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INTRODUCTION TO THE ANTI-TANK MISSILEMAN MOS

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Student Handout

ANTI-TANK MISSILEMAN COURSE

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LESSON PURPOSE. The purpose of this lesson is to familiarize the Marine with how the M220E4 TOW and the M98A1 Javelin are set up for anti-armor warfare.

1. ROLES OF ANTI-MECHANIZED WEAPONS.

a. **Primary Role.** As the very name suggests, the primary mission normally assigned to anti-mechanized weapons is the destruction of enemy armor to include tanks, armored personnel carriers, and other support vehicles.

b. **Secondary Role.** In the event that there is no armor threat, anti-mechanized weapons may be called upon to destroy enemy bunkers. This should only be used as a last resort when all other means have failed.

2. JAVELIN. The Javelin is a fire and forget, man-portable medium antitank weapon (MAW), organic to the infantry battalion, which consists of 8 systems. The range of the Javelin is 2000 meters.

3. TOW. The TOW is the Heavy antitank weapon organic to the infantry battalion. There is one, 8-gun section per Weapons Company. The TOW can also be found in the Tank Battalion. Within the Tank Battalion there is a Scout platoon, which has two sections, with one TOW system per section. There is also a TOW platoon in the Tank Battalion that has three sections, with 8 TOW systems per section. Lastly, the TOW can be found in the Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. The LAR Battalion has up to 16 TOW variant Light Armored Vehicles.

REFERENCES: FMFM 2-11, Anti-Armor Operations; Chapter 3, Pages 3-12 through 3-29.