#### Chapter 6

#### Demolitions

# SAFETY

The minimum safe distances for personnel in the open when detonating explosives are given in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1. Explosives minimum safe distances

EXPLOSIVES KG (LB)	SAFE DISTANCE. M (FT)	EXPLOSIVES KG (LB)	SAFE DISTANCE. M (FT)
.45 to 12.3 (1 to 27)	300 (900)	68.0 (150)	534 (1.590)
13.6 (30)	311 (930)	79.8 (175)	560 (1.680)
16.3 (35)	327 (980)	90.7 (200)	585 (1.750)
18.1 (40)	342 (1.020)	102.4 (225)	609 (1.820)
20.8 (45)	356 (1.070)	113.8 (250)	630 (1.890)
22.7 (50)	369 (1.100)	125.1 (275)	651 (1.950)
27.2 (60)	392 (1.170)	136.0 (300)	670 (2.000)
31.8 (70)	413 (1.240)	147.8 (325)	688 (2.070)
36.3 (80)	431 (1.290)	158.8 (350)	705 (2.100)
40.8 (90)	449 (1.330)	170.5 (375)	722 (2.160)
45.4 (100)	465 (1,390)	181.4 (400)	737 (2.210)
57.1 (125)	500 (1.500)	193.2 (425)	750 (2.250)
	1	227.3 (500)	800 (2.400)
For charges over 227.30 distance in feet = 300 Safe distance in meters	Pounds of e	xplosives unds of explosives	

Explosives may be prematurely detonated by induced currents. Table 6-2 gives distances that transmitters may detonate explosives by transmitted-induced currents.

AVERAGE OR PEAK TRANSMITTER POWER	MINIMUM DISTANCE TO TRANSMITTER
WATTS (NOTE)	M (FT)
0-30	30 (96 4)
30-50	50 (164.1)
50-100	110 (360.9)
100-250	160 (524 9)
250-500	230 (754 6)
500-1.000	305 (1.000 6)
1.000-3.000	480 (1.574 8)
3.000-5.000	610 (2.001.3)
5.000-20.000	915 (3.001.9)
0.000-50.000	1.530 (4.921.2)
0.000-100.000	3.050 (9.824-1)

Table 6-2. Premature detonation by induced currents

NOTE: When the transmission is a pulsed or pulsed continuous wave type and its pulse width is less than 10 microseconds. The left hand column indicates average power for all other transmissions, including those with pulse widths greater than 10 microseconds. The left hand column indicates peak power.

Electric power lines. Electric firing should not be performed within 155 meters of energized power transmission lines. When it is necessary to conduct blasting operations at distances closer than 155 weters to electric power lines, nonelectric firing systems should be used or the power lines isenergized.

CAUTION If electric blasting caps are to be transported near operating transmitters or in vehicles (including helicopters) in which a transmitter is to be operated, the caps will be placed in a metal can the cover of which must be snug litting and lap over the body of the can to a minimum depth of one-half inch. Caps will not be removed from container in proximity to operating transmitter unless the hazard has been evaluated and estimated to be acceptable (ammo can).

Misfires should be handled by the person who placed the charge. Thirty minutes must be allowed for "cook-off" on all nonelectric or buried charges. Above ground misfires should be blown in place by priming at least 1 pound of exploxive placed as close as possible to the charge without disturbing it. Buried misfires should be carefully excavated to no closer than 1 foot from charge and then blown in place with at least 2 pounds of explosive. Do not attempt to move or disarm a misfire and do not abandon misfired explosives.

### EXPLOSIVE CHARACTERISTICS

Table 6-3 shows the main characteristics and uses of military explosives.

