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Assumption:

The cause of death for recovered fatalities is from the same distribution as those which are lost.

Thus, given X out of 17 deaths are caused by the canopy (for lost category) the probability of observing 0 out of 41 (recovered category) which were caused by the canopy is:

$$(1 - X/17)^{41}$$

Let  $p = X/17$

$(1 - p)^{41}$  is displayed below.

e.g.  $(1 - 1/17)^{41} = .083$

$$(1 - 2/17)^{41} = .0059$$

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$$(1 - 16/17)^{41} = 0.35 \times 10^{-51}$$

$$(1 - 17/17)^{41} = 0$$



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From: Commander, Naval Safety Center  
To: Distribution

Subj: Automated Airborne Escape Systems (AAES) Symposium

Encl: (1) Agenda for subject symposium

1. At the request of the Chief of Naval Operations and with the cooperation and support of Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, Commander, Naval Safety Center, will co-host a two-day symposium to review selected topics associated with Automated Airborne Escape Systems (AAES).
2. The symposium will be held at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, on 6, 7 and 8 October 1981. The symposium's format will consist of informative presentations, 30 - 40 minutes in length, followed by open question-and-answer periods. Representatives of the Naval Air Systems Command (Aircrew Systems Division), Naval Weapons Engineering Support Activity (Systems Analysis), and the Naval Safety Center (Aviation Directorate) will present results of selected studies conducted for the purpose of evaluating or monitoring AAES usage, performance and/or maintenance trends. Source data has been derived from historical mishap data files maintained by the Naval Safety Center.
3. The identification, assessment and effective resolution of problem areas related to the effective use, maintainability and operation of AAES has been and will continue to be a major objective of the Navy. Systematic analysis of long-term mishap data is one approach to identifying reliability and maintainability degradation trends, as well as potential system deficiencies. The utility of such analyses in escape system design, acquisition and modification processes is considered to have significant value to both industry and DOD organizations having a direct interest in AAES and their subsystems.
4. The proposed agenda, enclosure (1), is provided for your interest and review. If your organization desires representation at the AAES symposium, please provide names, grade/rate (as appropriate), social security numbers, job title, and security clearance to this Command no later than 15 September 1981. Additional information on approved agenda, time schedule, conference location and travel directions will be forwarded. Due to space limitations, each organization/command will be limited to no more than three representatives.

5. Naval Safety Center points of contact are: CDR V. Voge (Code 14, Autovon 690-7341) and LCDR R. Moe (Code 122, Autovon 690-3494). COMNAVAIRSYSCOM/NAWESA points of contact are: Mr. F. Guill/Mr. C. Stokes (Autovon 288-3621 or Commercial 202 433-3621).

  
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AGENDA DAY 1

0800-0850 Registration  
0900-0915 Opening Remarks - Welcome  
RADM T. C. Steele  
0915-0945 Introduction of Host Reps  
Area Orientation  
0945-1000 Break  
1000-1050 AAES Data System Program Introduction  
1100-1150 Review of AAES Use and Non-use  
1200-1330 Lunch Break  
1330-1420 Through vs Jettison Canopy Injuries  
1430-1520 Helmet Retention/Loss Factors

AGENDA DAY 2

0900-0950 Flail/Tumbling Factors  
1000-1150 In-Service System Reliability  
1200-1330 Lunch Break  
1330-1420 Overwater Survivability  
1430-1520 Aircrew Size/Anthropometry  
1530-1620 Expected Impact of AAES Data System Usage

AGENDA DAY 3

To be used as necessary based on progress  
during days 1 and 2

Enclosure (1)

PRESENTATION TOPICS

1. Introduction to AAES Data System Program   NAVAIR/NAWESA  
Objectives  
Interface NAVSAFECEN/NAVAIR  
Present Status - Future Plans  
Constraints
2. Review of historical use and non-use of AAES   NAVSAFECEN/NAVAIR  
Results: Survivability  
Trends in Usage Rates  
Non-survived Ejection Cause Factors  
Usage Conditions  
AAES non-use trends  
Success Criteria
3. Through-canopy vs Jettisoned-canopy Injuries   NAVAIR/NAVSAFECEN  
Vertebral  
Upper-lower limbs  
Head/neck
4. Helmet Retention/Loss Factors   NAVAIR/NAVSAFECEN  
Vertebral Injury  
Varying levels of consciousness  
Head/Neck Injury
5. Ejection Flail-tumbling Factors   NAWESA/NAVAIR  
As a function of airspeed  
As a function of system design  
As a function of Escape initiation method

6. In-service Reliability      NAVWESA/NAVAIR  
Ejections attempted but not accomplished  
Other failure/malfunction modes
7. Ejection Survivability in Low Altitude Overwater Environment      NAVSAFECEN/  
NAVAIR
  - . Land vs Water Survival
  - . Overwater Fatalities
  - . Parachute/RSSK Divestment and LPA Inflation Variables
8. Aircrew Restraint Factors      NAVSAFECEN/NAVAIR
  - . Negative "G" Environment
  - . Research on "G" Restraint Systems
9. Expected Impact of AAES Data System Program      NAVAIR/NAWESA
  - . Short Range
  - . Long Range

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2. Cancellation, References and/or Enclosures.

Cancellation: Work Unit A5312B-04 dated 13 Dec 1979 and subsequent amendments  
under AIRTASK A512-512C/184/0512-000-055 amend. 1.

- Encl: (1) NAVAIR Consolidated Priority List - Aircraft Systems Fleet Support  
Projects 10 October 1980  
(2) Schedule

3. Technical Instructions.

a. Title. IDENTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF AIRCREW AUTOMATED ESCAPE SYSTEM (AAES),  
IN-SERVICE RELIABILITY AND MAINTAINABILITY PROBLEMS

b. Purpose. To establish a systematic investigation of in-service AAES data,  
such as that contained in the 3-M System, Unsatisfactory Reports, Medical Officer  
Reports of Aircraft Accidents, and Naval Air Rework Facility Data Systems, to identify  
for potential corrective action the many daily low-grade problems which contribute to  
the general lowering of AAES in-service reliability and cause the general worsening of  
AAES in-service maintainability.

c. Background. At present there exist special arrangements for investigating  
and correcting spectacular AAES in-service problems, particularly those which cause  
fatalities. This effort is intended for reviewing the pervasive non-spectacular  
low-grade AAES in-service reliability and/or a general degradation of AAES  
in-service maintainability. These problems, vastly overshadowed by the spectacular  
ones, nonetheless are important, and if left unmonitored and uncorrected, occasionally  
manifest themselves in fatalities, serious injuries and/or very great difficulties  
experienced by the ejectee, which under slightly different conditions could have  
caused serious injuries. Some problems also manifest themselves in increased

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maintenance efforts and costs and/or increased hazards to maintenance personnel. Since there at present is no systematic review of in-service AAES data, there is no valid method of identifying AAES in-service problems deserving management attention short of awaiting death, serious injury or major complaints. Thus NAVAIR is forced into a "squeaky wheel" reaction mode of operation versus the more desirable mode of allocating resources based on a continuous analysis of the total AAES in-service experience.

d. Detailed Requirements/Cost Estimates. \$90.0 K for FY-81 in support of applicable projects listed on enclosure (1) Priority List, to be obligated quarterly as follows: first quarter \$30.0 K, second quarter \$30.0 K, third quarter \$30.0 K. Program element - 78012N ( O & MN).

Continue establishment of a system for the systematic review of such sources of AAES in-service data as 3-M Systems, Unsatisfactory Reports, Medical Officer Reports of Aircraft Accidents, and Naval Air Rework Facility data systems, in a manner designed to identify and assess the significance of the many commonly occurring in-service problems affecting AAES in-service reliability and maintainability. The system outputs shall be structured to provide data of assistance to NAVAIR Headquarters in the management of the scarce AAES resources; e.g., problems experienced, frequency of occurrence, experience severity, potential severity, and range of activities and/or AAES experiencing the problems. Once established and documented the system(s) can be integrated into regular reporting systems to assure regular, early notification to NAVAIR Headquarters concerning in-service problems being experienced and should assist considerably in the identification of causes and development of remedial actions. In addition, perform specific analytical tasks of high priority as assigned.

e. Detailed Program Plan. Not applicable.

f. Field Activity Contact. Mr. G. Opresko, NAVWESA (ESA-31).

g. Headquarters Technical Support. None.

4. Schedule. See Enclosure (2).

5. Reports and Documentation.

a. Reports.

(1) Upon completion of each task, present data and findings in letter-type reports to NAVAIR Headquarters (AIR-531).

(2) A semi-annual program review shall be held at NAVAIR in February and August with NAVAIR publishing a report of findings in March and September.

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(3) NAVWESA shall report to the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command (AIR-512C) the man years and associated cost, cost of materials, travel and cost of contracts awarded by NAVWESA for this project. This report shall be submitted 1 May 1981 and 1 November 1981 for final status.

b. Requirements for Future Planning Information. Prepare and submit to NAVAIRHQ (AIR-531) for approval, a letter-type project plan. The primary effort shall be for establishment of baseline data to aid in subsequent identification of trends and specific problems. Subsequent tasks shall be for extending previous analytical techniques and data sources investigating efforts to identify specific AAES in-service reliability and maintainability problems.

6. Contractual Authority. Contracts to perform all or portions of the Work Unit are hereby authorized within the funding indicated by the Work Unit cost estimate.

7. Source and Disposition of Equipment. Not applicable.

8. Aircraft Requirements. None.

9. Status of Applicable Funds. Funds for this Work Unit will be provided separately.

10. Security Classification. All prescribed work under this Work Unit is unclassified. In performing the prescribed work, access to information which is classified and/or to areas containing classified equipment may be required. Any reference to such classified material shall be in accordance with the applicable materials security classification. Particularly, reference to information concerning survivability/vulnerability shall be classified in accordance with OPNAVINST. C5513.2A, Encl. (63); OPNAVINST. S5513.8, Encl. (7).

