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PART ONE—VEHICLE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Section I

INTRODUCTION

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1. SCOPE.

a. *This technical manual is published for the information and guidance of the using arm personnel charged with the operation and maintenance of this materiel.

b. In addition to a description of the 4-ton, 6 x 6 truck (Diamond T, Models 968A Cargo, 969A Wrecker, 970A Ponton, and 972 Dump), this manual contains technical information required for the identification, use, and care of the materiel. The manual is divided into two parts. Part One, section I through section VIII, contains vehicle operating instructions. Part Two, section IX through section XLIII, contains vehicle maintenance instructions for the using arm personnel charged with the responsibility of doing maintenance work within their jurisdiction.

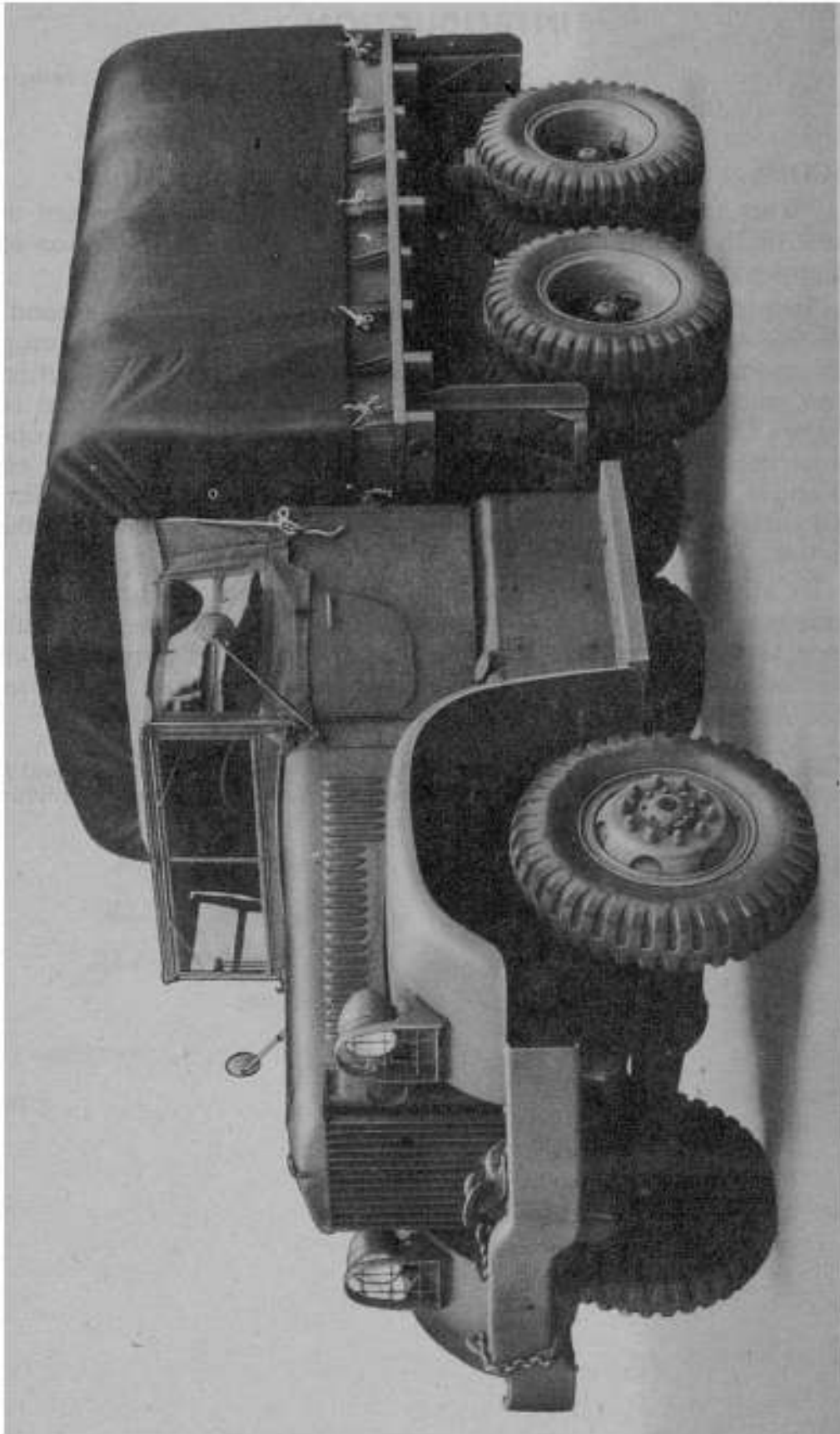
c. In all cases where the nature of the repair, modifications, or adjustment is beyond the scope or facilities of the unit, the responsible ordnance service should be informed, so that trained personnel with suitable tools and equipment may be provided, or proper instructions issued.

*To provide operating instructions with the materiel, this technical manual has been published in advance of complete technical review. Any errors or omissions will be corrected by changes, or, if extensive, by an early revision.