Table 6-3. Military explosives characteristics
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EXPLOSIVE	USAGE	DET VEL (FPS)	RE Factor	SIZE. WEIGHT, AND PACKAGING
TNT	Breaching	23.000	1.00	1 lb: 48-56/Box: ½ lb: 96-106/Box
Tetrytoi	Breaching	23.000	1.20	8-219 lb/Sack; 2 Sacks/Box
C-4 M5A1 and M112	Cut and Breach	26.000	1.34	M5A1: 24-2-2 Ib Blks/Box M112: 30-1 4 Ib Blks/Box
Sheet Exp Mil8 M186	Cutting	24.000	1 14	4.15 Ib Sheets/Pack with 20 Packs per Box (1 Sheet $= 3^{\circ} x^{+4^{\circ}} x 12^{\circ}$ ) 3-25 Ib Rolls/Box (50 long)
Dynamite M1	Qry/Stump/ Ditch	20.000	0 92	100-1: Ib Sticks/Box
Det Cord	Priming	20.000 24.000		3-1,000' Rolls or 8-500' Rolls∕Box
Crater Charge	Craters	8.900	0.42	1-40 lb Cannister/Box
Bangalore M1A2	Wire and Breaching	25.600	1.17	10-5' Sections/Box (176 lb)
Shaped Charges M2A4 M3A1	Cutting Holes	25.600 25.600	1.17 1.17	4-15 lb Shaped Charges/Box 1-40 lb Shaped Charge/Box

NOTES: 1. Dynamite which is to be submerged under water for a period exceeding 24 hours must be waterproofed by sealing in plastic or dipping in pitch.

- 2. The C-4 which is to be used under water must be kept in packages to prevent erosion.
- 3. Cratering charges will malfunction in the ammonium nitrate is exposed to moisture.
- 4. Fumes produced by detonating or burning explosives are dangerous.

PRIMING EXPLOSIVES

Explosives may be primed with detonating cord (Figure 6-1), electrically or nonelectrically.

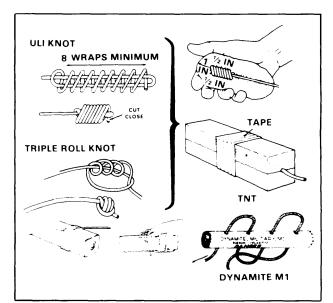


Figure 6-1. Detonating cord priming

#### FIRING SYSTEMS

Firing systems may be electric or nonelectric. A dual-firing system is two completely separate systems that may be dual electric, dual nonelectric, or a combination. See Figure 6-2 for details.

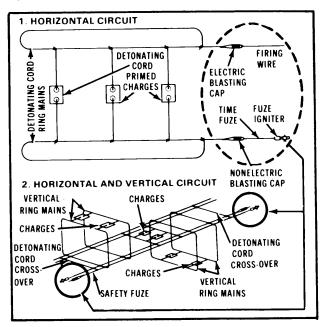
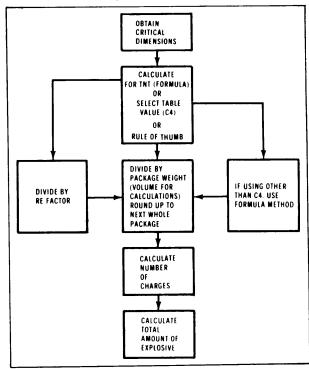


Figure 6-2. Combination dual-firing system



General steps are shown in Figure 6-3.



#### Figure 6-3. Explosive calculation steps

# Steel Cutting Charges

See Figure 6-4 and Table 6-4.

FORMULA	USE
P = 3 A	Cut beams, columns, girders, steel plates, any structural steel section, bars 2 inches thick or over
P = D <sup>2</sup>	Cut high carbon or alloy steel (2 inches or less)
Where:	P = Pounds of TNT A = Cross-section area in square inches of D = Thickness or diameter in inches

Figure	6-4.	Steel	cutting	formulas
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## Steel cutting rules of thumb

The required explosive is either TNT or plastic explosive (RE factor conversion is not needed.)

Rails (cut preferably at crossings switches, or curves). Cut at alternate rail splices for a distance of 500 feet

Less than 5 inches high - use 1/2 pound. Five inches or higher - use 1 pound. Crossings and switches - use 1 pound.

