



Directorate of Combat Developments for Ordnance, CASCOM



***Proposal To Move ATP Section
(from: QM Supply Co
to: OD Maint Co)***

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Purpose

Provide a recommendation to the Chief of Ordnance on possibly moving the Ammunition Transfer Point (ATP) Section from its current location in the QM Supply Co (Co A) to the OD Maint Co (Co B)



Methodology

- **Queried Ammunition Officers and Warrant Officers**
- **Conducted informal survey at the Worldwide Ammunition Conference in Mar 02**



Facts Bearing Consideration



- **QM is not teaching ATP operations**
- **OD has combined their OBC into a single location (APG), teaching both ammo and maintenance to OD OBC students (includes 2 weeks of ammo familiarization)**
- **OD is trying to build a truly multi-functional Ordnance officer, competent in both maintenance and ammo operations**
- **OD is producing LT's and CPT's who know how to supervise ATP operations and able to be assigned out of OBC to either ammo or maintenance platoons**
- **Ammo hardly ever comes to an ATP on anything but ammo trucks, the ATP is doctrinally well apart from the rest of the distribution point anyway, so the argument that there is synergy in having Class V supply in the same company as the rest of the classes of supplies is not really relevant**
- **ATP sections are only 6 people (12 in an IBCT, since we designed them to be able to be the only ammo activity in the AOR for short periods)**



Option # 1:



Move ATP Section from QM Supply Co to OD Maint Co

Advantages

- OD has better control of OD soldiers
- OD designs force structure and recommends changes
- Combined 55B/92Y MOSs provides synergy for success
- QM doesn't teach ATP operations, OD does

Disadvantages

- Current ATPs belong to a QM TOE
- Splitting out the ATP from QM Co degrades supply distribution cell, and delays critical supply deliveries
- Forces changes to all related army and joint pubs to include combat arms to reflect change in doctrine
- Maneuver brigades are accustomed to current operations and doctrine . . . and it works!



Option # 2:



Move ATP Section from QM Supply Co to OD Ammo Co

Advantages

- Places ammo soldiers under control of ammo officers (OD has control of OD soldiers)
- OD designs force structure and recommends changes
- Enhances modularity
- Enhances 55B training
- Gives DAO control over ammo distribution in the division area

Disadvantages

- Eliminates Class V structure in the Div/Bde
- Does not allow for Class V field experience for all 90A officers
- Not enough Compo 1 modular units to resource the requirements
- Forces changes to be made to all related army and joint pubs (including combat arms) to reflect change in doctrine
- Maneuver brigades are accustomed to current operations and doctrine . . . and it works!



Option # 3:



Move ATP Section from QM Supply Co to under the control of the BAO (IBCT) and under the DAO in the Divisions

Advantages

- **BAO:** The IBCT maintains (in fact, increases) operational control of the ATP section while enhancing its ability to carry out the Bde Cdr's intent without undue interference from subordinate or supported units
- **DAO:** The Division maintains (in fact, increases) operational control of the ATP section while enhancing its ability to carry out the Div Cdr's intent without undue interference from subordinate or supported units
- **OD** has control of OD soldiers
- **Facilitates** ammo officer progression

Disadvantages

- **Not enough** Compo 1 modular units to resource the requirements
- **Forces** changes to be made to related Army and Joint pubs (including combat arms)



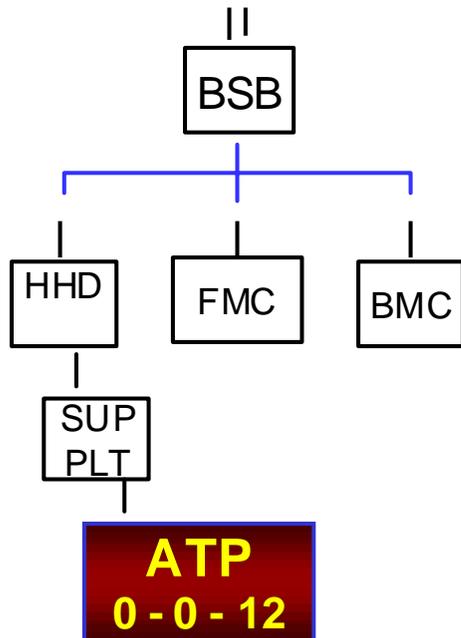
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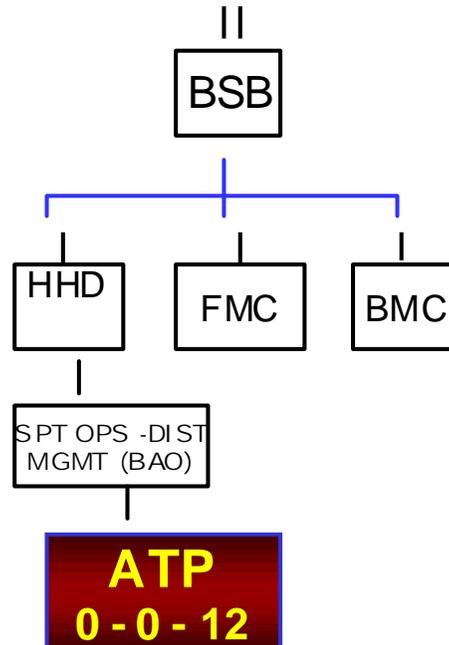
Organizational Diagram and structure to move ATP Section to under the BAO (IBCT) and under the DAO (Divisions)

IBCT

Current

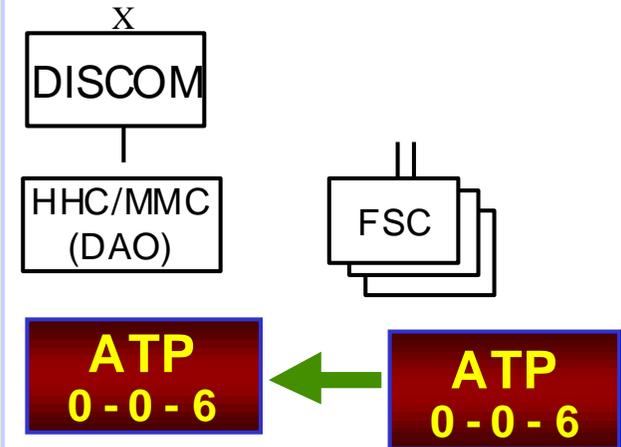


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Recommendation: Option # 3

- **Do not move ATP Section from QM Supply Co to OD Maint Co**
- **Instead, move the ATP section from the QM Supply Co to the Brigade Ammunition Office (BAO) in the IBCT, and to the DAO in the Divisions**
 - **Centralizes the establishment of priority of issue and turn-in, consolidation of cross-leveling, Controlled Supply Rates (CSRs), etc.**
 - **Control would be one echelon closer to the ATP and could better rely on the ATP to execute and accomplish the mission as planned**