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Figure 1—Model 968A Cargo Truck with Open Cab—3/4 Front

Section II

DESCRIPTION AND TABULATED DATA

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2. DESCRIPTION.

a. General. The various models covered by this publication are all built on the same basic chassis, which is a 4-ton, 6 x 6 job, powered with a conventional six-cylinder gasoline engine. A five-speed overdrive transmission and a direct and underdrive transfer are used on all models. All three axles are driving axles of conventional double-reduction design. Rear axles are dual-wheeled.

b. Identification. The four chassis are similar in appearance, and are built with open-type and closed-type cabs. These vehicles may be recognized by the design of the cabs, the contour of the fenders, and the appearance of the hood and radiator. The axle housings are clearly visible under the vehicle, and may be recognized as the banjo type. The vehicles may be positively identified by the nomenclature plate mounted on the left cowl side under the hood.

c. Differences among Models (figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4).

(1) **CARGO TRUCK (MODEL 968A).** The cargo truck is built on the standard 4-ton, 6 x 6 chassis. Special equipment consists of a standard-type wooden cargo body with a tarpaulin top and troop seats, a power-driven, front-mounted winch, and two spare tires. The power take-off is mounted on the transmission.

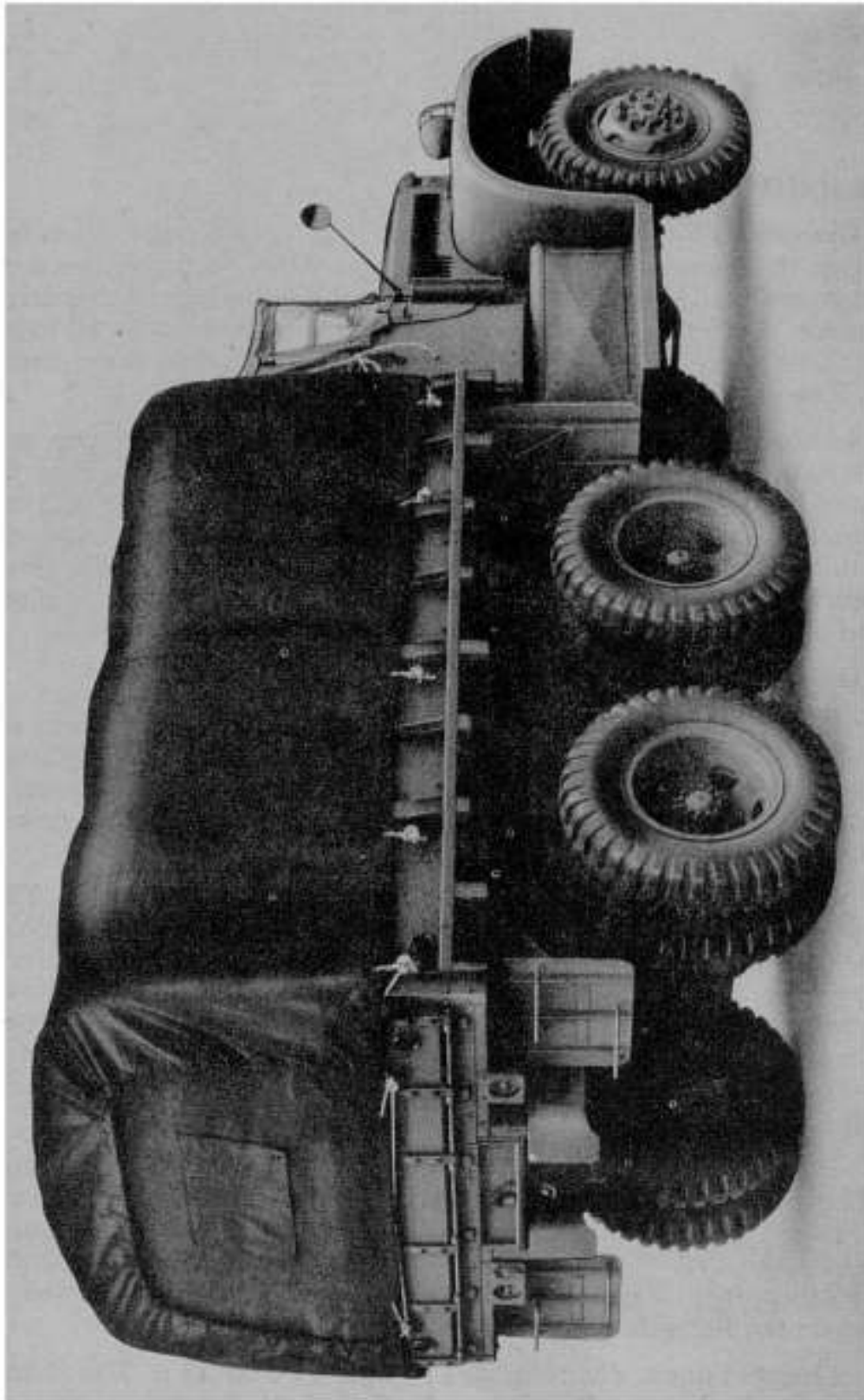
(2) **WRECKER TRUCK (MODEL 969A)** (figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8). The wrecker truck is built on the standard 4-ton, 6 x 6 chassis. Special equipment consists of a steel wrecker body, twin boom power-driven wrecker equipment, welding tanks and equipment, a gasoline-driven air compressor unit, a power-driven front-mounted winch, and two spare tires. The power take-off which drives the wrecker equipment is mounted on the transfer, and the power take-off which drives the winch is on the transmission.

