
M718 RAAMS-L	1320-D503	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M741 RAAMS-S	1320-D509	Yes, but not zone 1 or 2	Yes	Yes	No	17,740	MT
M712 Copperhead	1320-D510	Yes, but no requirement for zones 1 through 3	Yes	Yes	No	16,400	BD (comes already installed)
M804 practice	1320-D513	Yes, but not zone 1	Yes	Yes	No	18,100	PD,MTSQ, VT M732 only)

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4 this munition.

1 **9003. Ammunition**

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3 **a. Separate-Loading.** Separate-loading ammunition is issued as four separate
4 components: primer, propellant, projectile, and fuze. The components are unpacked, prepared
5 for firing, and loaded into the weapon in three portions. The first portion consists of the
6 projectile with fuze, the second portion consists of the propellant, and the third portion consists
7 of the primer. Propellants are of three types: green bag, white bag, and red bag.
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9 **b. 155mm Shell-Fuze Combinations**

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11 **(1) High Explosive Shell, Point Detonating Fuze (HE, Q).** HE Q is a bursting-type
12 projectile filled with TNT or composition B. It produces fragmentation and blast over a wide
13 area on impact. Optimum effectiveness is gained by using the lowest charge without causing
14 excessive dispersion. M557 fuzes are subject to premature detonation by heavy rain or hail.
15 This shell-fuze combination is effective against standing personnel, personnel prone on ground,
16 unarmored vehicles, and light material. It is particularly effective in high angle fire.
17 Effectiveness is reduced on personnel dug in, on uneven ground, and against buildings or
18 earthworks. Some detonation will occur when fired in trees. HE Projectile Nomenclature:
19 M107. Fuze Q Nomenclature: M557 and M739.
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21 **(2) High Explosive Shell, Delay Fuze (HE Delay).** HE delay is a function obtained
22 by rotating a set screw on the point detonating fuze to cause a .05 second delay in detonation
23 after impact. This shell-fuze combination is used for penetration of overhead cover or to
24 obtain airburst by ricochet. Use the highest practicable charge for ricochet effect. HE delay is
25 effective against unarmored vehicles, earth and log fortifications and some masonry and
26 concrete targets, personnel in light frame structures, lightly covered emplacements, and dense
27 woods. It is not effective against heavy masonry or concrete.
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29 **(3) High Explosive Shell, Proximity Fuze (HE, VT).** HE VT has a radio-activated
30 fuze which functions when it receives the reflection of a self-transmitted radio signal. The fuze
31 has a nonadjustable height of burst of 7 meters above the target. A wet or marshy target area
32 will increase the height of burst. The greater the angle of fall, the closer the burst will be to
33 the ground. When the target is close to friendly troops, the lowest practicable charge should
34 be used to obtain a large angle of fall. HE VT is useful in situations where an airburst is
35 desired without the need to adjust the height of burst. It is particularly useful when engaging
36 long-range targets, at night, and for high angle fire. Light foliage has little effect on the VT
37 fuze, but heavy foliage will cause detonation. VT Fuze Nomenclature: M728 and M732.
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39 **(4) High Explosive Shell, Mechanical Time Superquick Fuze (HE, MTSQ).** HE
40 MT contains a graduated time mechanism set prior to firing to activate at a predetermined time
41 interval. The height of burst is normally set to activate 20 meters above the target, or on
42 impact. However, the height of burst usually requires adjustment. Use the highest practicable
43 charge to minimize the height of burst error. M564 fuzes are subject to premature detonation
44 by heavy rain or hail. HE MT is effective against exposed personnel or personnel in

1 uncovered trenches or fighting positions. It is unreliable in high angle fire because of a large
2 PE/HOB. MTSQ Fuze Nomenclature: M564, M577, and M582.

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4 **(5) High Explosive Shell, Concrete Piercing Fuze (CP).** The CP fuze is of special,
5 heavy metal construction for use against concrete targets. These fuzes come in two types:
6 nondelay to clear away rubble and shatter effects and a delay type (0.025 seconds) for
7 penetration followed by fragmentation and blast to be used in fire for effect. This shell fuze
8 combination should not be used in area neutralization fire. CP Fuze Nomenclature: M78
9 Series.