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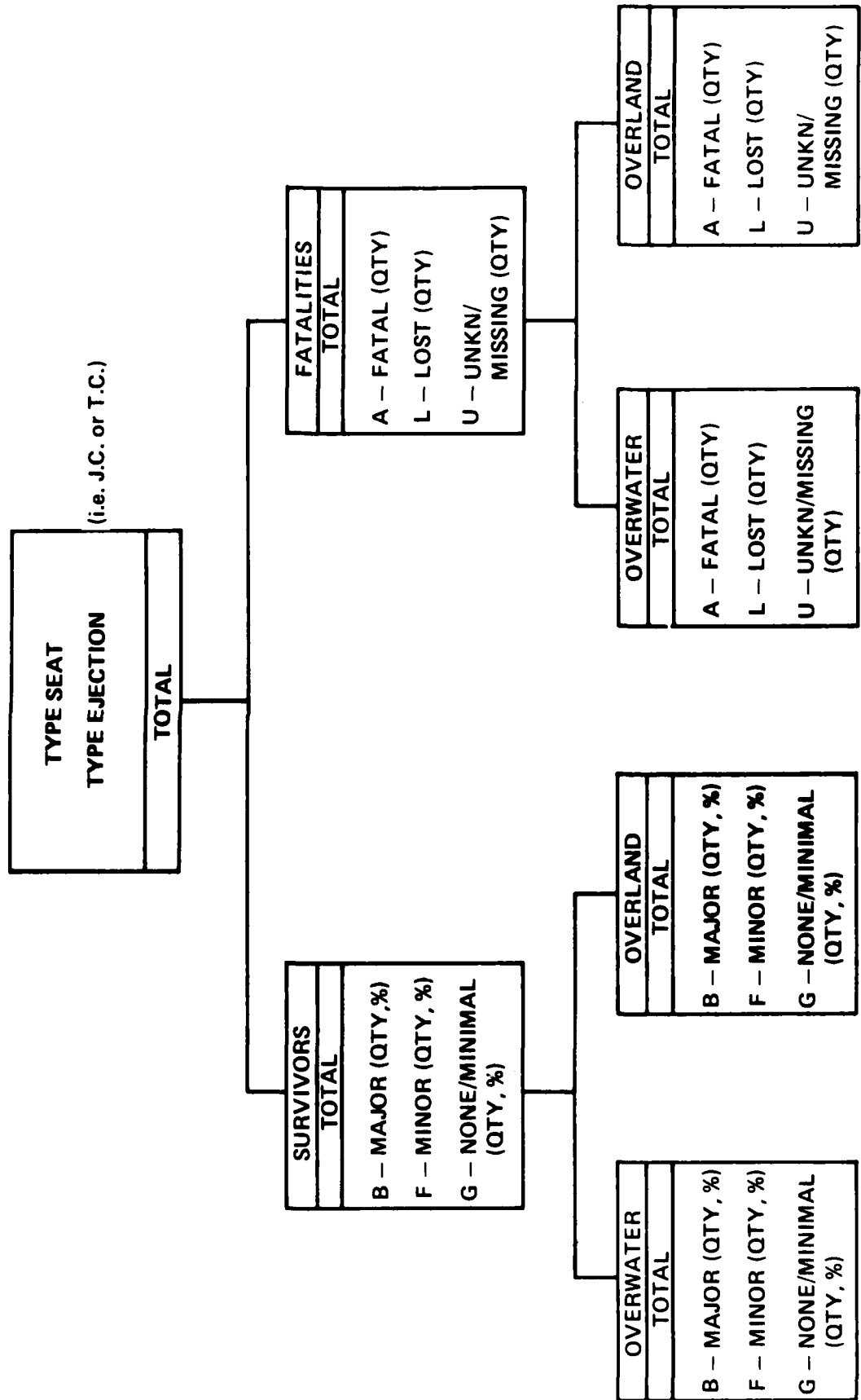
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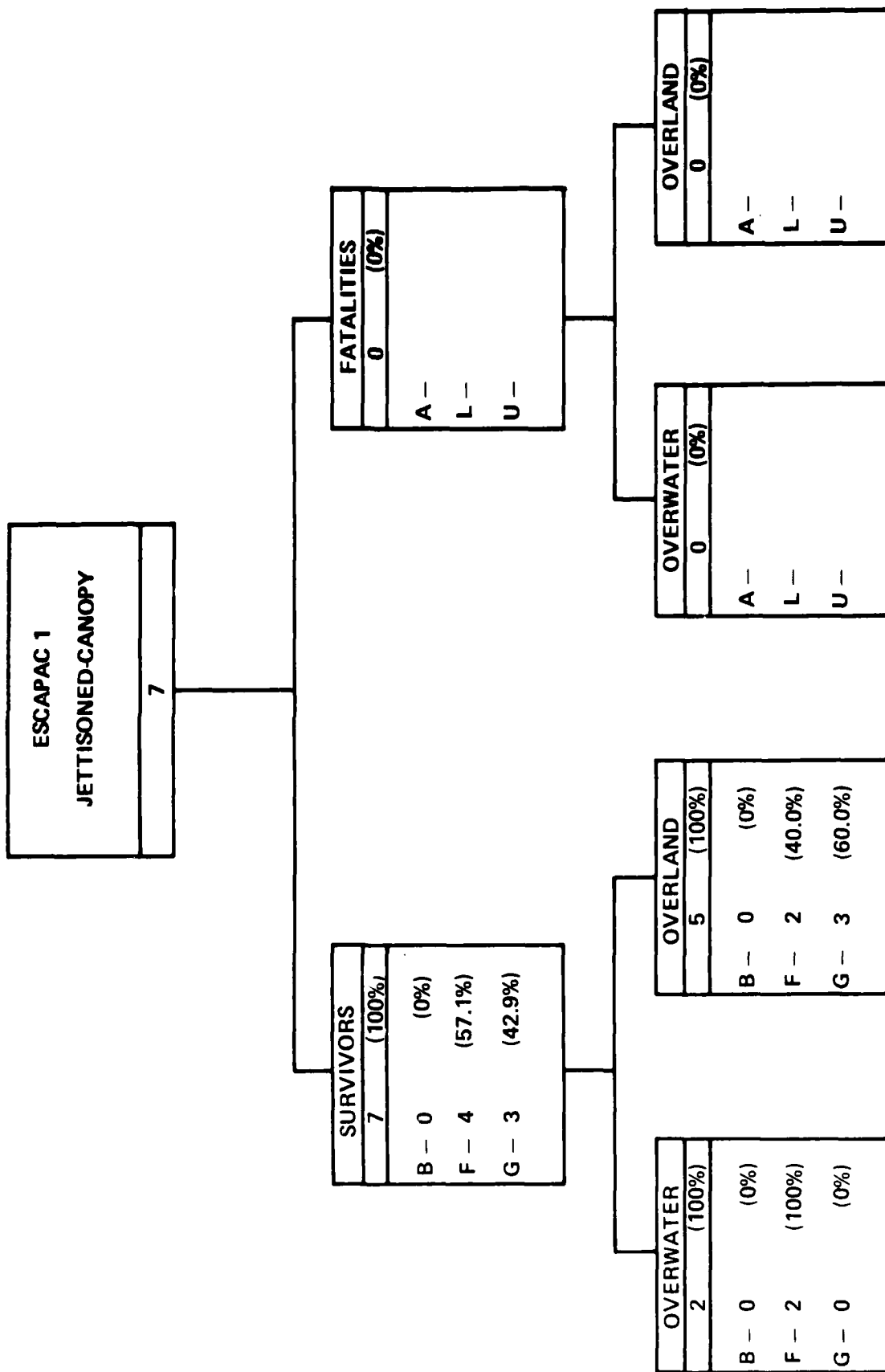
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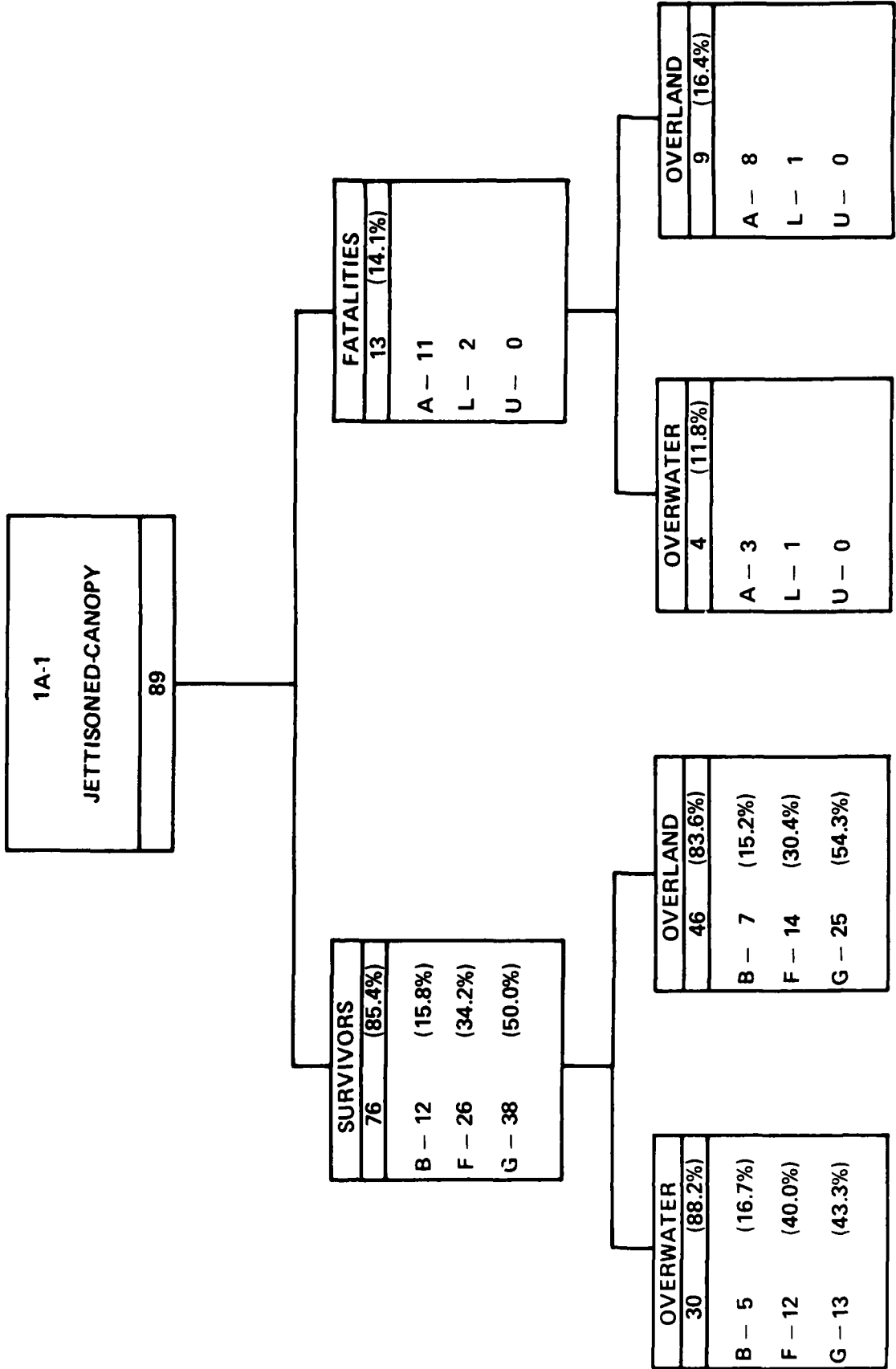
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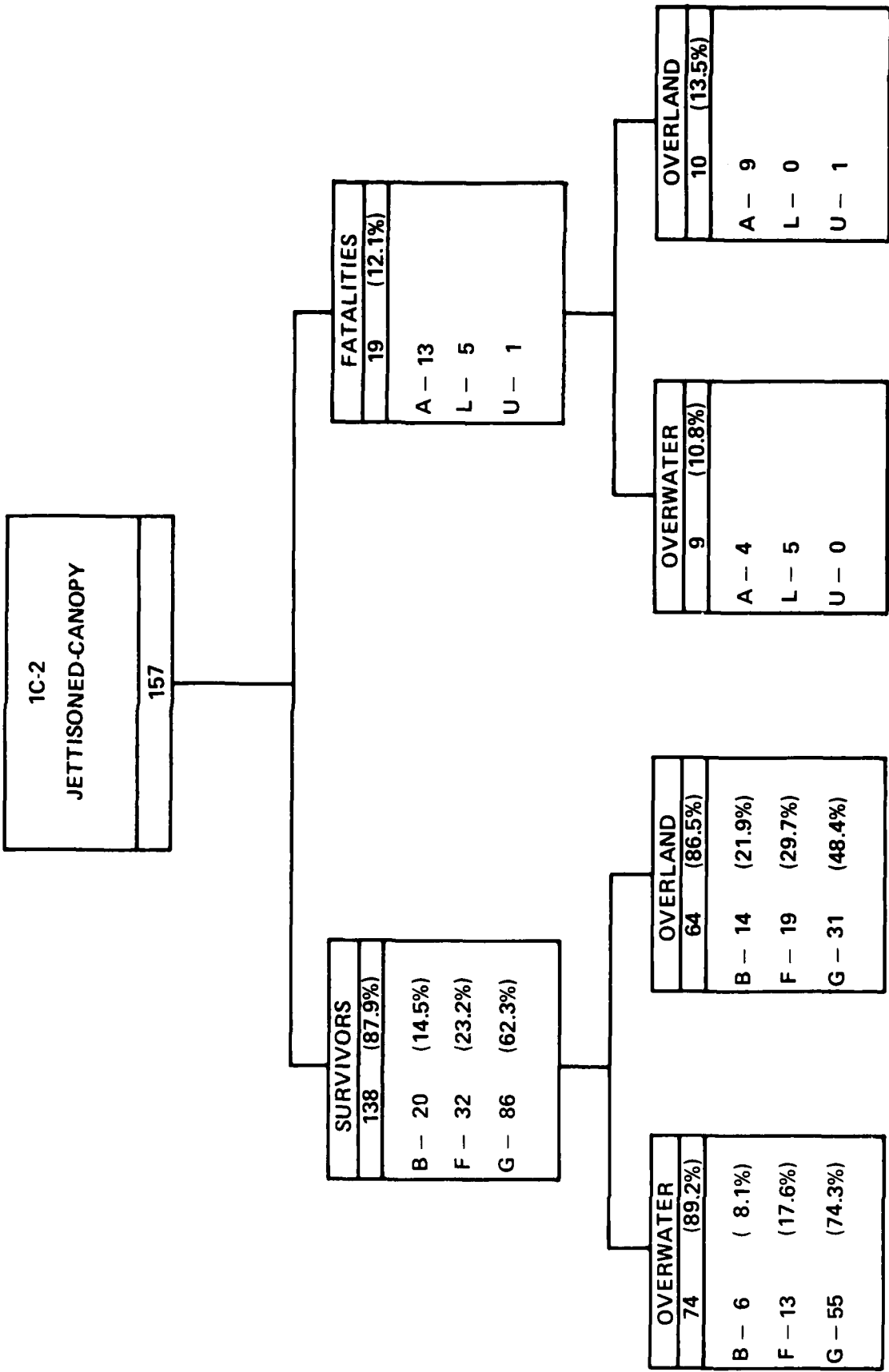