(3) **PONTON TRUCK (MODEL 970A)** (figs. 9 and 10). The ponton truck is built on a chassis which is the same as the standard 4-ton, 6 x 6 chassis, except that it has a longer wheelbase (par. 5). Special equipment consists of a standard-type wooden ponton body, with a tarpaulin top and a power-driven front-mounted winch. The power take-off is mounted on the left side of the transmission.

(4) **DUMP TRUCK (MODEL 972)** (figs. 11 and 12). The dump truck is built on the standard 4-ton, 6 x 6 chassis. Special equipment consists of a steel dump body, with power-driven hoist equipment. The power take-off for the hoist is mounted on the transfer case. There is no winch on this model.

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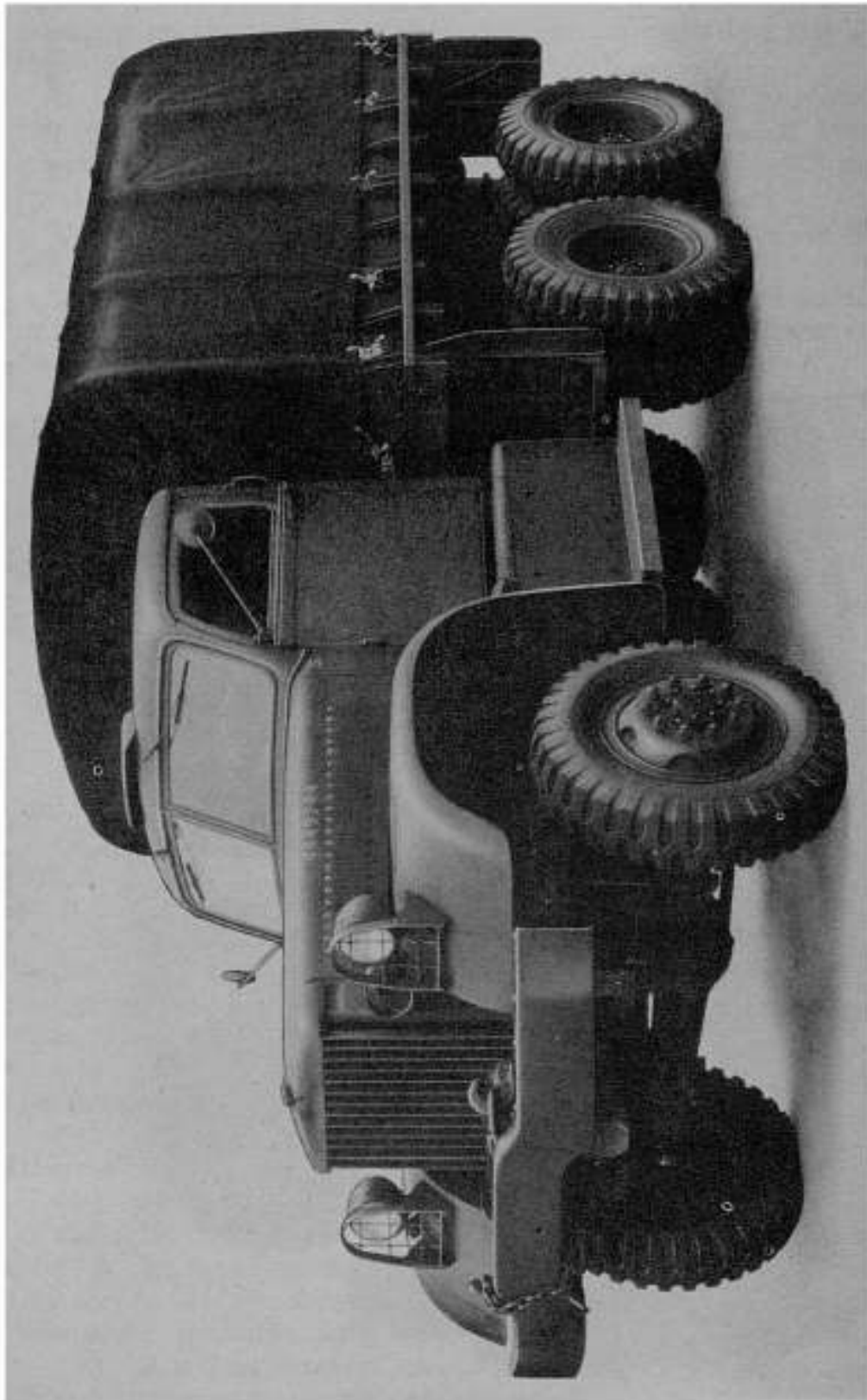
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Figure 2—Model 968A Cargo Truck with Open Cab—2/3 Rear

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Figure 3—Model 968A Cargo Truck with Closed Cab—3/4 Front