

PREFACE

The air assault (AASLT) division is unique. It provides the warfighting commanders-in-chiefs (CINCs) an operational ground force capable of attacking directly into the enemy's vulnerable rear areas. It fights according to the proven tenets of Army operations.

The AASLT organization and its tactics significantly differ from its armored and light infantry counterparts. To unleash its full potential soldiers must understand how this extraordinary force fights.

Field Manual 71-100-3 builds on the solid foundation of current doctrine that the following field manuals (FMs) discuss. Field Manual 100-1 describes the Army's role in achieving national objectives. Field Manual 100-5 explains how the Army fights campaigns. Field Manual 71-100 describes the general nature of the division and addresses its tactics. Field Manual 90-4 describes the principles for heliborne movements and landings by any Army force.

Field Manual 71-100-3 goes beyond these fundamental doctrinal works to explain how the AASLT division fights. It describes, through samples of tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs), how commanders might employ the division.

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