# Cables, chains, rods, and bars.

Up to 1 inch diameter use -1 pound. Over 1 inch to 2 inches - use 2 pounds. Over 2 inches - use P = (1%) A or suitable dimensional type charge.

NOTE: Chain and cable rules are for those under tension. Both sides of chain link must be cut.

Table 6-4 C4 needed to cut steel sections

THICKI OF		ĸ	ILOGE	AMS (	POUN		F C4 F GIVEN				STEEL	SECTI	ONS	
SECTI CN (IN					W	IDTH	OF SE	CTION	IN CM	(IN)				
	5 1 (2)					20.3 (8)	25.4 (10)				457 (18)			
0.6 ('+)	.1 (.2)		2 (.3)	.2 (4)	2 (5)	.3 (.6)	<b>4</b> (.8)	5 (.9)	5 (1)	6 (12)	6 (13)	7 (15)	.8 (1.6)	8 (1.8)
1.0 ( <sup>3</sup> 1)			. 2 ( 5)	.3 (.6)			5 (1-1)				-		11 (2.4)	1.2 (2.6)
1.3 (17)	-	-					7 (1-5)							1.6 (3.4)
1.6 (`r)	-	-	.4 (.8)	5 (.9)			.9 (1-8)	-						2 (4 3)
19 ('+)	1 -		.5 (.9)		-	-	1 (2-1)		• •			-		
2 2 (`+)	3 (.6)	4 (8)					1.2 (2.5)				21 (4.5)		2.5 (5.5)	2.7 (5.9)
2.5 (1)	3 (.6)	.5 (.9)					1.3 (2.9)							3.1 (6.8)

NOTE Rounded up to next 1/10 pound and kilogram

Use table to: 1. Measure rectangular sections of member separately 2. Find charge for each section. 3. Add charges for sections to find total charge

- 4 If dimension is not on table, use next larger dimension

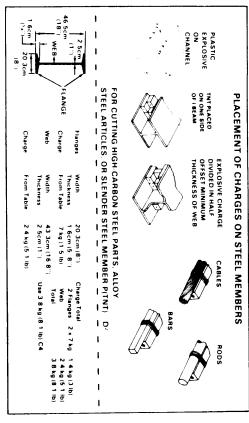


Figure 6-5. Steel cutting charges emplacement

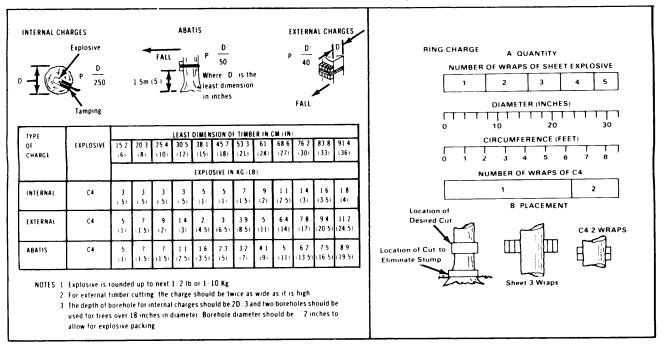
# Special steel cutting charges

SHORT AXIS 'S CIRCUMFERENCE POINTS OF DETONATION Diamond 1" THICK LONG AXIS CIRCUMFERENCE	DETONATION AT APEX BASE Saddle LONG AXIS CIRCUMFERENCE	BEAMS LESS THAM 2 INCHES THICK Offset flange charge so that one edge Ribbon of C shaped charges of C shaped charges PRIMING BEAMS 2 INCHES THICK OR MORE Detonating cord primers is opposite an edge Detonating cord primers of the C shaped charges must be of equal length	CHARGE TYPE
Cut solid bars up to 8" thick See diagram for charge dimensions	Cut solid bars up to 8' thick See diagram for charge dimensions	Cut flat steel up (Di 3" thick (Plates, beams, columns) Depth 1-7 thickness of target Width 3 times thickness of Charge Length Same as length of cut desired	USE AND DIMENSIONS
Detonating cord primers at apexes must be equal length	Explosive must be cut rather than molded Difficult	-1,4" minimum charge thickness Cut explosive. DO MOT mold Explosive target contact must exist over entire area	REMARKS

# **Timber Cutting Charges**

Figure 6- 7 shows charge placement formulas and amount of explosive. Whenever possible, a test shot should reconducted to determine the exact amount of explosive required to obtain the desired effect. Use the values or formulas given in Figure 6-7

for initial test shot. After the initial result, increase or decrease the amount of explosive as appropriate. See Figure 6-8 for stumping operations. Use ring charges as shown in Figure 6-7 when full removal is not desired.