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11 **(6) White Phosphorus (WP) Shell.** This is a burster type projectile filled with WP.
12 On detonation, WP is expelled over a limited area. This projectile is most often fuzed with the
13 point detonating fuze (M557 or M739). However, it can be fuzed with a mechanical time
14 (MT) fuze (M564 or M582) to produce an airburst. WP is used for marking, screening,
15 obscuring, and incendiary effects. It is useful against vehicles, POL storage areas, etc. WP
16 Projectile Nomenclature: M110 Series.

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18 **(7) Smoke Shells.** Shell smoke is an expelling charge type projectile which contains
19 canisters filled with a pyrotechnic smoke mixture (hexachloroethane-zinc) (M116). When a
20 MT fuze (M565, or M577) activates, these canisters are expelled from the rear of the
21 projectile, producing smoke for 60 to 90 seconds. The projectile usually requires adjustment.
22 The smoke has more screening effect than WP but has a longer buildup time. The HC smoke
23 projectile is being replaced with the M825 improved smoke round. The M825 uses felt
24 wedges impregnated with WP to facilitate rapid dissemination and provides five to ten minutes
25 of smoke. A MT fuze activates a charge causing base ejection and ignition of the WP felt-pad
26 wedges in a large area. Unburned WP can cause a hazard to friendly forces; therefore caution
27 must be exercised when operating in these areas. Smoke Projectile Nomenclature: M116
28 Series and M825.

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30 **(8) Illuminating Shell (illum).** Shell illum is an expelling charge-type projectile
31 which contains an illuminant canister and parachute assembly. On activation of a MT fuze
32 (M565, M577), the canister/parachute assembly is expelled from the base of the projectile, and
33 the illuminant suspends from the parachute providing 1,000,000 candle power of battlefield
34 illumination. Illuminating Shell Nomenclature: M485.

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36 **(9) Improved Conventional Munitions.** This is an expelling charge-type projectile
37 that contains submunitions (grenades). Upon activation of a MT fuze (M565 or M577) or an
38 electronic time (ET) fuze (M762), these grenades are ejected over the target area. There are
39 two types of ICM: antipersonnel (ICM) and antimaterial (DPICM).

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41 **(a) ICM.** ICM contains 60 grenades. When the grenade strikes the target, it
42 hurls a steel ball filled with explosive 5 or 6 feet into the air, where it detonates and scatters
43 over the target area. ICM has maximum effectiveness against troops in the open. Some effect
44 can be gained on troops in fighting positions.

1 **(b) DPICM.** DPICM contains 88 dual-purpose armor defeating and
2 antipersonnel grenades. When the projectile is detonated, a high explosive-shaped charge
3 grenade suspended from a ribbon streamer is expelled. On impact, a shaped-charge jet is
4 expelled downward through the body of the grenade, while the rest of the grenade bursts
5 outward producing fragmentation. The jet is capable of penetrating approximately 2.75 inches
6 of homogenous armor plate. DPICM is effective against vehicles such as armored personnel
7 carriers and trucks. Little effects are produced against hard materiel targets.

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9 The effects pattern of ICM is generally uniform and in a circular shape. The size of the
10 pattern varies with the caliber, characteristics of the target area, and the height of burst. Six
11 155mm howitzers can deliver an effects pattern of 150 meters in radius. The height of burst
12 may require adjustment. Deep snow (over 6 inches) can reduce the effects by more than fifty
13 percent. All ICM grenades are subject to duds. At the optimum HOB, the dud rate is
14 normally less than two percent. On some types of terrain, it may be as high as fifteen percent.
15 It is more effective than HE on area personnel targets because a greater area is covered
16 uniformly with a greater density of fragmentation. Caution should be exercised when firing
17 DPICM in trees, since the ribbon streamers may become hung in the trees, creating obstacles
18 to friendly troops moving in the area. ICM Projectile Nomenclature: M449. DPICM
19 Projectile Nomenclature: M483A1.

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21 **(10) High Explosive, Rocket-Assisted Projectile (RAP).** Rocket-assisted projectiles
22 have high fragmentation steel cases filled with composition B or TNT. An integral rocket
23 motor is positioned on the rear which functions along the trajectory, increasing the range of the
24 projectile. Accuracy of the RAP is reduced at longer ranges due to the uneven burn of the
25 rocket motor. However, the RAP will produce more fragmentation over a larger area than the
26 standard HE projectile. The RAP can be fuzed with point detonating fuze (M557, M739), MT
27 fuze (M582 series) or ET fuze (M767). See TMs for limitations on fuze and propelling charge
28 combinations. RAP Nomenclature: M549 Series.

