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Section I

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#### 1. SCOPE.

a. The instructions contained in this manual are for the information and guidance of personnel charged with the maintenance and repair of Medium Tanks M4, M4A1, M4A2, M4A3, M4A4, and M4A6. Figure 1 illustrates Medium Tank M4. These instructions are supplementary to the Field and Technical Manuals prepared for the using arms. This manual does not contain information which is intended primarily for the using arms, since such information is available to ordnance personnel in the 100-series TM's and FM's.

**b.** This manual contains a description of, and procedure for, removal, disassembly, inspection, repair and assembly of the tracks and suspension, turret and hull, and turret electrical system for Medium Tanks M4 and modifications. Refer to pertinent operator's manuals and pertinent 1700-series maintenance manuals for information not contained in this TM. (See list of references in the back of this manual.)

#### 2. MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION.

a. Scope. The scope of maintenance and repair by the crew and other units of the using arms is determined by the availability of suitable tools, availability of necessary parts, capabilities of the mechanics, time available and the tactical situation. No exact system of procedure can be prescribed.

b. Allocation of Maintenance. The maintenance duties for which, under normal circumstances, tools and parts have been provided for the using arm and ordnance maintenance personnel are indicated in pertinent using arm 100-series manuals. Certain replacements and repairs are the responsibility of ordnance personnel but may be performed by the using arm personnel when circumstances permit or require, within the discretion of the commander concerned. Echelons and words as used in this list of maintenance allocations are defined as follows:

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Figure 1—Medium Tank, M4

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FIRST AND SECOND ECHELON: Table III AR 850-15	Operating organizations, driver, operator, or crew, companies and detachments, battalions, squadrons, regiments, and separate companies and detachments (first and second echelons, respectively).
THIRD ECHELON: Table III AR 850-15	Technical light and medium maintenance units, including post and port shops.
Fourth Echelon: Table III AR 850-15	Technical heavy maintenance and field depot units, including designated post and service command shops.
FIFTH ECHELON: Table III AR 850-15	Technical base units.
SERVICE: Par 24 a (2) and (3) in part AR 850-15	Preventive maintenance, checking and replen- ishing fuel, oil, grease, water and antifreeze, air, and battery liquid; checking and tightening nuts and bolts; cleaning; and making external adjustment of subassemblies or assemblies and controls.
REPLACE: Par. 24 a (5) AR 850-15	To remove an unserviceable part, assembly, or subassembly from a vehicle and replace it with a serviceable one.
REPAIR: Par. 24 a (4) in part AR 850-15	To restore to a serviceable condition, such parts, assemblies or subassemblies as can be accom- plished without completely disassembling the assembly or subassembly, and where heavy riveting, or precision machining, fitting, balanc- ing, or alining is not required.
REBUILD: Par. 24 a (6) AR 850-15	Consists of stripping and completely recondi- tioning and placing in serviceable condition any vehicle or unserviceable part, subassembly, or assembly of the vehicle, including welding, riveting, machining, fitting, alining, balancing, assembling, and testing.
RECLAMATION: AR 850-15 Par. 24 a (7) and in part CIR. 75, dated 3/16/43	Salvage of serviceable or economically repair- able units and parts removed from vehicles, and their return to stock. This includes the process which recovers and/or reclaims unusable articles or component parts thereof and places them in a serviceable condition.

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- NOTES: (1) Operations allocated will normally be performed in the echelon indicated by "X."
  - (2) Operations allocated to the third echelon as indicated by "E" may be performed by these units in emergencies only.
  - (3) Operations allocated to the four echelon by "E" are normal fifth echelon operations. They will not be performed by the fourth echelon, unless the unit is expressly authorized to do so by the chief of the service concerned.
  - (4) Technical Bulletins of the 2830-series should not be consulted for detailed information relative to reclamation procedure.

	•	Echelons		
	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ELECTRICAL GROUP				
Batteries—service (recharge) and/or replace	Х			
Batteries—repair		Х		
Batteries—rebuild.			Х	
Box, terminal—replace	Х			
Box, terminal—repair		Х		
Box, turret collector ring—replace	Х			
Box, turret collector ring—repair		Х		
Box, turret collector ring—rebuild			Х	
Brackets, mounting and supports—replace	Х			
Brackets, mounting and supports—repair		Х		
Breakers, circuit—replace and/or repair	Х			
Cables, battery—replace and/or repair	Х			
Conduits—replace	Х			
Conduits—repair		Х		
Filters-replace	Х			
Filters—repair		Х		
Generator assembly, auxiliary—adjust and/or				
replace	Х			
Generator assembly, auxiliary—repair		Х		
Generator assembly, auxiliary—rebuild			E	Х
Lamp assemblies—service and/or replace	Х			
Lamp assemblies—repair		Х		
Regulators, current and voltage—replace	Х			
Regulators, current and voltage—adjust and/or				
repair		Х		
Regulators, current and voltage—rebuild			x	

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		Echelons		s
	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ELECTRICAL GROUP (Cont'd)				
Relays—replace	Х			
Siren assembly—replace	Х			
Siren assembly—repair		Х		
Siren assembly—rebuild			Х	
Solenoids—replace	Х			
Solenoids—repair		Х		
Switch assemblies—replace	Х			
Switch assemblies—repair		Х		
Wiring—replace and/or repair	Х			
HULL				
Clevis, towing—replace	x			
Doors and cover plates—replace				
Doors and cover plates—repair		Х		
Guards, mud—replace	Х			
Guards, mud—repair		Х		
Housing, propeller shaft—replace	Х			
Housing, propeller shaft—repair		Х		
Hull-repair		Х		
Hull—rebuild			Ε	Х
Insulation and padding—replace	Х			
Periscope—replace				
Periscope-repair		Х		
Periscope—rebuild			Х	
Seats-replace	Х			
Seats—repair		Х		
TRACK SUSPENSION GROUP				
Bogie components—replace	x			
Bogie components—repair		x		
Bogie components—rebuild			E	x
Idler components—replace	x			
Idler components—repair		x		
Idler components—rebuild			E	x
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Roller assemblies, track supporting—replace		x		•
Roller assemblies, track supporting—repair		Λ		37
Roller assemblies, track supporting—rebuild			E	X
Track assembly—replace and/or repair	X		_	
Track assembly—rebuild			E	X