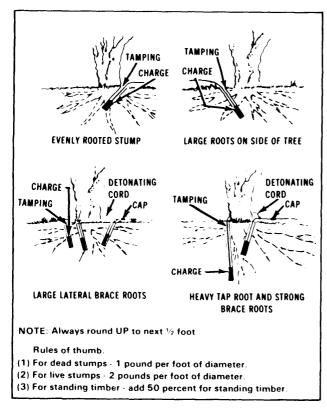
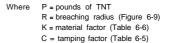


Figure 6-8. Stump blasting methods for various root structures

## Breaching Charges

Table 6-5 shows quantity of explosive for reinforced concrete. Quantity for other materials may be obtained by use of a conversion factor (Table 6-5 page 6-8)

Breaching formulas: P = R<sup>3</sup>KC



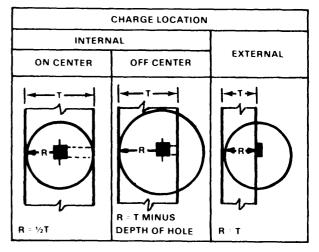


Figure 6-9. Breaching radius

# Table 6-6. Values of K (material factor) for breaching charges

MATERIAL	R M (FT)	ĸ
Earth	All values	0.07
Poor masonry, shale, hardpan, good timber, and earth construction	Less than 1.5 (5) 1 5 (5) or more	0 32 0 29
Good masonry, concrete block, rock	.3 (1) or less over 3 (1) to less than .9 (3)	0 88 0 48
	9 (3) to less than 1.5 (5)	0.40
	1 5 (5) to less than 2 1 (7)	0.32
	2 1 (7) or more	0.27
Dense concrete, first-class masonry	.3 (1) or less over .3 (1) to less than .9 (3)	1.14 0.62
	.9 (3) to less than 1.5 (5)	0 52
	1.5 (5) to less than 2 1 (7)	0.41
	2.1 (7) or more	0.35
Reinforced concrete (concrete only: will not cut reinforcing steel)	.3 (1) or less over .3 (1) to less	1.76 0.96
	than 9(3) .9(3) to less than	0.80
	1 5 (5) 1.5 (5) to less than 2 1 (7)	0.63
	2.1 (7) 2.1 (7) or more	0 54

Round off rule for N

Less than 1.25 - use 1 charge 1.25 to 2.49 - use 2 charges

2.5 or greater - round off to nearest whole number

# Table 6-7. Thickness of breaching charge

THICKNESS OF CHARGE
1
2 in
4 in
8 in

Thickness of breaching charge is in approximate values.

For best result, place charge in a flat square shape with flat side to target. For breaching of hard surface pavements use 1 pound of explosive for each 2 inches of surface.