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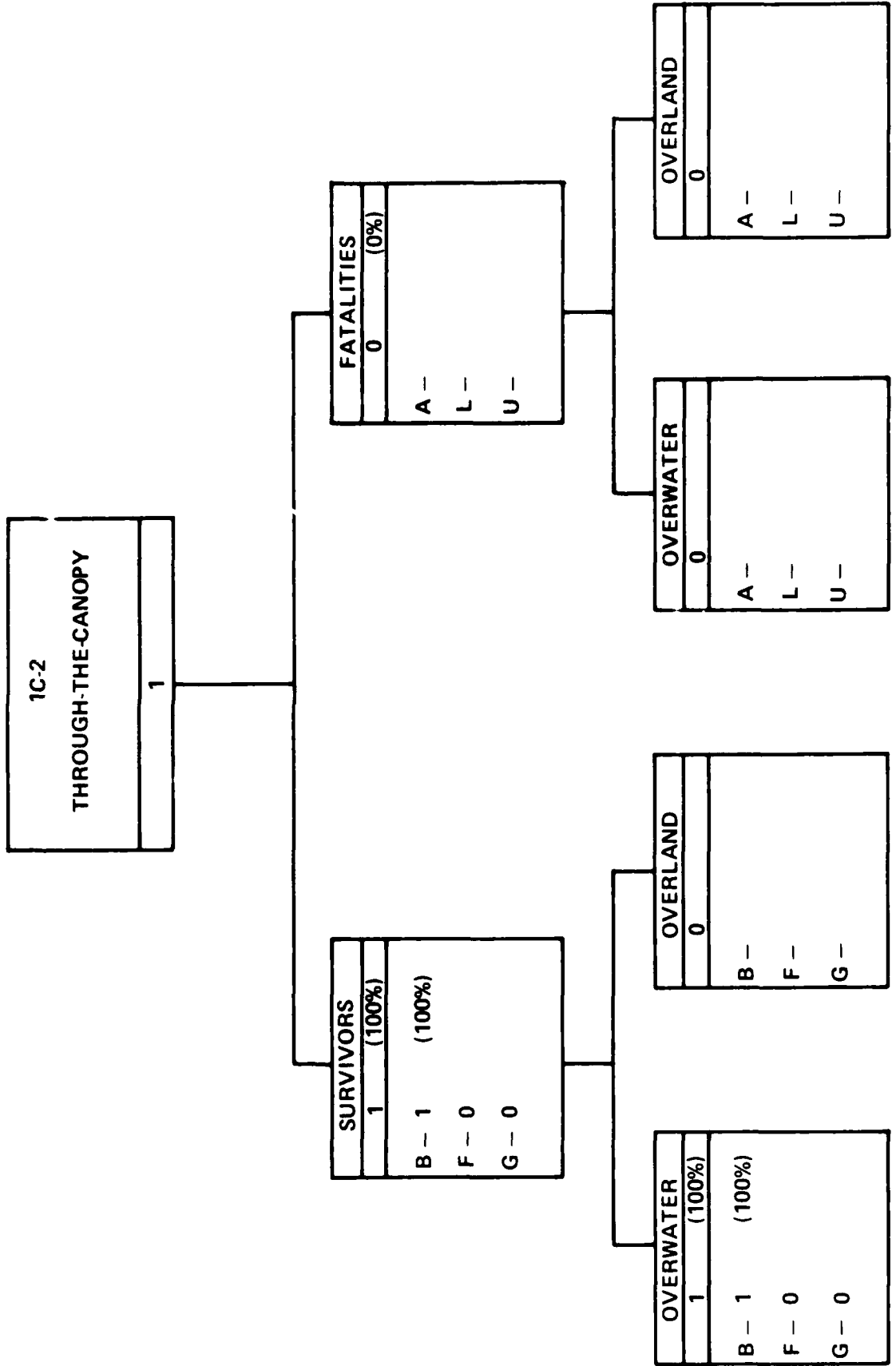
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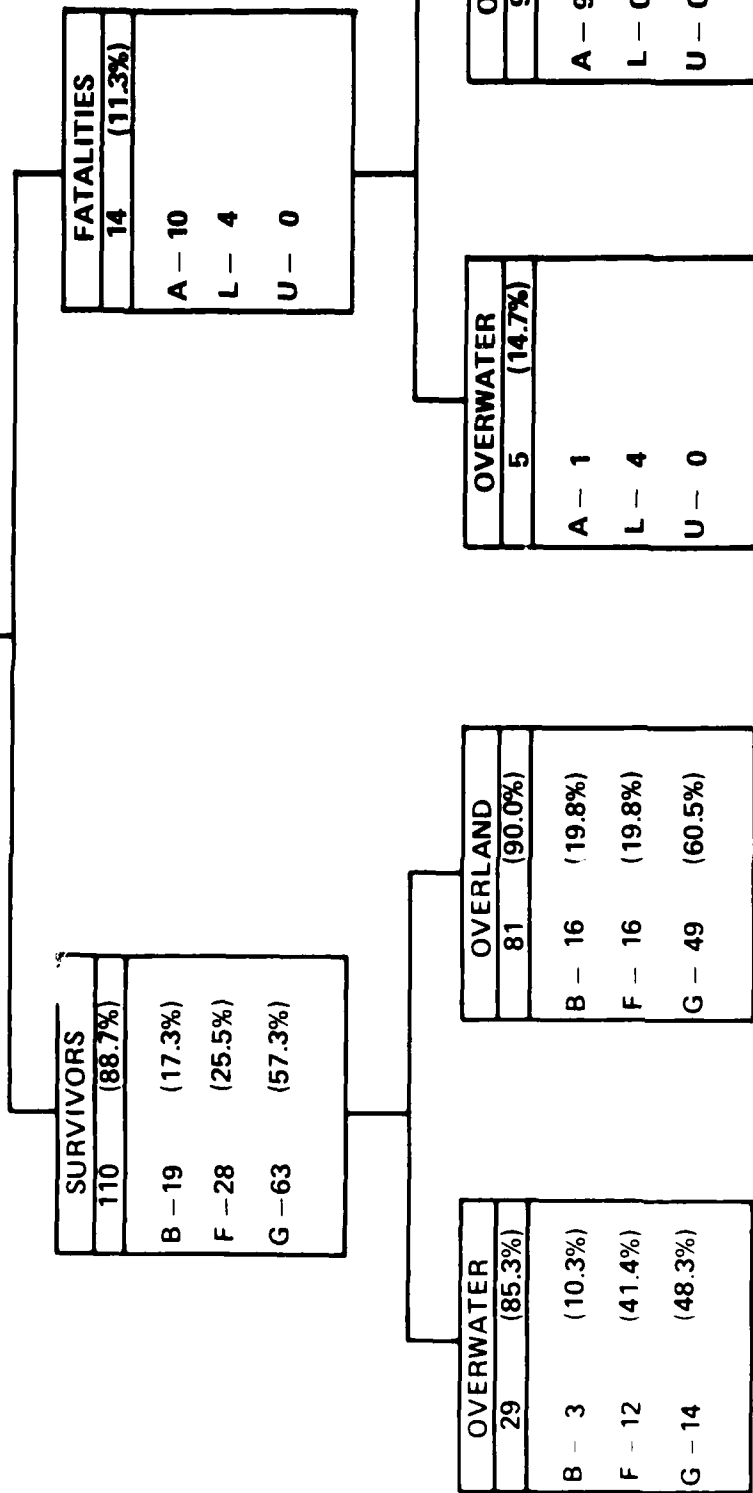
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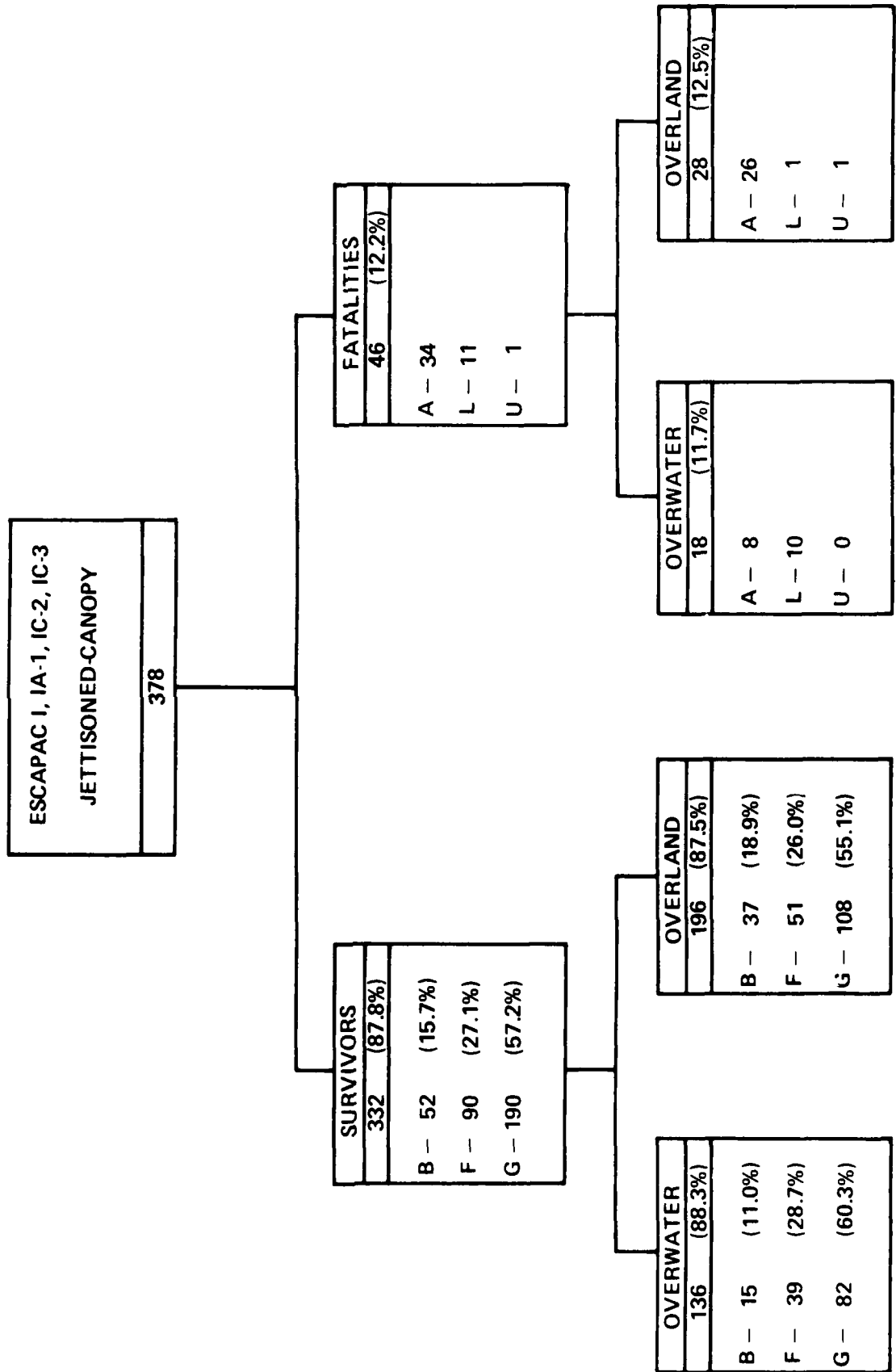
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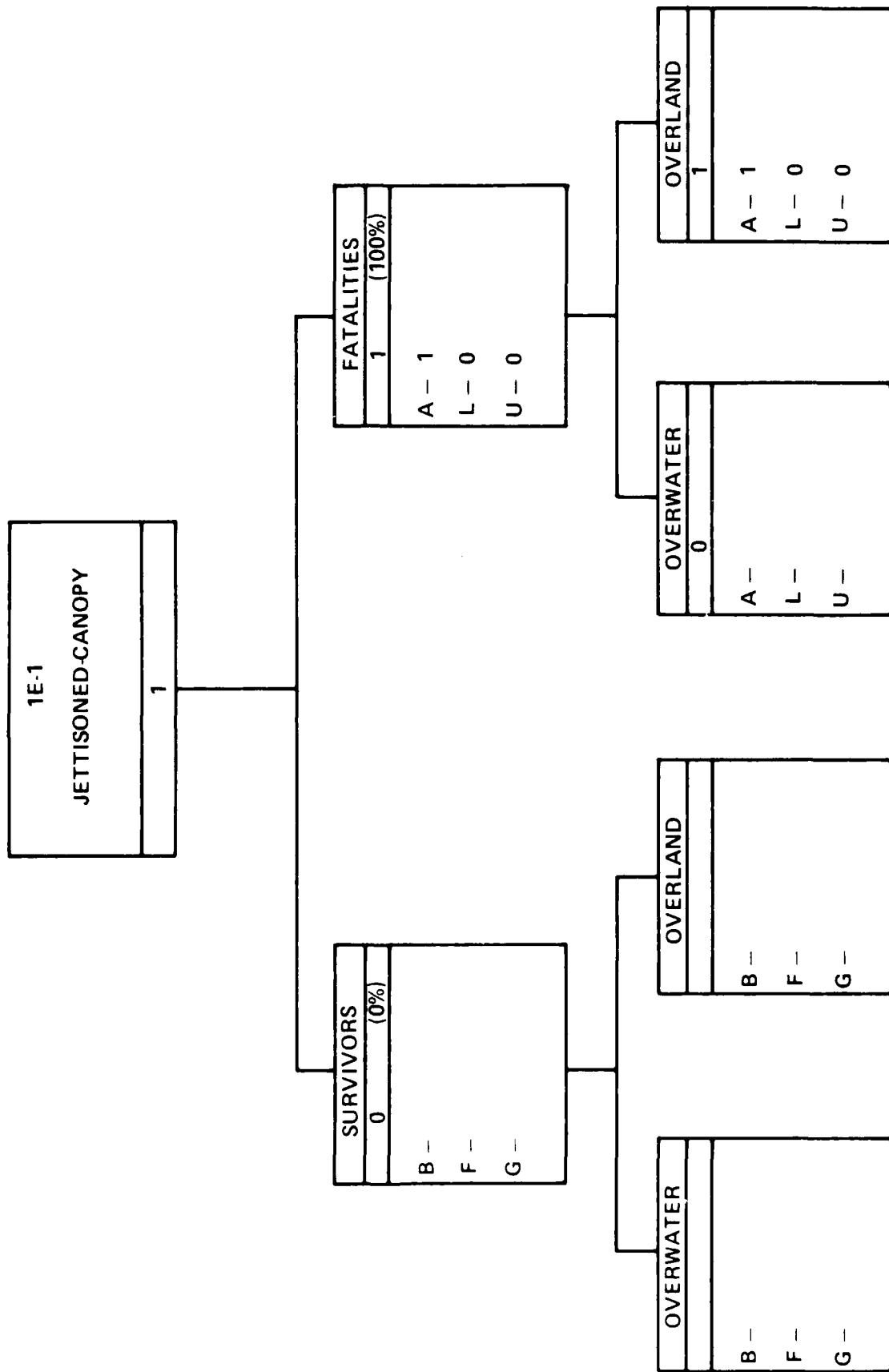
