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***Preface**

This manual provides information on the structure and operations of the DISCOM in the light infantry, airborne, and air assault divisions. Information specific to the DISCOMs in the airborne and air assault divisions are provided in Appendixes G and H. The division staff, the commander and staff of the DISCOM, and the commanders of the DISCOM's subordinate units are the intended audience.

Logistics and health service support depend on the structure of the divisions, how commanders employ it, how it deploys, and what mission it performs. In its original concept of employment, the divisions deployed as an entity. Accordingly, the divisions logistics and HSS structure consisted of functional battalions, FASCOS, and decentralized materiel management elements. Since then, the divisions employment doctrine has evolved to include split division operations and cross attachments with other forces. To enhance command and control, especially when a brigade-size task force operates apart from its parent division or when operations continue for prolonged periods, the field commanders sought a transition to a design with multifunctional support battalions and centralized materiel management.

FM 63-2-1 (with change 1) outlines the functions and operations of the redesigned DISCOM with a main support battalion, three forward support battalions, an aviation maintenance unit, a materiel management center, and a division medical operations center. It describes how DISCOM personnel integrate their activities to accomplish their logistics and health service mission. Doctrine in FMs 100-5, 100-10, and 71-100 forms the basis of this manual. FM 100-5 outlines how the Army fights. FM 100-10 provides an overview of the CSS system for supporting the Army in the field. FM 71-100 provides doctrine for division operations. It provides information vital to the DISCOM commander's understanding of the organization he supports.

This manual discusses recently approved doctrine and new equipment as they apply to light infantry, airborne, and air assault divisions. These include mobile subscriber equipment, the maneuver-oriented ammunition distribution system, preconfigured unit loads, and the Army field feeding system. The manual also discusses new logistics and health service software, such as SAAS-DAO and TAMMIS-D.

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