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30 **(11) Cannon Launched Guided Projectile (CLGP or Copperhead).** The
31 Copperhead projectile is an antitank round that has the capability of homing in on its target
32 after being fired. It is employed in indirect fire to destroy or neutralize moving and stationary
33 hard point targets such as armor, mechanized vehicles, and field fortifications. Targets must
34 be designated during the latter phase of the terminal portion of the trajectory for at least 13
35 seconds by either a ground or airborne laser which provides reflective laser energy for terminal
36 homing.

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38 **(12) Family of Scatterable Mines (FASCAM).** FASCAM refers to expelling charge
39 projectiles used to deliver antitank or antipersonnel mines. FASCAM includes **area denial**
40 **artillery munitions (ADAM)** and **remote antiarmor mine system (RAAMS)**. These
41 projectiles are fuzed with either an MTSQ fuze (M577) or an electronic fuze (M762).

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43 **(a) ADAM.** ADAM projectiles are antipersonnel projectiles that contain
44 submunitions used to deny the enemy use of certain areas for a short period. This action is
45 accomplished by firing the ADAM so that 36 submunitions per projectile are ejected over the
46 target area. After each submunition comes to rest on the ground, 7 sensor trip lines will

1 deploy up to 20 feet from each mine. Disturbance of the trip line completes an electronic
2 circuit. A layer of liquid propellant, which by gravity rests under the kill mechanism, is
3 initiated, shattering the plastic munition body and projecting the kill mechanism upward. At
4 approximately 2 to 8 feet above the ground, the kill mechanism detonates, projecting
5 approximately 600 steel fragments in all directions. If the mine has not detonated or
6 functioned within the factory set time, it will automatically self-destruct, thereby clearing the
7 area. The self-destruct times are 48 hours (long) or 4 hours (short). ADAM Projectile
8 nomenclature: M731 (S), M692 (L).

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10 **(b) RAAMS.** RAAMS projectiles are antitank projectiles that contain
11 submunitions used to deny or delay access to a particular area for a specific period. Each
12 projectile contains nine mines that can be expelled into the target area. The mines are scattered
13 over an area and become armed within seconds after landing. Any metallic object, such as
14 tank, self-propelled vehicle, or other type unit, passing over the mines will cause them to
15 activate and damage or destroy the equipment. These mines also have self-destruct
16 mechanisms. Scattered among the mines are some that have an antisturbance firing
17 mechanism. RAAMS Projectile nomenclature: M741 (S), M718 (L).

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19 **NOTE:** When firing a shell-mix of ADAMS and RAAMS fire the RAAMS first in order to
20 prevent the premature detonation of ADAMS.

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22 **c. Propellants**

23 **(1) M3 Series Propelling Charge (Green Bag).** Green bag propellant is used for
24 firing charges 1 through 5. The propellant increments are loaded in cloth bags which are
25 fastened together by cloth straps. The M3 series contains two types of propellants: M3 and
26 M3A1.

27 **(2) M4 Series Propelling Charge (White Bag).** White bag propellant is used for
28 firing charges 3 through 7. The propellant increments are loaded in cloth bags fastened
29 together by cloth straps. The M4 series contains two types of propellant: M4A1 and M4A2.

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31 **(3) M119 Series Propelling Charge.** The M119 series contains two types of
32 propellants: M119A1 and M119A2. M119A1 is a propelling charge designated as charge 8
33 and extends the range of the 155mm howitzers using the M795 HE projectile. The propelling
34 charge is a single-increment white bag charge. M119A1 has a donut-shaped flash reducer at
35 the forward end that precludes non-ignition of the rocket motor of the RAP. M119A2 is a
36 charge 7 red bag propellant. The propelling charge is a single increment red bag charge.

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38 **(4) M203 Propelling Charge.** The M203 is an 8 super charge designed to
39 supplement the standard M3, M4, and M119 series charges and to provide extended range for
40 the M198. The M203 is a single increment red bag charge. The charge is used to fire the
41 RAP, M795, M864 BBDPICM, or M825A1.