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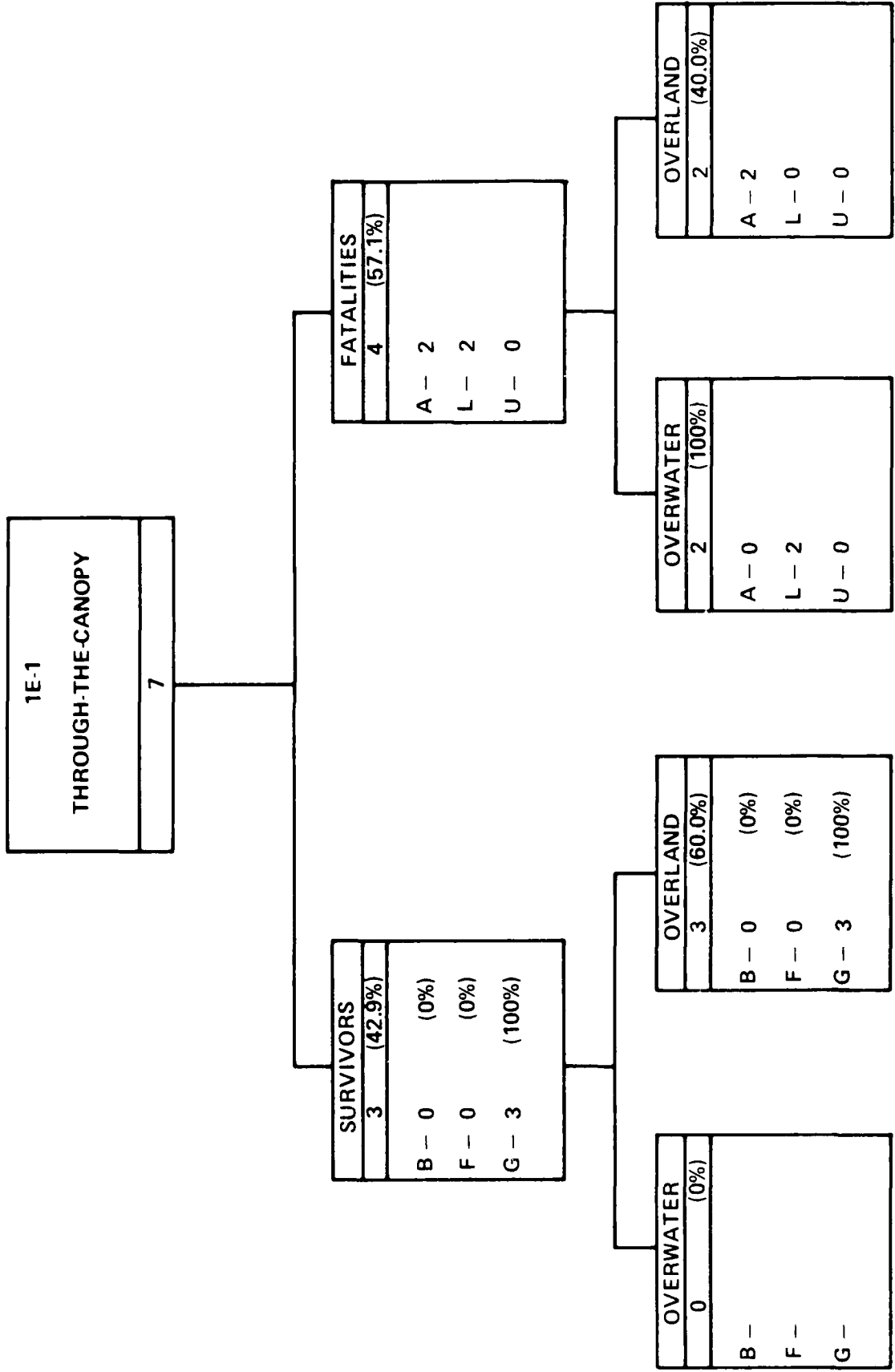
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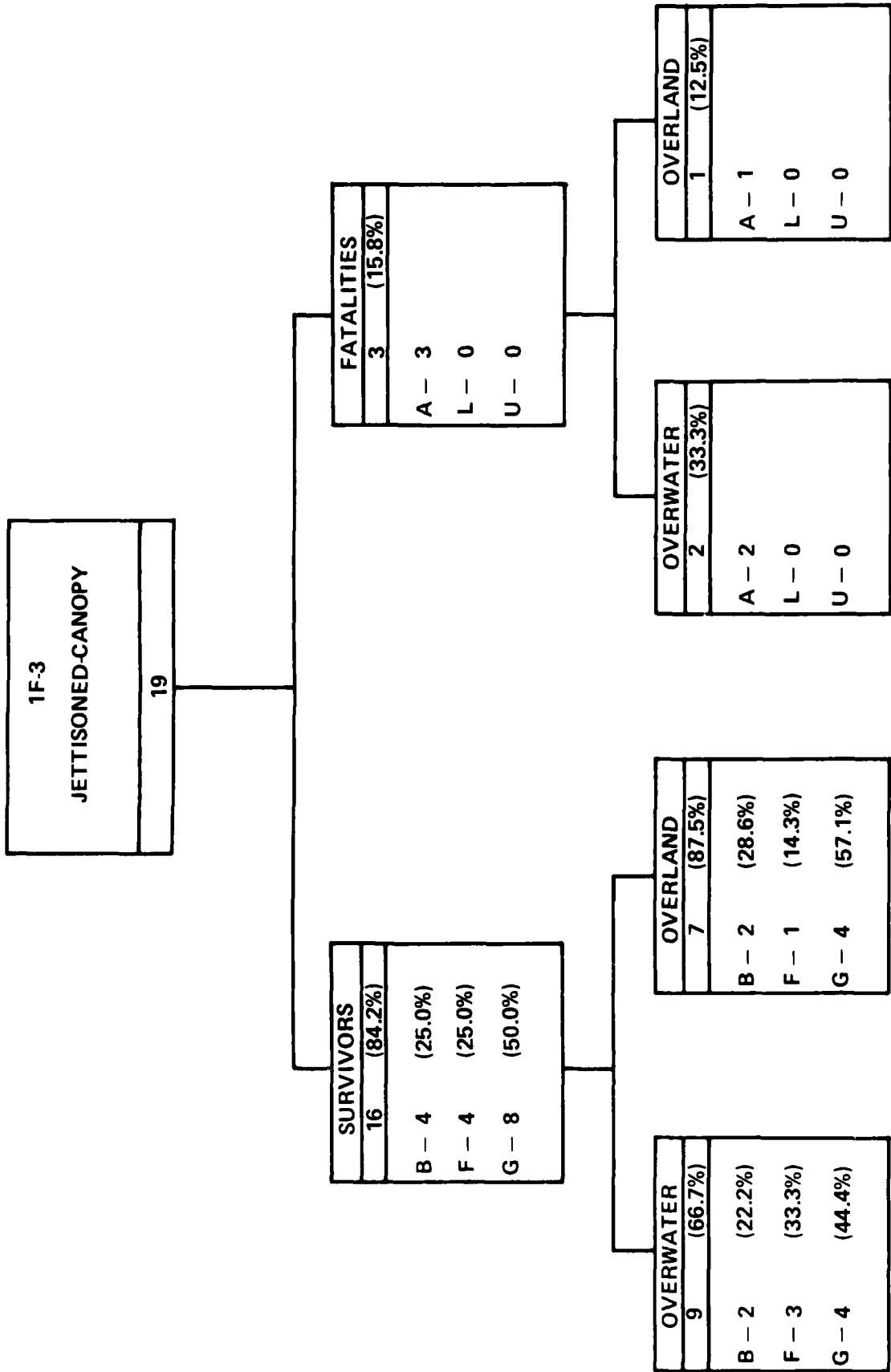
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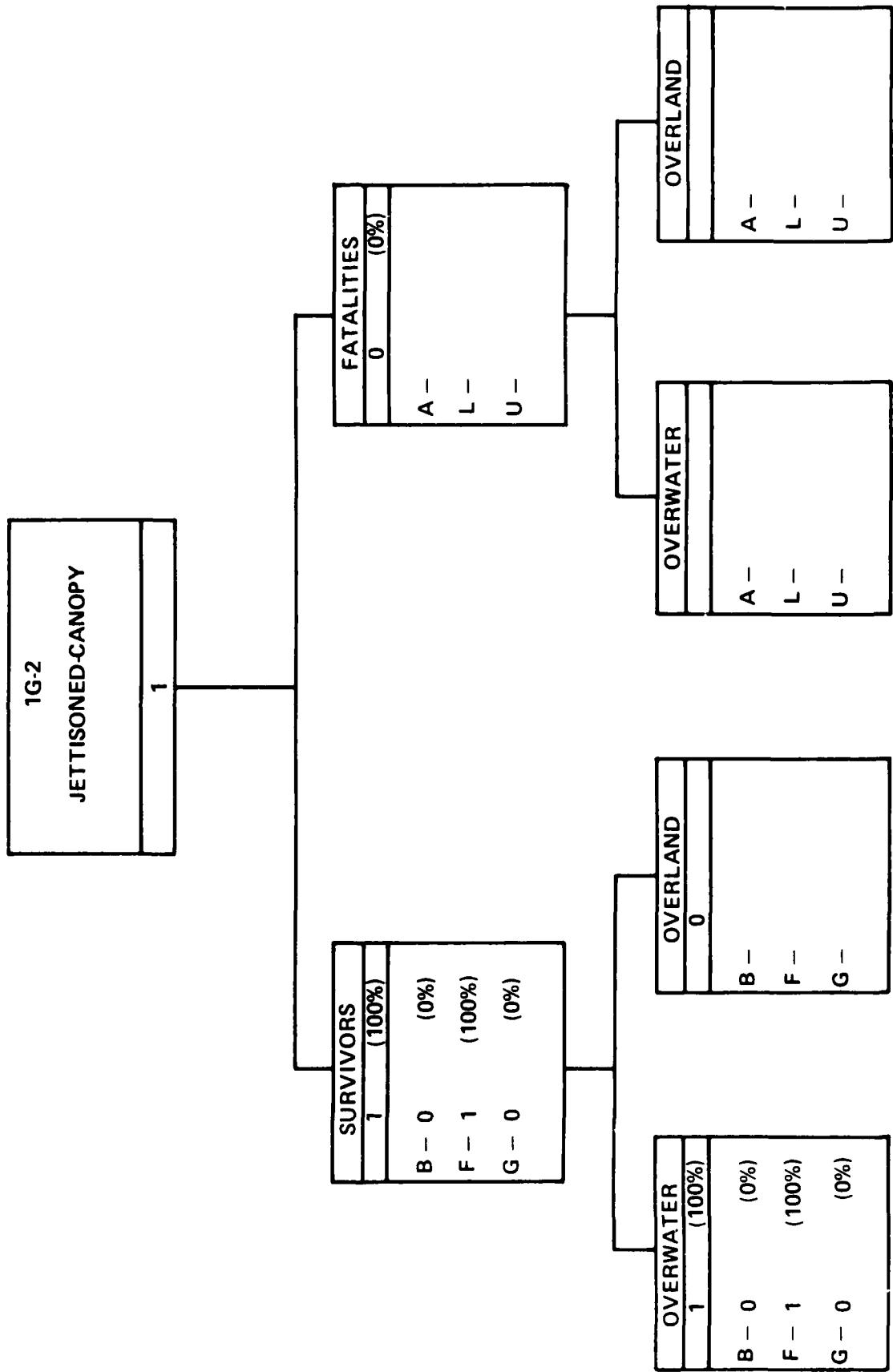
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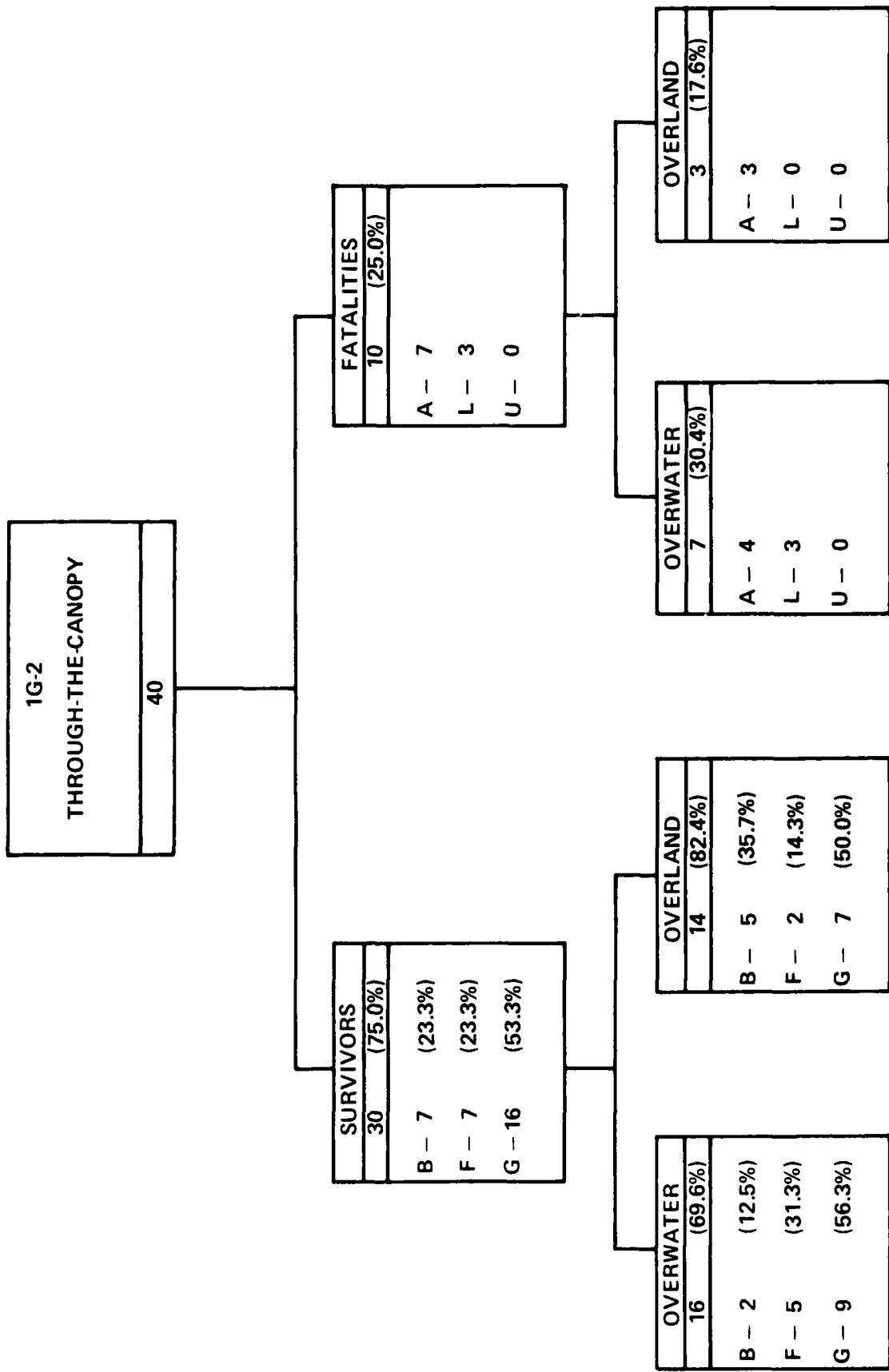
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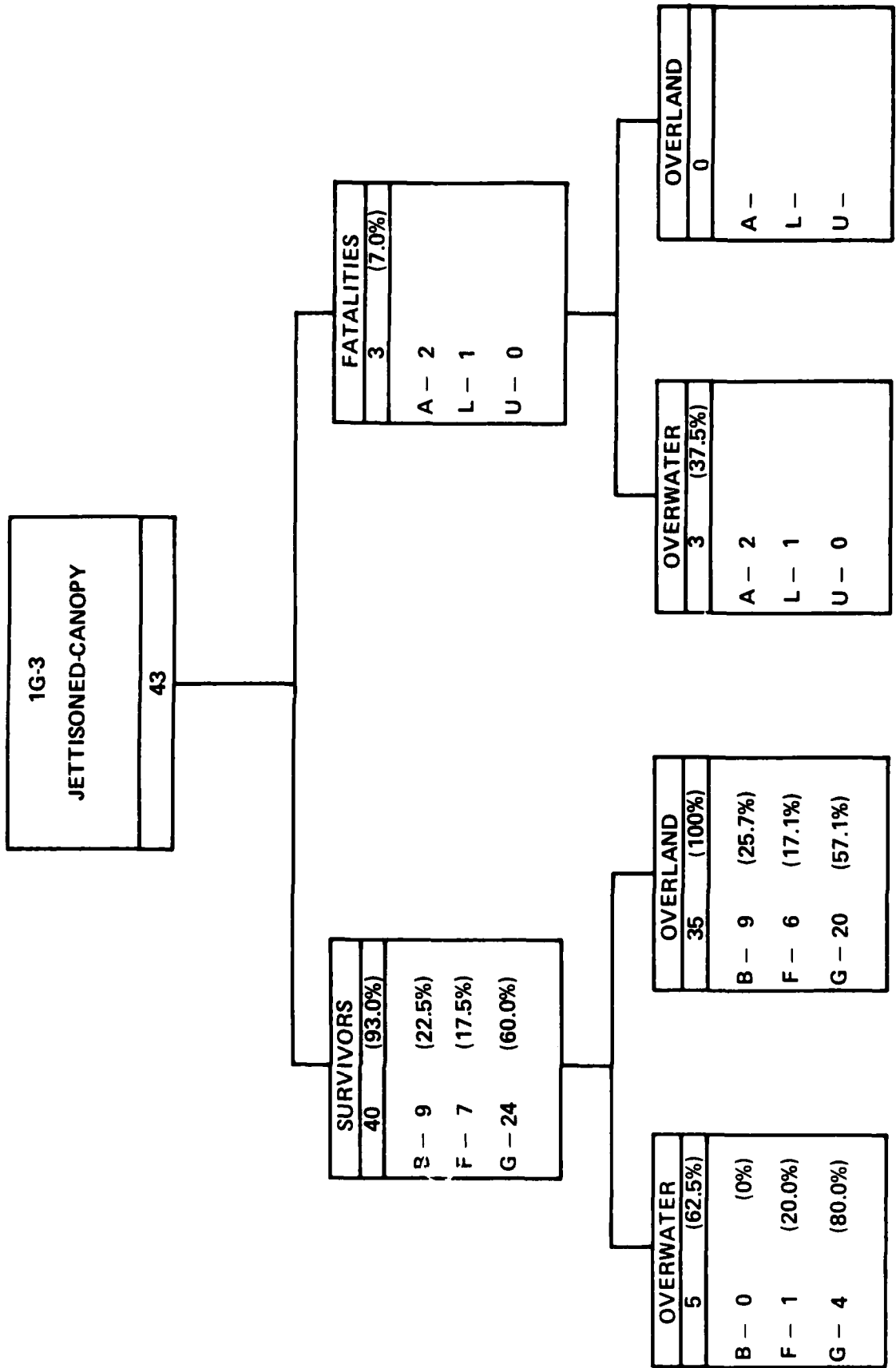