1	C4 BREACHIN	G CHARGES RE	INFORCED CO	ONCRETE ONLY						
	METHODS OF PLACEMENT									
THICKNESS OF CONCRETE										
C FACTOR	1.0	1.0 1.0	1.8	2.0 2.0	36					
EXPLOSIVE	C4	C4	Č4	C4	C4					
M (FT)	Kg (LB)	Kg (LB)	Kg (LB)	Kg (LB)	Kg (LB)					
0.6	1.7	2.8	4.8	5.5	9.6					
(2)	(1.5)	(6)	(10.5)	(12)	(21)					
0.8	7	5.3	9.4	10.3	18.5					
(2.5)	(1.5)	(11.5)	(20.5)	(22.5)	(40.5)					
0.9	1.4	75	13.5	15	26 6					
(3)	(3)	(16.5)	(29.5)	(33)	(58.5)					
1.1	2.1	12.1	21.2	23.5	42.3					
(3.5)	(4.5)	(26.5)	(46.5)	(51.5)	(93)					
1.2	2.8	17.8	31.6	35.0	63					
(4)	(6)	(39)	(69.5)	(77)	(138.5)					
1.4	3.9	24.8	44.8	49.6	89.4					
(4.5)	(8.5)	(54.5)	(98.5)	(109)	(196.5)					
1.5	5.3	26 9	48.2	53.7	96.4					
(5)	(11.5)	(59)	(106)	(118)	(212)					
1.7	6.9	35.7	64.4	71.4	1287					
(5.5)	(15)	(78.5)	(141.5)	(157)	(283)					
1.8	7.5	46.2	83.2	92.8	166 4					
(6)	(16.5)	(101.5)	(183)	(204)	(366)					
2.0	9.6	58.9	106	117.5	211.4					
(6.5)	(21)	(129.5)	(233)	(258.5)	(465)					
2.1	12.1	63.2	113.5	126	226.4					
(7)	(26.5)	(139)	(249.5)	(277)	(498)					
2.3	14.8	77.5	139 1	154.8	278.1					
(7.5)	(32.5)	(170.5)	(306)	(340.5)	(613)					
2.4	17.8	94.1	169 1	187.8	338					
(8)	(39)	(207)	(372)	(413)	(743.5)					
NOTE: Rounded up	to the next 1	/2 pound, 1/10	Kg							

Table	6-5.	Breaching	charge	calculation
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EARTH	ORDINARY MASONRY, HARDPAN, SHALE, ORDINARY CONCRETE, ROCK, GOOD TIMBER, AND EARTH CONSTRUCTION	DENSE CONCRETE FIRST CLASS MASONRY 0.7	
0.1	0 5		

To use tables in calculating breaching charges

- Determine the type of material in the object you plan to destroy. If in doubt, assume the material to be of the stronger type, such as, unless you know differently, assume concrete to be reinforced.
- 2. Measure thickness of object.
- 3 Decide how you will place the charge against the object. Compare your method of placement with the diagrams at the top. If there is any question as to which column to use, always use the column that will give you the greater amount of C4.
- 4. Use the table to determine the amount of C4 that would be required if the object were made of reinforced concrete.
- 5. Determine the appropriate conversion factor.
- 6 Multiply the number of pounds of C4 (from table) by the conversion factor.

## Example

A timber earth wall 2m (6.5 ft) thick and an explosive charge placed at the base of the wall without tamping. If this wall was made of reinforced concrete. 211.4 Kg (4651b) of C4 would be required to breach it. The conversion factor is 0.5. Multiply 211.4 Kg (4651b) of C4 by .05 and the result is 115.7 Kg (235.2 lb) of C4 required to breach the wall

# Counterforce Charges

Counterforce charges are pairs of opposing charges to fracture small concrete or masonry blocks and columns. It is not effective against a thickness over 4 feet (Figure 6 -10).

Calculations: P = 1.5 x T

P = pounds of plastic explosive

T = thickness in feet (round UP to next ½ foot)

# Example: Column 3 feet x 3 feet

 $P = 1.5 \times 3 = 4.5$  pounds

Divide by package weight and round UP to next package. Then divide charge into two equal parts. Place charges opposite to each other and detonate simultaneously.

