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HEAVY TEAM LOGISTICS REPORTING AT JRTC

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What's the slant? A call comes over the radio stating that the slant is 8/7/3 — eight tanks, seven Bradley fighting vehicles and three dismount squads. Everyone understands what this means. It is standing operating procedure, a way to abbreviate critical information. But what about the logistics slant? A logistics slant is fundamentally the same, except that it refers to the logistics *basic load* instead of the combat slant.

At the Joint Readiness Training Center, an armor/mechanized company team is attached to the light infantry brigade for the rotation. The heavy team support component is usually a slice element that has no normal combat service support players, such as the battalion S-4 and a fully functioning field trains command post. The logistics slant is a fast and simple technique of identifying critical ammunition and fuel requirements and simplifying the logistics status report (LOGSTAT) to the company and field trains command post.

The command post will generally request to know what supplies the platoons have on hand and what they need in order to generate a LOGSTAT. By using a logistics slant, the command post can

gather the on-hand supplies and quickly determine the amounts required.

The example used in the table is based on a 2 x 2 company team attached to a light brigade for a JRTC rotation. The tank company task organized with two Bradley platoons is equal to 10 tanks and eight Bradleys. This is a quick and easy way to determine requirements, and it can be easily tailored to mission loads that may differ from the basic loads listed in Field Manuals (FMs) 17-15, *Tank Platoon*, and 7-7J, *Mechanized Infantry Platoon and Squad (Bradley)*. This format also can be used for platoon, section, squad, or even fire team level.

A logistics slant that is understood by all combat service support players will enable the company team to go into battle with everything they need and concentrate on the mission at hand.

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| SUPPLY | BASIC LOAD | SLANT (SUPPLY X BASIC LOAD) | COMPANY TEAM BASIC LOAD | LOGISTICS SLANT |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| M1A2 (Reference FM 17-15) | | | | |
| M1 120 mm | 42 rounds | 10 | 420 rounds | /420 |
| .50 cal MG | 900 rounds | 10 | 9,000 rounds | /9,000 |
| 7.62 mm | 11,400 rounds | 10 | 114,000 rounds | /114,000 |
| JP8 | 504 gallons | 10 | 5,040 gallons | /5,040 |
| M2A2 (Reference FM 7-7J) | | | | |
| M2 25 mm | 900 rounds | 8 | 7,200 rounds | /7,200 |
| .50 cal MG | 7 rounds | 8 | 56 rounds | /56 |
| 7.62 mm | 2,200 rounds | 8 | 17,600 rounds | /17,600 |
| JP8 | 175 gallons | 8 | 1,400 gallons | /1,400 |
| Dismount Infantry and Crew (Reference FM 7-7J) | | | | |
| 5.56 Link | 600 rounds | 6 | 3,600 rounds | /3,600 |
| 5.56 | 210 rounds or 7 magazines | 28 | 5,880 rounds or 196 magazines | /5,880 /196 |