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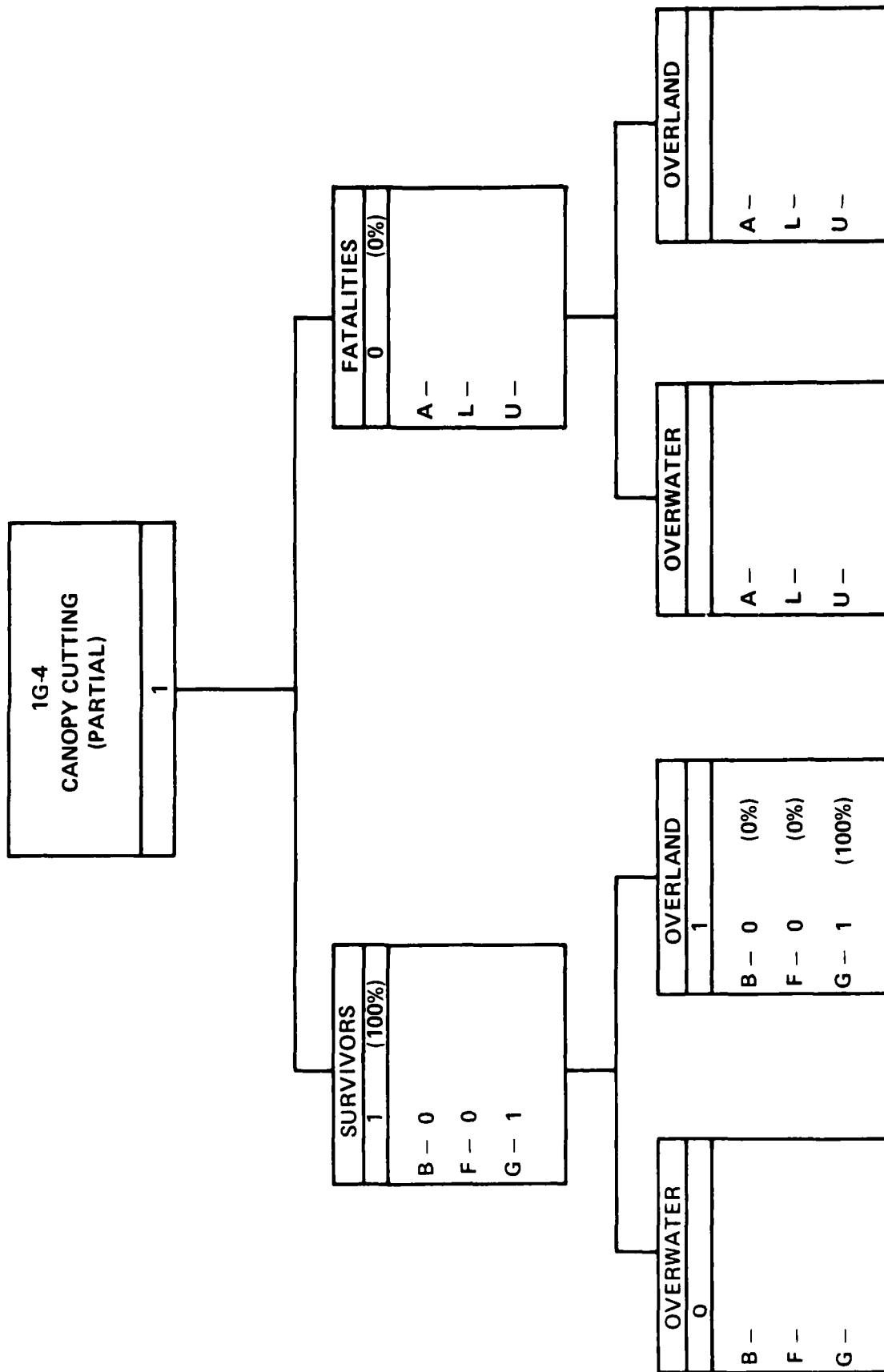
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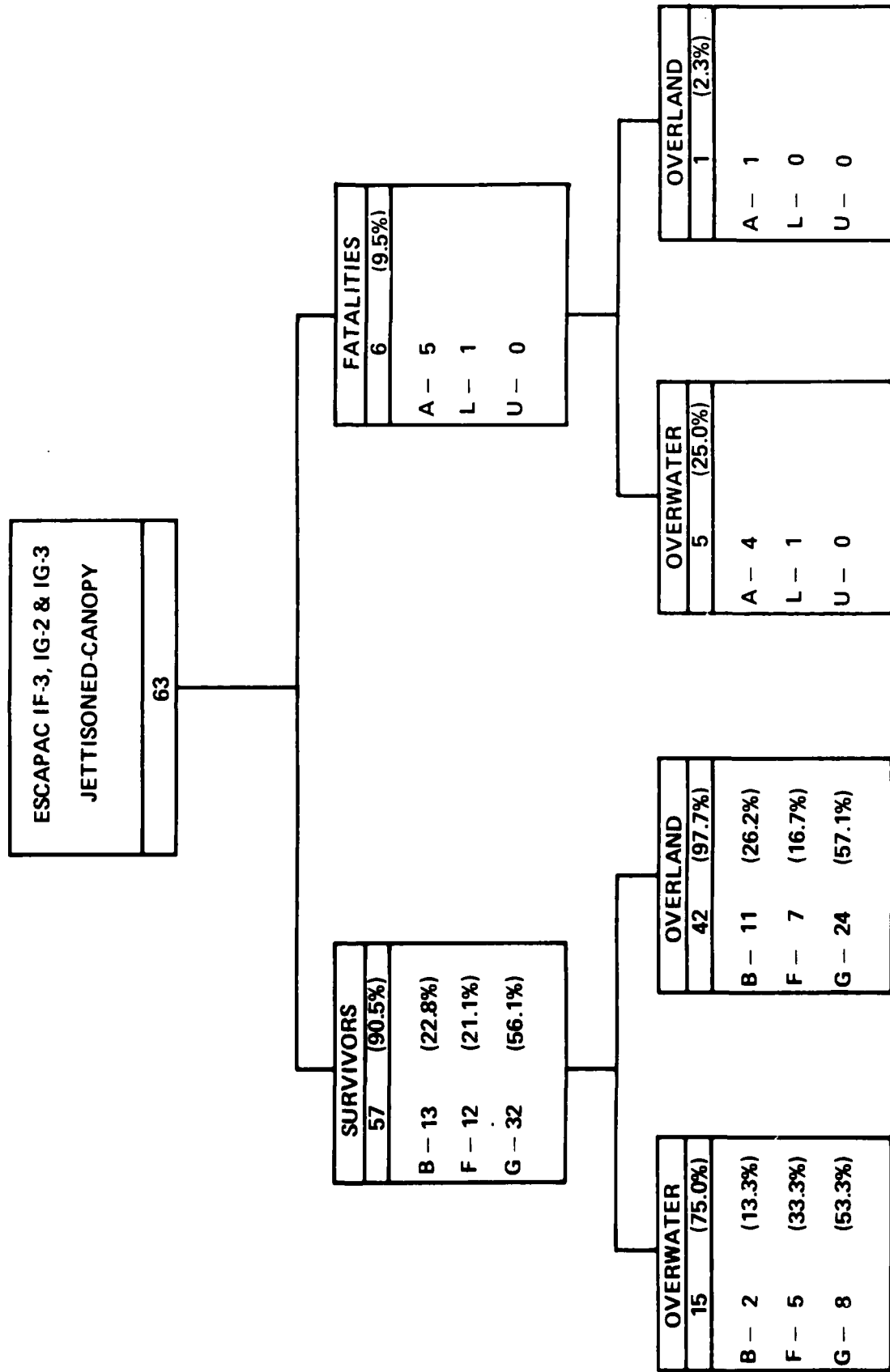
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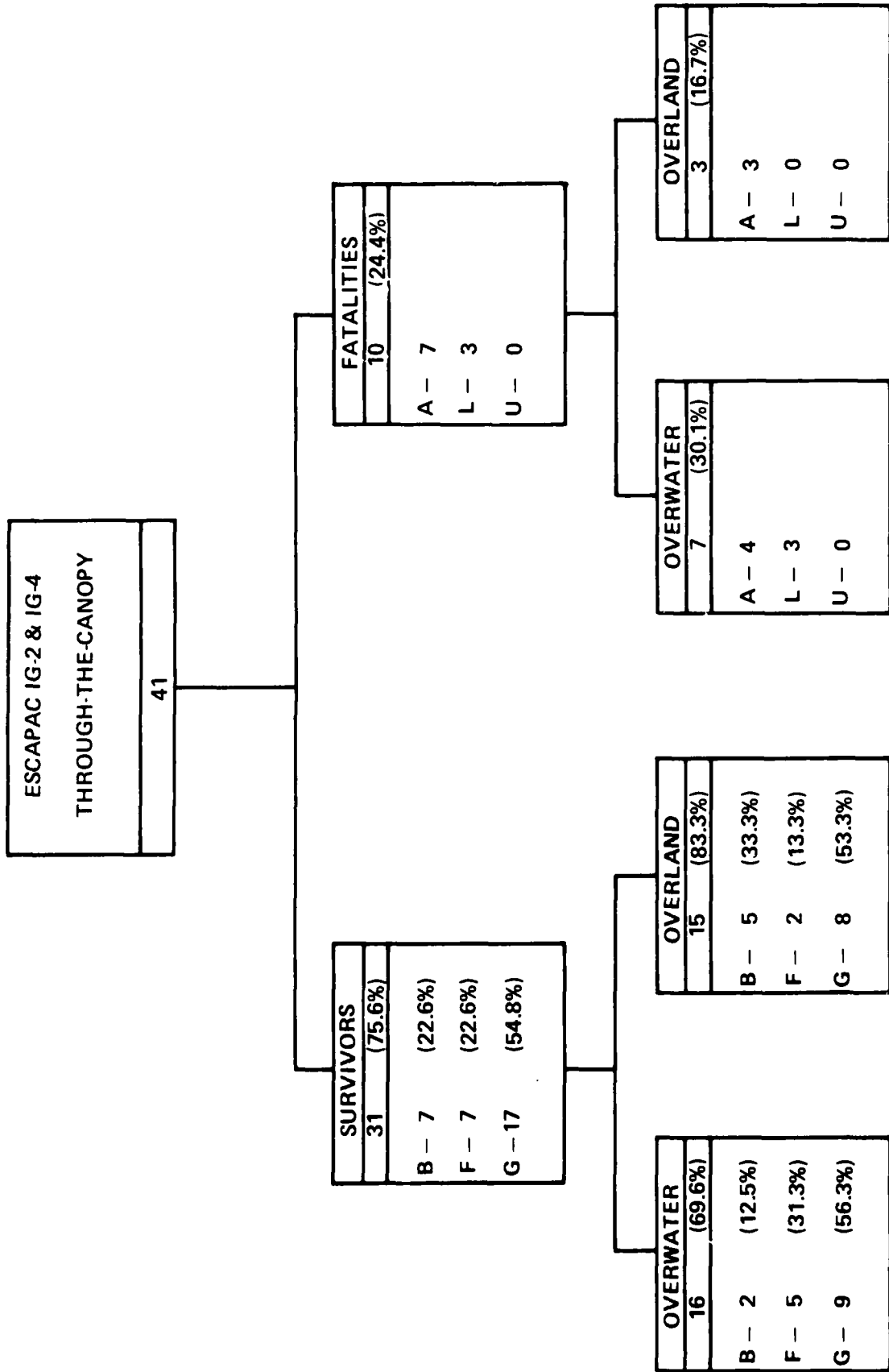
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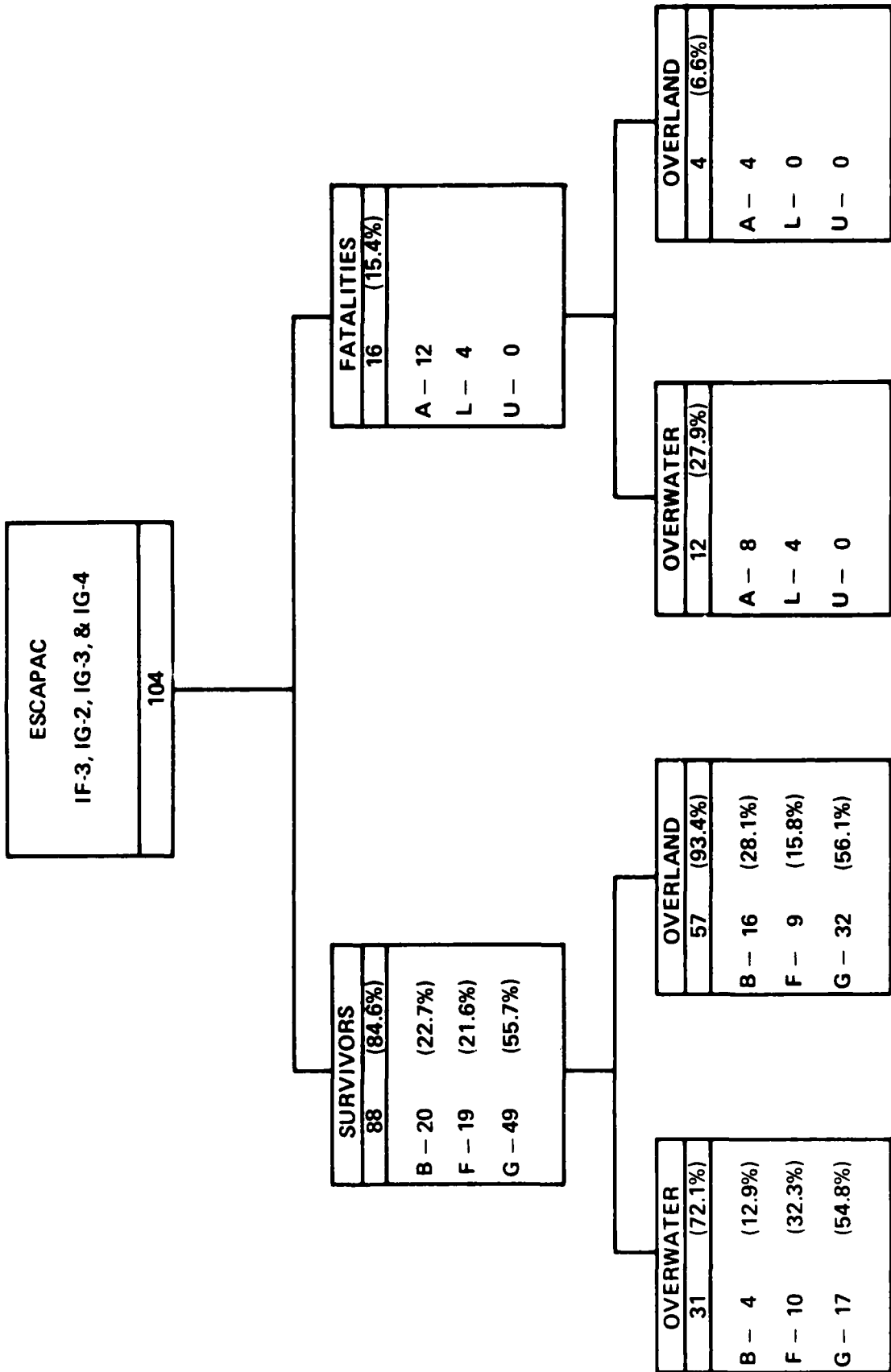