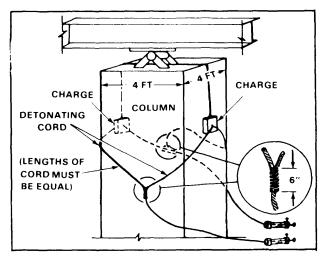


Figure 6-10. Counterforce charge



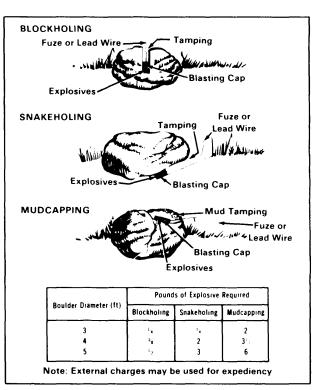
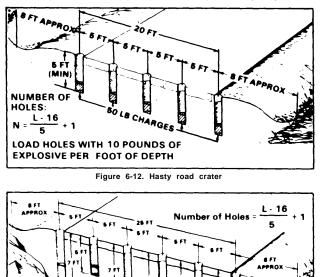
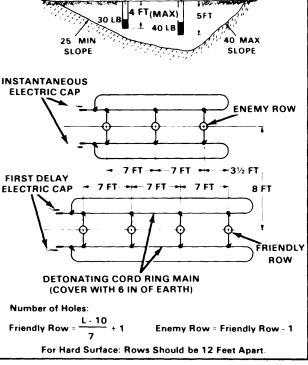


Figure 6-11. Boulder blasting

# **Cratering Charges**

The three types of road craters are hasty, deliberate, and relieved face (figure 6-12 through 6-14). Road craters are usually emplaced by digging the holes by hand mechanically or with 15 or 40 pound shaped charges. These holes are then loaded with the required amount of explosive. (Place C4 on top of cratering charges.)





8FT +

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FRIENDLY SIDE

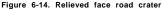
Figure 6-13. Deliberate road crater

80 LB Z

CRATER

APPROX

8 FT DEEP 80.11



Another method of road cratering is by using the M180 demolition cratering kit. The M180 kit consists of a shaped and a cratering charge configured to detonate as a single charge. Figure 6-15 shows the M180 configuration for road cratering. The

M180 is only good for soft unfrozen soils and nonreinforced concrete. Test shots are advised.

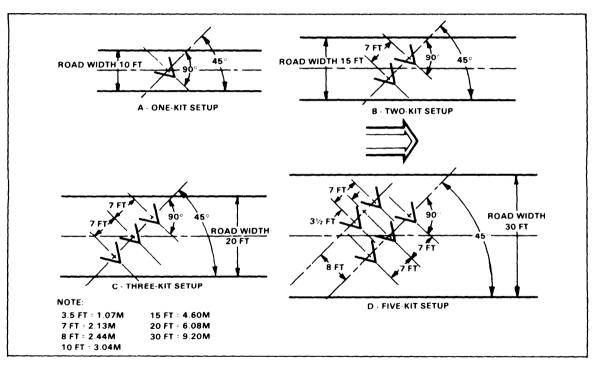


Figure 6-15. Deployment steps of M180

#### BRIDGE DEMOLITIONS

When bridge demolition is used to create an obstacle, the bridge should be demolished to permit the most economical reconstruction by friendly troops and make its use difficult or impossible for the enemy. Bridge demolition consideration factors are-

- Ž Type of spans/supports
- · Anticipated result of cutting spans at different points

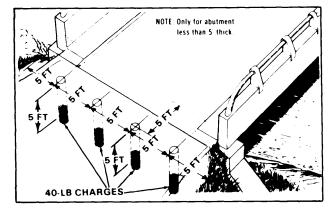


Figure 6-16. Placement of the 5-5-5-40 charge (triple-nickel-forty)

- · Critical span.
- Ž Desired extent of destruction and repair.
- $\check{Z}$  Difficulty and accessibility of desired point of cut by friendly versus enemy forces.
- Identification and measurement of each member in the plane of cut.

# Abutment and Pier Demolitions

See Figures 6-16 through 6-18. Single abutment destruction should be on the friendly side.