1 **d. Interchangeability of Ammunition.** NATO forces are to use AOP-6, *Land Forces*
2 *Ammunition Interchangeability Catalogue in Wartime*, in order to identify ammunition which
3 can be interchanged and fired by each national weapon system in war.
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5 **e. Ammunition Field Storage.** The four greatest hazards to ammunition in the battery
6 area are weather, enemy fire, improper handling, and careless smokers. Regardless of the
7 method of storage, these hazards must be considered. Some general considerations for storage
8 of ammunition include:
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- 10 w Stack ammunition by type, lot number, and weight zone.
- 11 w If ammunition is being stored on the ground, use at least 6 inches of dunnage under
12 each stack.
- 13 w Keep ammunition dry and out of direct sunlight by storing it in a vehicle or
14 covering it with a tarp. Be sure adequate ventilation is provided.
- 15 w If offloaded, provide ammunition as much protection from enemy indirect fires as
16 time and available materials allow. If sandbags are used for protection, keep the
17 walls at least 6 inches from the stacks and the roof at least 18 inches from the stacks
18 to ensure proper ventilation.
- 19 w Particular attention must be paid to ammunition temperature. A powder
20 thermometer is inserted into the top powder increment in the canister, and care must
21 be taken to ensure the thermometer does not touch metal. FDOs should update
22 propellant temperature at least every hour if not every half-hour, especially in the
23 morning when the temperature rises quickly, and after sunset.
- 24 w Only enough ammunition to meet current needs should be prepared for firing.
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26 **f. Care and Handling of Ammunition**

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- 28 w Never tumble, drag, throw, or drop individual projectiles or boxes of projectiles.
- 29 w Do not allow smoking, open flames, or other fire hazards around ammunition
30 storage areas.
- 31 w Never make unauthorized alterations or mix components of one lot with another.
- 32 w Do not fire ammunition that has been rammed and then extracted.
- 33 w Leave eyebolt lifting plug or closing plug screwed into the fuze well until the round
34 is to be fuzed.
- 35 w Store WP ammunition upright on its base at all times, away from combustible
36 materials, and away from other ammunition, if possible.
- 37 w Inspect projectiles for leakage, dents, or cuts on the rotating band that go through
38 the round, loose grommets, improper assembly, and cleanliness.
- 39 w Fuzes must be protected from shock. When fuzing a round, inspect to ensure the
40 threads are clean and serviceable and the fuze is screwed flush with nose of the
41 projectile without gap.
- 42 w Never lift a projectile fuzed with a time fuze with a hand around the fuze. A slip
43 might change the fuze setting.
- 44 w Fuzes must not be dropped, rolled, or struck under any circumstances. Caution
45 should be exercised to ensure these fuzes do not strike the breech of a weapon
46 during loading.

- 1 w Any MT fuze that is set and not fired must be reset to SAFE, and the safety wires,
2 if applicable, must be replaced before the fuze is repacked in the original carton.
- 3 w Never fire a projectile without a fuze or with a fuze that is not authorized for that
4 projectile.
- 5 w Keep powder containers closed tight to keep moisture out and keep them dry and
6 cool.
- 7 w Propellant bags must be firm, clean, and well laced or tied and the increments
8 inserted in the proper sequence.
- 9 w Keep flash reducers dry and in their sealed containers until needed for use.
10 M119A2 charge 7 red bag propellant is manufactured with flash reducers attached
11 and should not be removed.
- 12 w Protect primers from shock and moisture.
- 13 w Do not fire unused powder increments. Store this powder away from the weapon
14 until they can be burned or otherwise disposed of. The procedures for burning
15 powder are discussed below.

16 **g. Procedures for Burning Powder**

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- 19 w Select a burning site at least 200 meters from grass and loose debris as well as
20 personnel and equipment.
- 21 w Arrange a row of increments in a single layer not more than 12-inches wide oriented
22 in the direction of the wind.
- 23 w Lay a train of combustible material about 15 feet long, perpendicular to and at the
24 downwind end of the row of charge increments. Light this train at the end farthest
25 from the increments.
- 26 w When burning powder in a tactical environment, ensure the burning does not
27 compromise the camouflage and concealment effort.
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30 **9004. Ammunition Under Development**

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32 There are currently several munitions under development for artillery weapon systems. This
33 paragraph focuses on those which are relevant to the 155mm towed howitzer systems (XM777
34 and M198) and will be available for Marine Corps procurement in the future.