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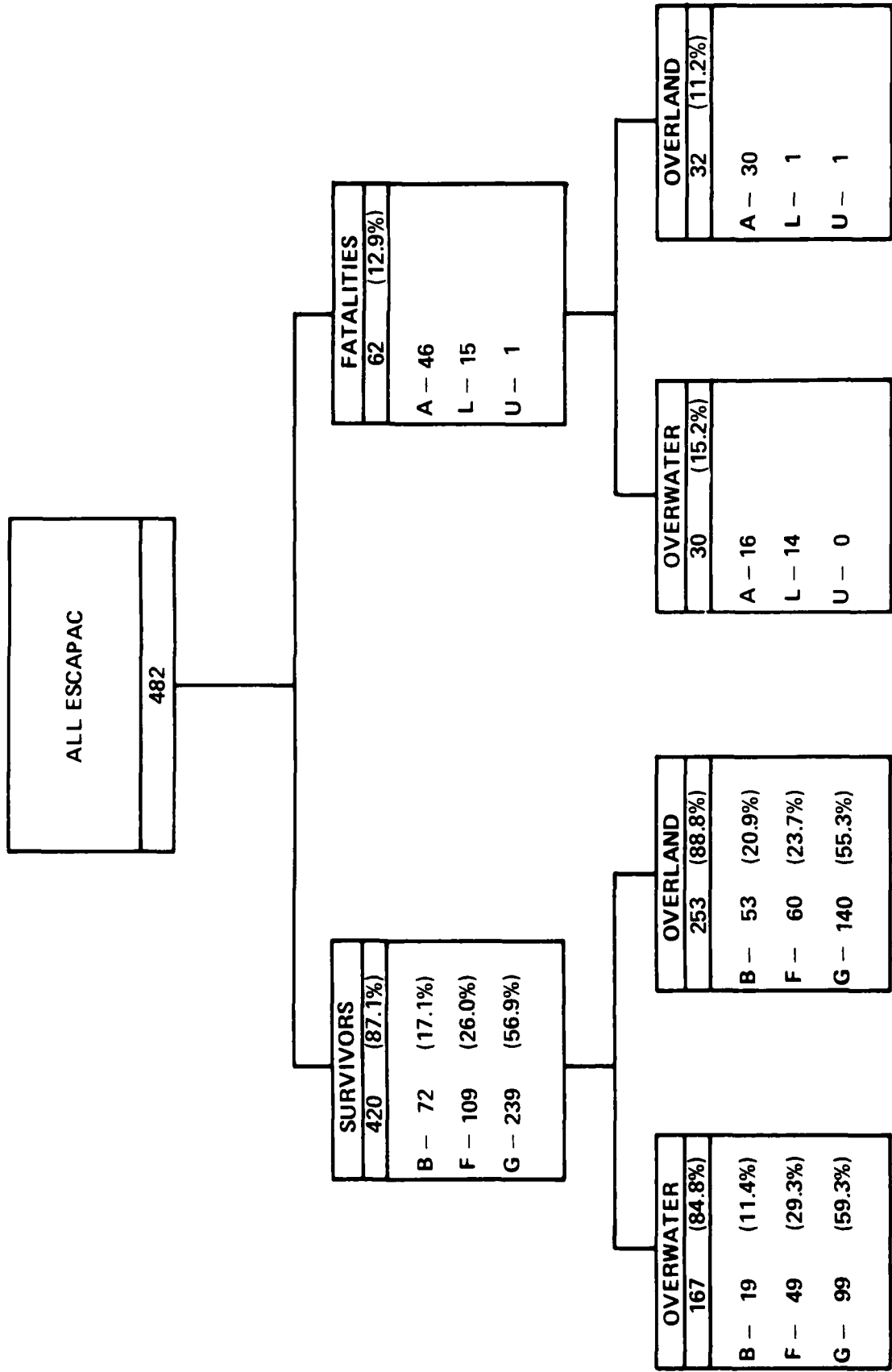
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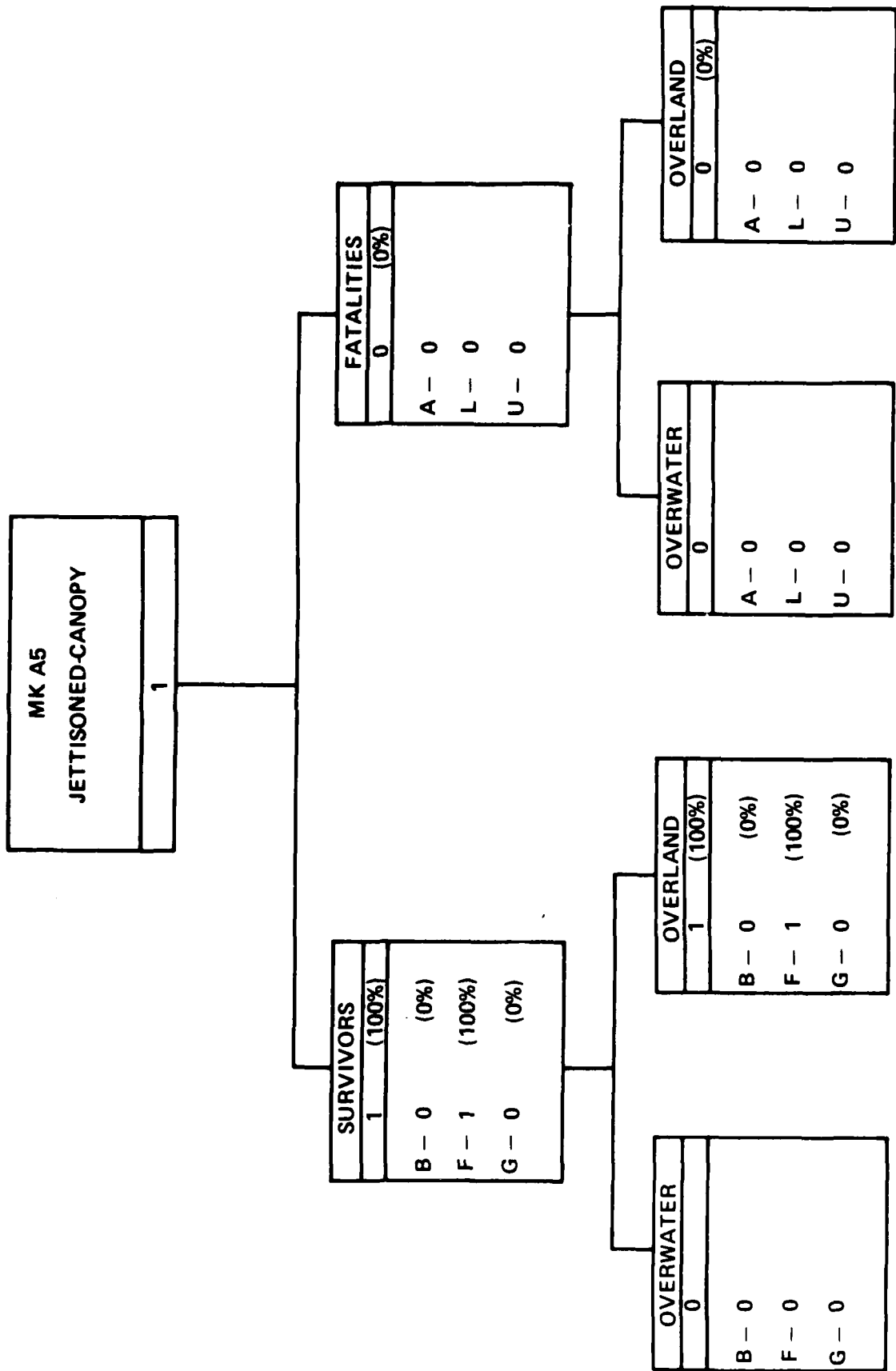
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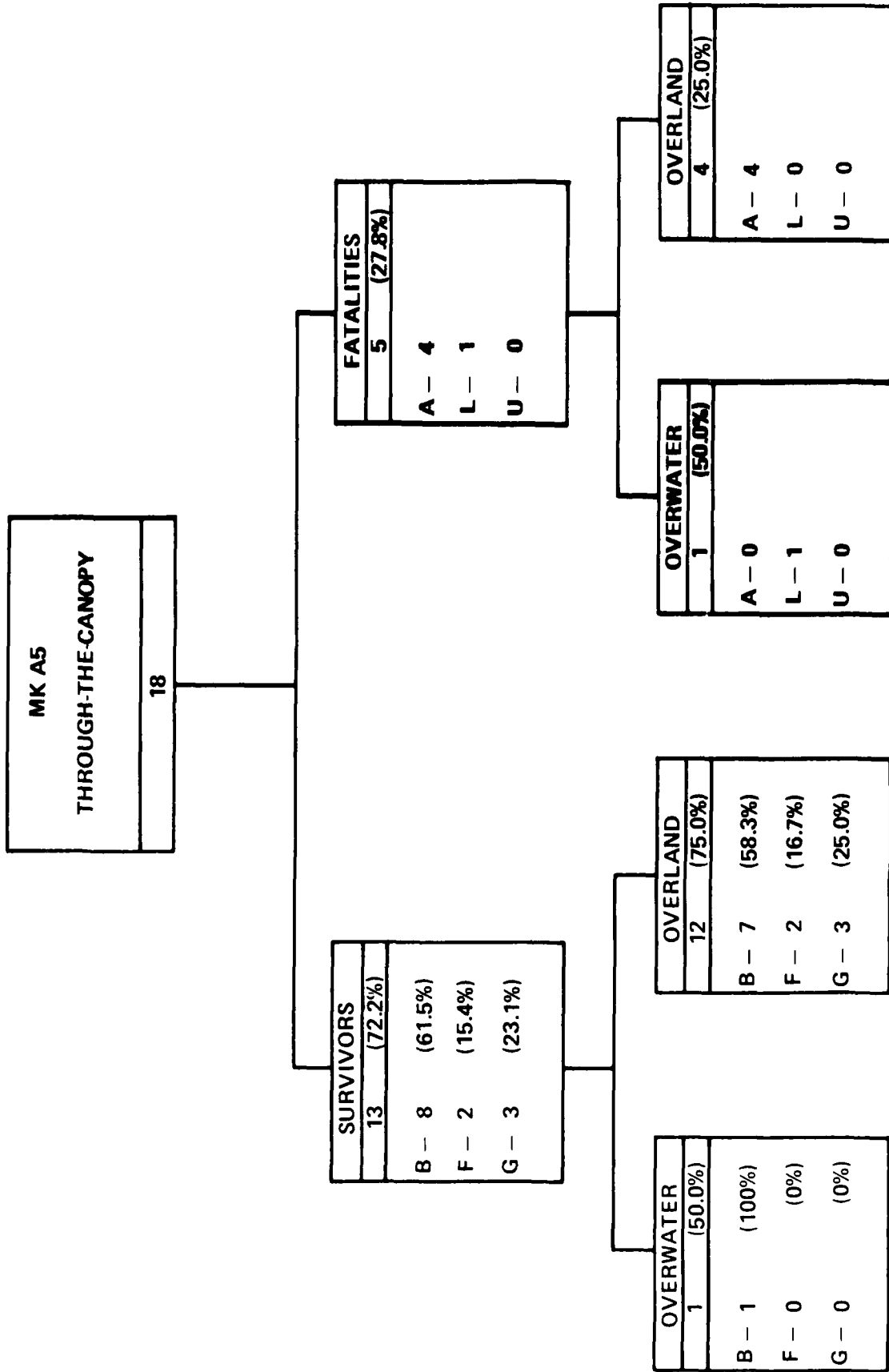
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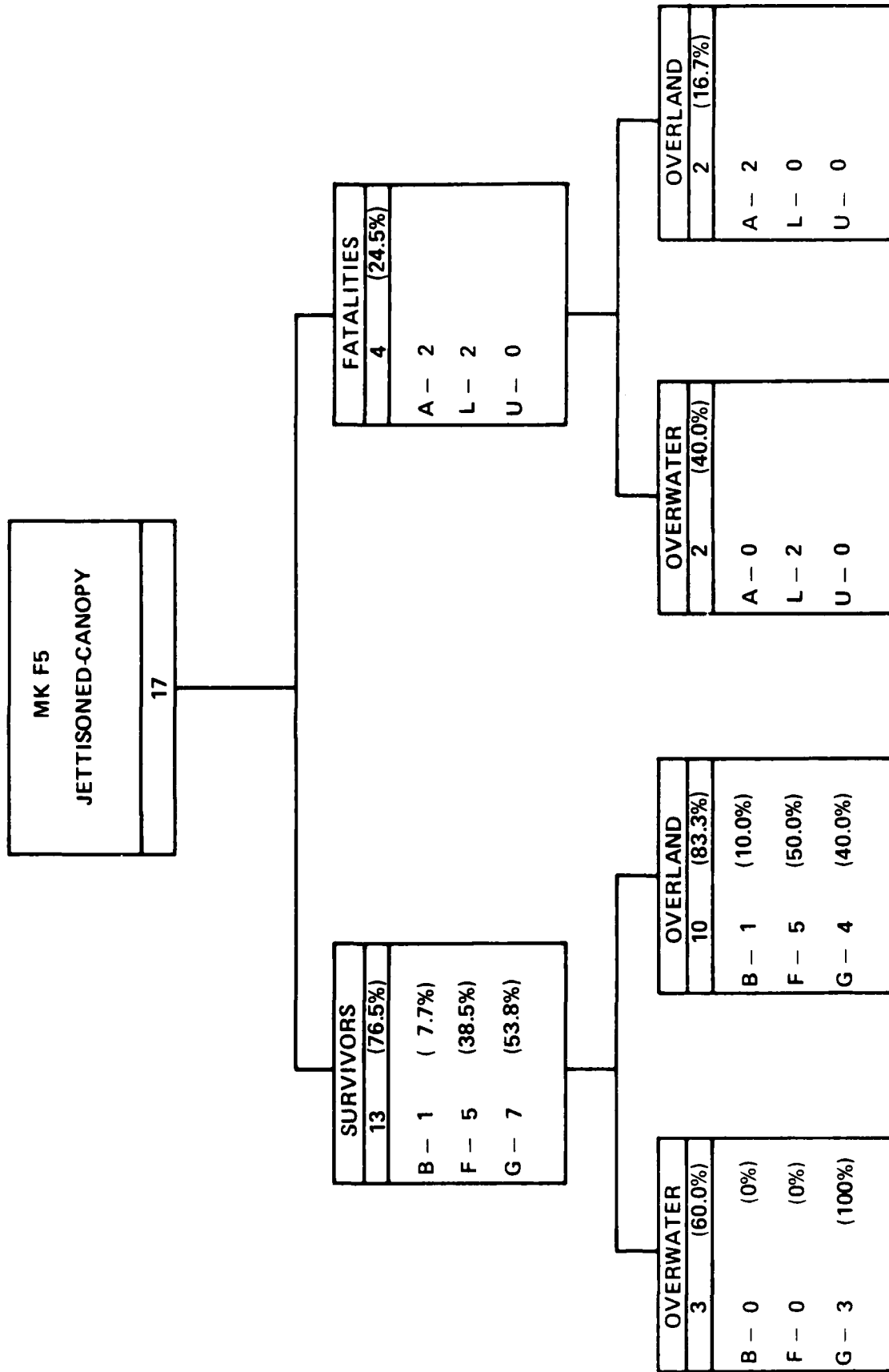