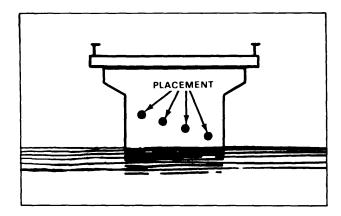
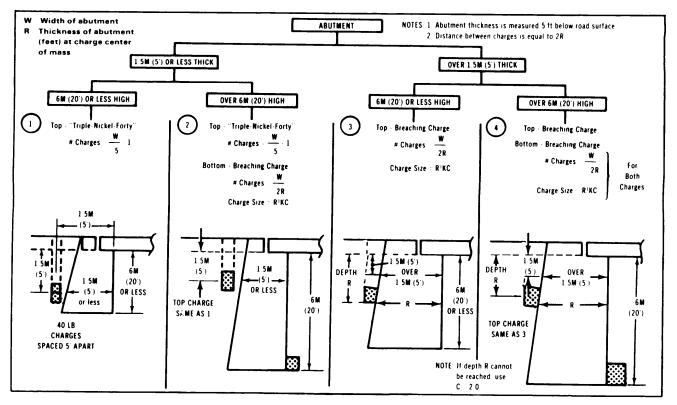


Figure 6-17. Pier demolition





#### Bridge Span Demolition

Figure 6-19 shows different span types and their respective plane of cut. Timber spans may be destroyed using formulas and calculations for regular timber. Figures 6-20 through 6-23 show how to destroy spans designed of steel or concrete. If total demolition is not specified in figure calculate the amount required using the appropriate table or formula.