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36 **a. M795, High Explosive Projectile.** The M795 is a 155 High Explosive (HE)
37 projectile. It will be employed against the same target array as the M107 HE projectile and
38 achieve a range of 22.5 km. In addition, it will be used to determine registration corrections
39 for expeditious computation of range, deflection, and fuze setting corrections for other
40 members of the M483, ballistically similar, family of projectiles.

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42 **b. Extended Range M795.** The extended range M795 possesses similar ballistic
43 characteristics as the M864 Base-Burn Dual Purpose Improved Conventional Munition
44 (BBDPICM) projectile and will have a greater lethality at extended ranges than the M549 High
45 Explosive Rocket Assisted (HERA) projectile. When fired with zone 5, Modular Artillery
46 Charge System (MACS) it will be capable of achieving a range of 37 km (threshold) to 40 km

1 (objective). In addition, this projectile will be used to determine registration corrections for
2 expeditious computation of range, deflection, and fuze setting corrections for use with the
3 M864 BBDPICM projectile.
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5 **c. XM982 Extended Range Munitions.** The XM982 Extended Range projectile will
6 replace the M864 BBDPICM projectile and will provide 155mm howitzers with an extended
7 range, fratricide reducing, accuracy-enhancing capability to the FMF. The XM982 concept
8 combines both drag reduction from the M864 BBDPICM projectile and glide technology from
9 the M712 Copperhead projectile. Currently there are three variants of the XM982 (DPICM,
10 SADARM, and Unitary Warhead), each of which has a GPS/Inertial Navigation System (INS)
11 self location system, is compatible with the Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery (MOFA), and will
12 be inductively set via the Portable Inductive Artillery Fuze Setter (PIFAS). A significant
13 reduction in the fratricide probability for cannon DPICM firings will be reduced utilizing
14 DPICM submunitions with self-destruct/sterilization features. Hazardous DPICM duds will be
15 reduced from the current M42/46 2-3 percent rate to equal to or less than .2 percent (1 in 500)
16 when DPICM is the lethal cargo for the XM982 projectile.
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18 **d. SADARM.** SADARM is a base-ejecting projectile carrying two submunitions.
19 When ejected these submunitions detect armored vehicles or equipment and detonate an
20 Explosively Formed Penetrator (EFP) to penetrate the top of the target. It is ballistically
21 similar to the M483A1 and therefore capable of being utilized to determine registration
22 corrections for expeditious computation of range, deflection, and fuze setting corrections for
23 use with the M483A1. SADARM will be capable of a 28 km to 37 km range from a 39
24 Caliber cannon and maintain an effectiveness equal to or greater than that of the M864
25 BBDPICM projectile.
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27 **e. M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery (MOFA).** The MOFA fuze is compatible
28 with all 155mm HE family projectiles and may function as a proximity, time, point detonating,
29 or delay fuze. It consists of an electronic countermeasure hardened design and will be set
30 inductively via the PIAFS.
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32 **f. Portable Inductive Artillery Fuze Setter (PIAFS).** Initially PIAFS will be a
33 battery powered, hand held device capable of electronically setting the M762, M767, and
34 MOFA fuzes. This will increase accuracy and rates of fire, reduce human errors, and shorten
35 artillery response time. Ultimately the PIAFS is envisioned to become incorporated into the
36 P3I (pre-program product initiative) system of the XM777 howitzer by transferring fuze
37 information directly from the technical solution derived by the P3I mission manager to the
38 fuze.
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40 **g. Modular Artillery Charge System (MACS).** The MACS consists of two solid
41 propellant charges (M231 and M232) which will be compatible with all 155mm artillery
42 systems. The M232 is designed solely for the US Army's Crusader SP howitzer. Charge
43 errors will be reduced due to each charge being identical (i.e., rather than verifying the correct
44 number of increments and the correct charges, only the correct number of increments has to be
45 verified). The MACS will also reduce logistical requirements as a result of its reduced volume
46 and weight when compared to the M3A1 Green Bag and M4A2 White Bag series of

1 propellants.

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