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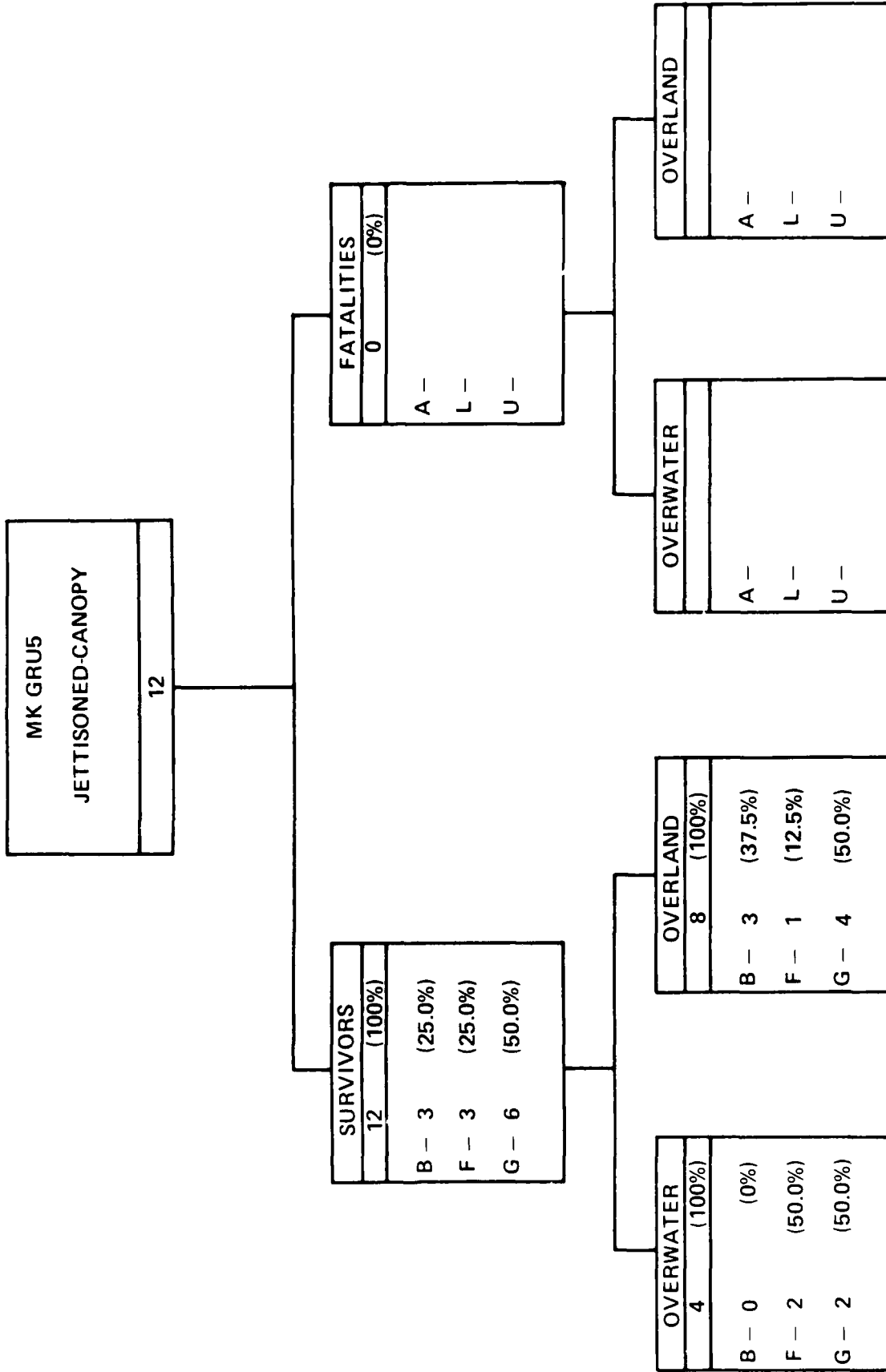
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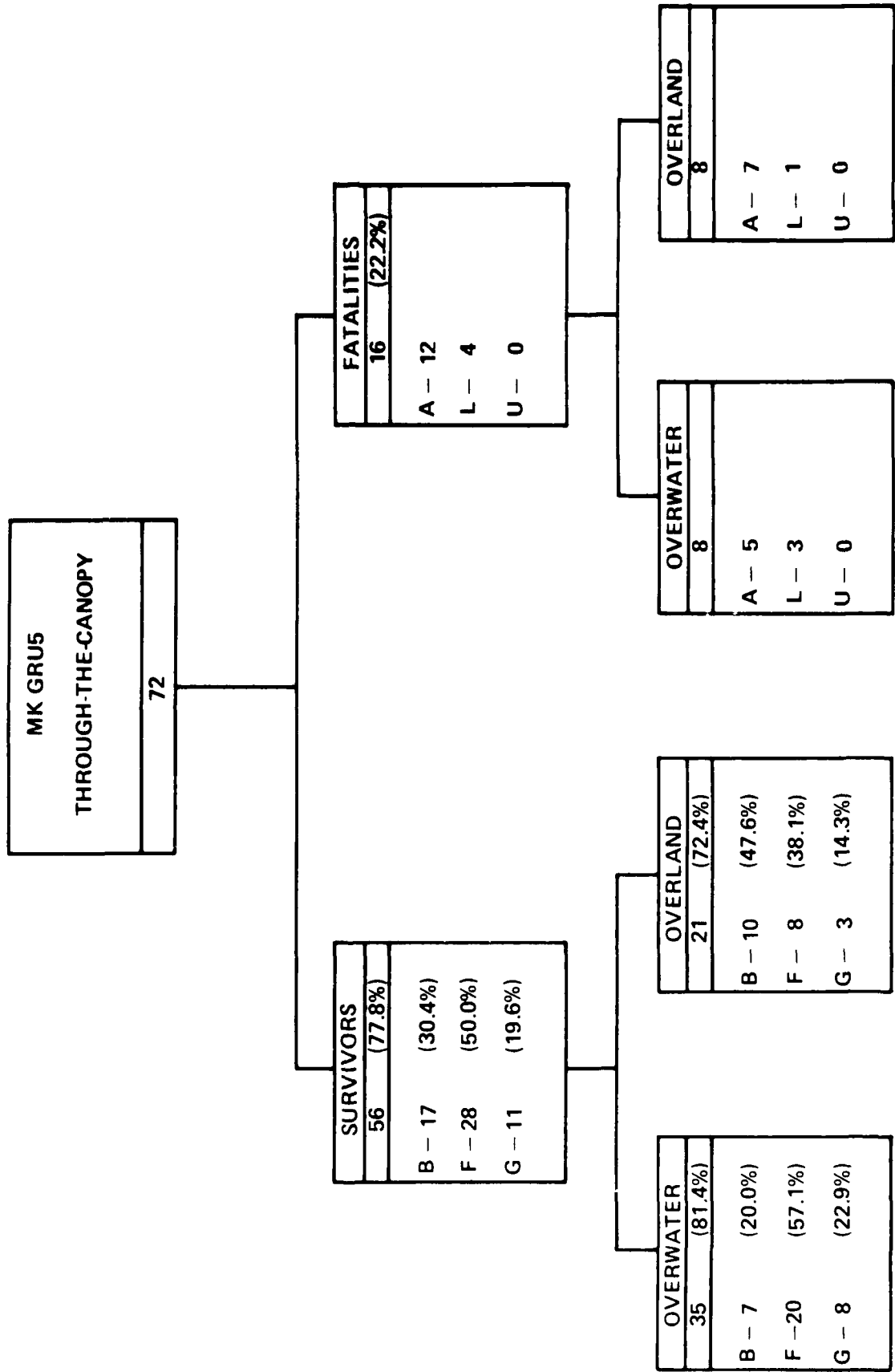
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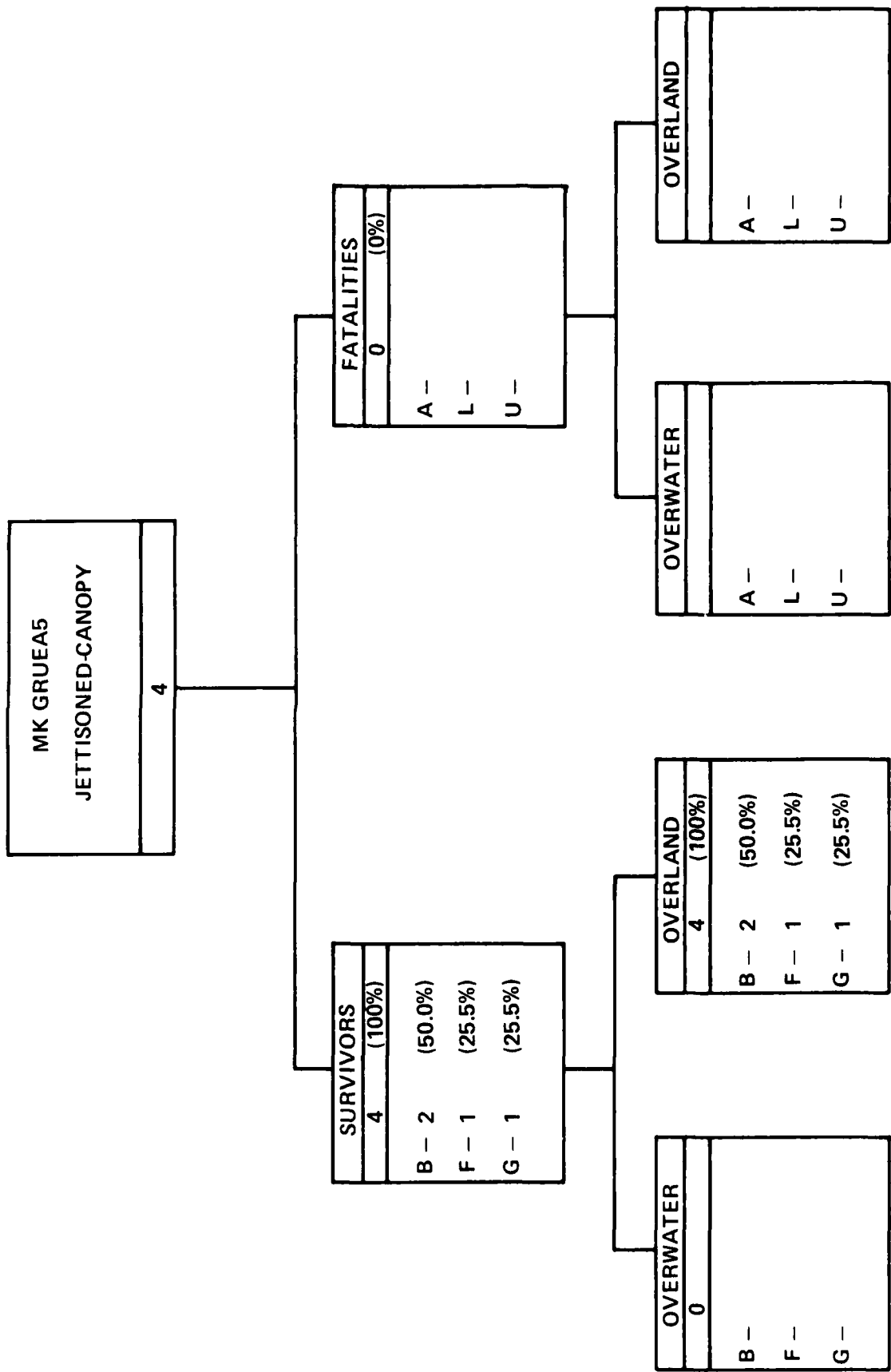
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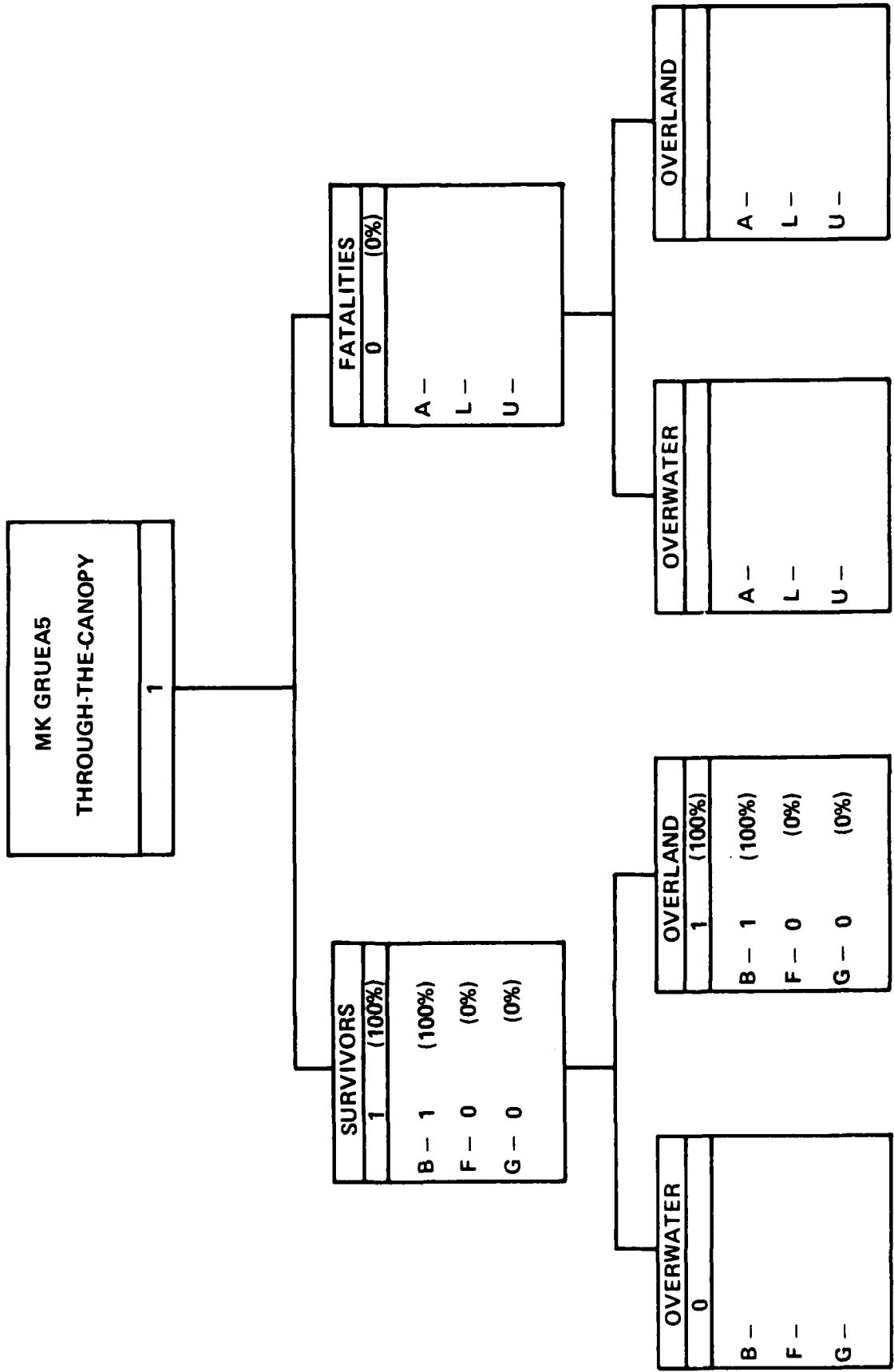