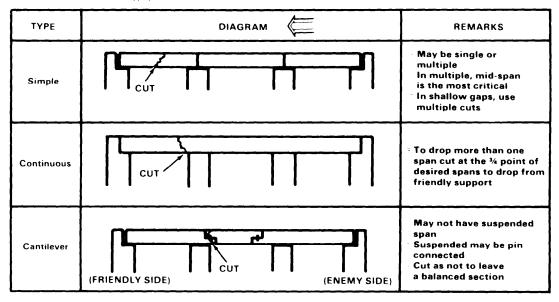


Figure 6-19. Span type and location to drop one span

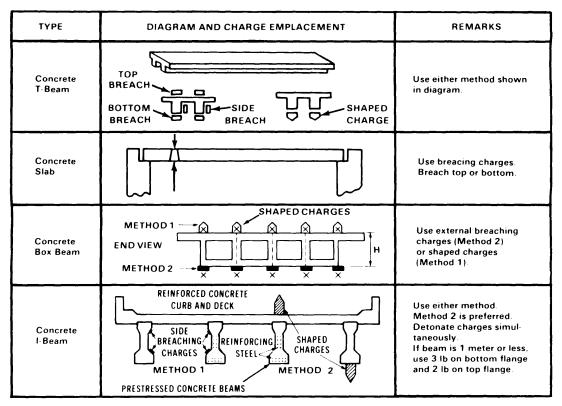


Figure 6-20. Concrete beam span destruction

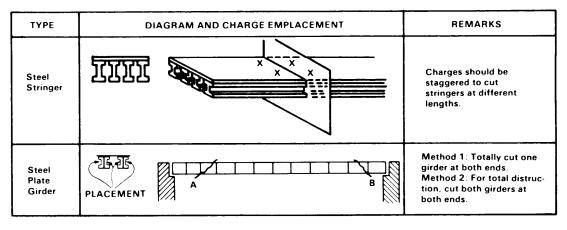


Figure 6-21. Steel stringer and girder span destruction

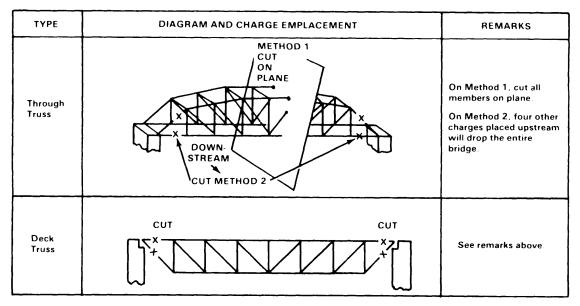


Figure 6-22. Steel truss span destruction

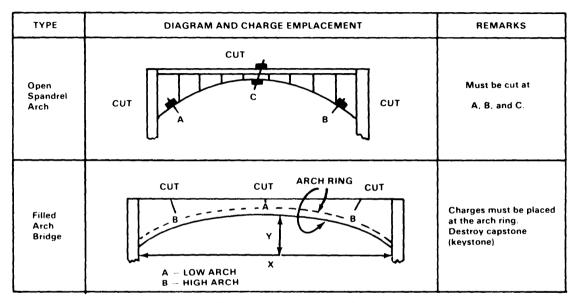


Figure 6-23. Arch span destruction

# Demolition Reconnaissance

Figure 6-24 shows the DA Form 2203 R(Demolition Reconnaissance Report) and its use. For reconnaissance procedures, see Chapter 5.

## Item No Information Required

- 8 What and where it is (town vicinity of)
- Sketch must show relative position of objects to be demolished, terrain features, safe distances, routes, and avenues of approach. Location of features of the site. One sketch must show fully dimensioned plan views, and cross-sections of object and of each member to be cut. (This may be listed under 12.)
- 12 Show plan and cross-sectional sketch of each member to be cut. Show details of chambers, line of cut, and location of charges. Show quantity of explosive per charge and metod of ignition. Sketch must show firing circuits and firing points.
- 13 Describe each in detail and show location on situation map sketch.

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	RING THE DEMOLITION	1		2		2 Min			
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DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS 14 15 AND 16 BEFORE RECONNAISSANCE									

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Figure 6-24. Demolition reconnaissance report

### EXPEDIENT DEMOLITIONS

#### Improvised Cratering and Shaped Charges

# Cratering charge

To make a cratering charge use a mixture of dry fertilizer (at least 33 1/3 percent nitrogen, see package contents list) and liquid (diesel fuel motor oil, or gasoline) at a ration of 25 pounds of fertilizer to a quart of liquid. Mix fertilizer with liquid and allow to soak for an hour. Place half of the charge weight in hole, place 1 pound of primed explosive, and then pour in other half of the charge.

#### Shaped charge

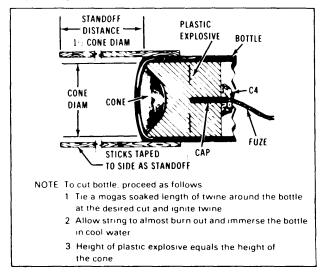


Figure 6-25. Improvised shaped charge

#### Satchel Charge

Melt ordinary paraffin (wax) and stir in ammonium nitrate (fertilizer) pellets. Make sure that the paraffin is hot while mixing. Before the mixture hardens add a half pound block of TNT or its equivalent as a primer. Pour the mixture into a container. Shrapnel material may be added to the mixture if desired or attached on the outside of the container to give a shrapnel effect.

#### Improvised Bangalore Torpedo

The principal use of an improvised bangalore torpedo is to clear paths through barbed wire entanglements using one of the three methods.

## Method one

Use any length of pipe with approximately a 2-inch inside diameter and a wall thickness of at least .025 inch (24-gage). Pack the pipe with 2 pounds of explosive per foot of length. Close one end of the pipe with threaded cap, wooden plug, or damp earth.

#### Method two

Use any length of a U-shaped picket. Pack the inside section of the U-shaped picket with 2 pounds of explosives per foot of length. Place the steel section of the U shaped picket up.

# Method three

Use any length of board. Attach 4 pounds of explosive per foot of length. Place explosives up.

#### **Detonating Cord Wick**

Use a detonating cord wick to widen bore holes. One strand will generally widen the hole 1 inch. Tape together the desired number of strands and prime one stick of dynamite with one of the strands. (The dynamite is used to clean the hole.) Place wick and dynamite in hole. The wick must extend from the bottom of the hole to the surface. Prime wick and detonate. Ensure hole is cold before putting in any other explosives.

#### Expedient Time Fuze

Soak length of clean string ( $\nu_n$ -inch diameter) in gasoline and hang to dry. After drying, store in a tightly sealed container. Handle as little as possible and test extensively before use.