# PREFACE

This manual provides the principal doctrine for topographic operations in support of military operations. It describes the functions of topographic operations as they relate to extended operations in terms of depth, time, synchronization, and unity of effort. It is designed to be used by Army unit commanders and staffs, primarily at corps and division levels.

Topographic operations consist of an interrelated flow of information and products through the various Department of Defense (DOD) agencies. The Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) is the primary agency involved. Through agency intelligence and other engineer channels this flow of information is passed onto the tactical units. These operations provide the commander with an effective means to evaluate the battlefield in terms of mobility, countermobility, and survivability; gain knowledge of the battlefield; visualize the terrain; and apply all available topographic information on each unit's areas of operations and interest.

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