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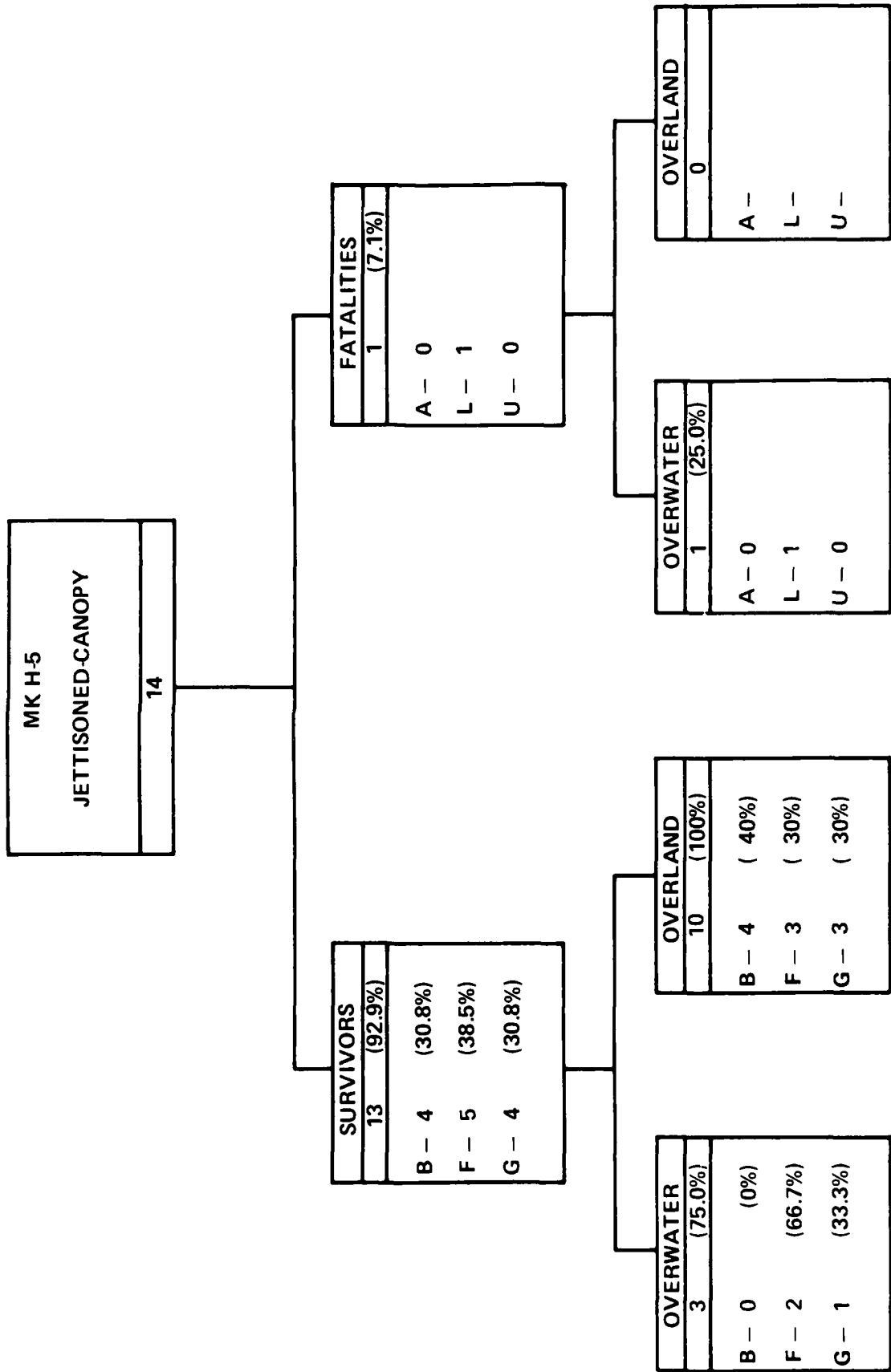
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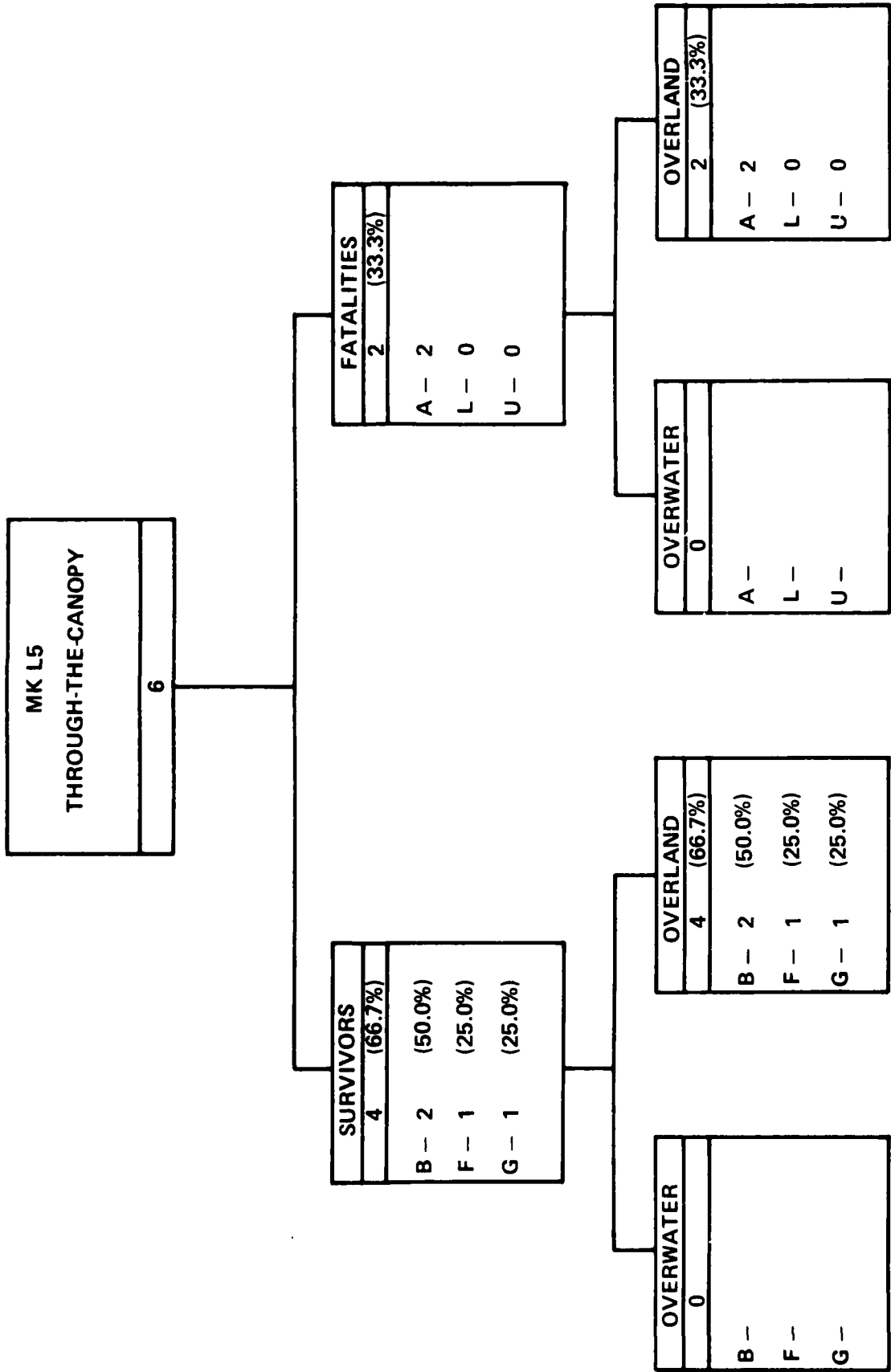
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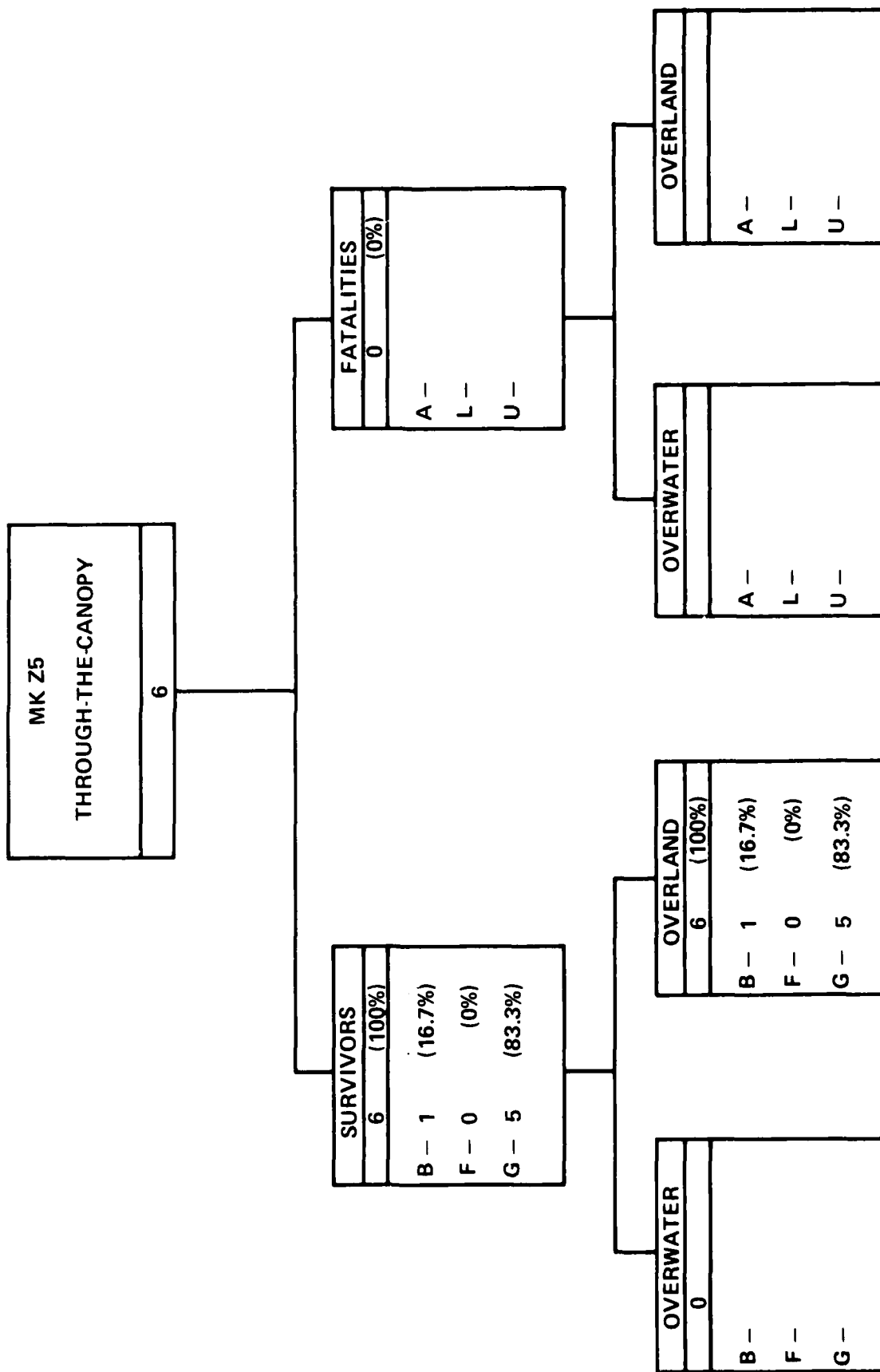
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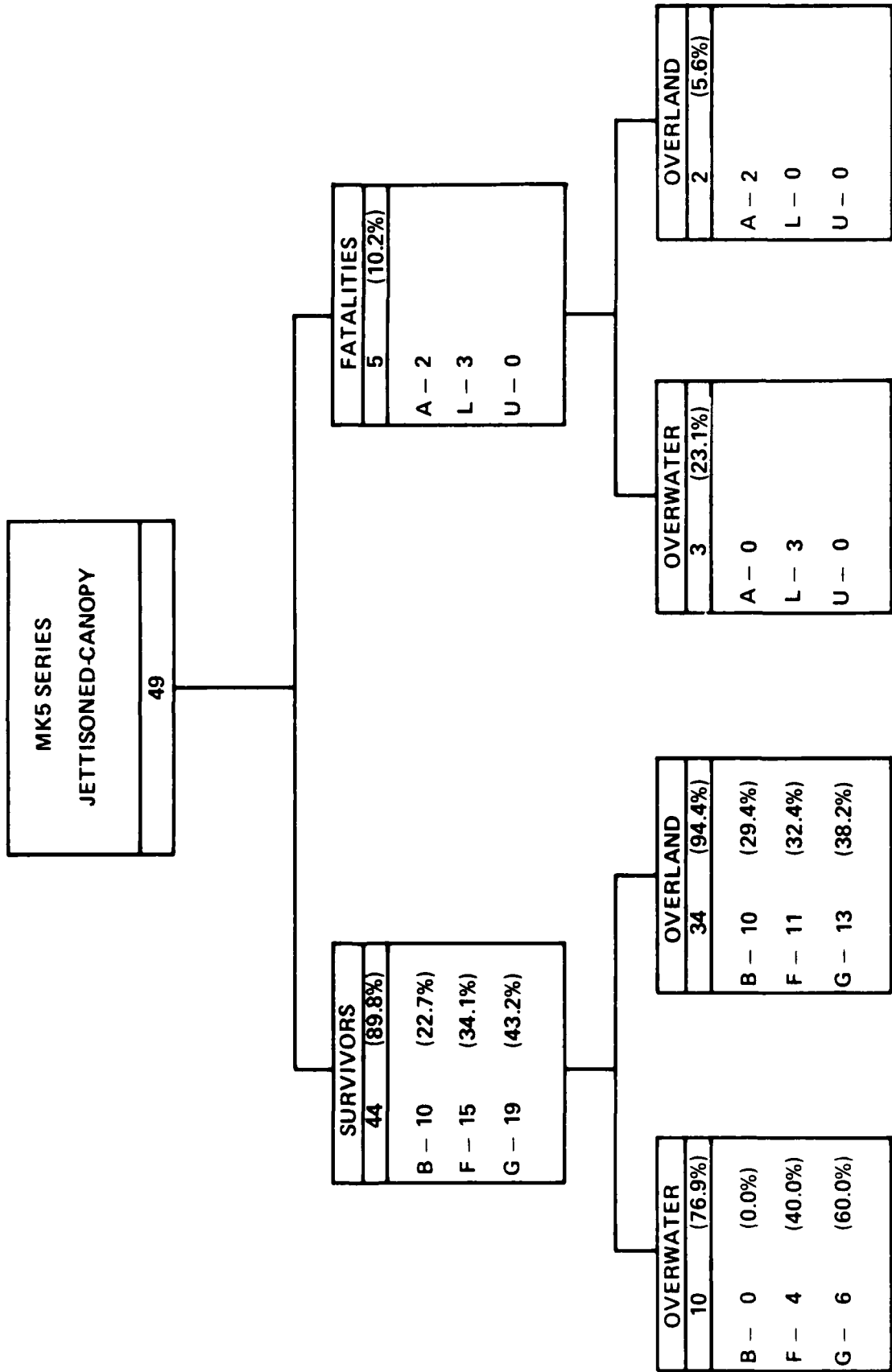
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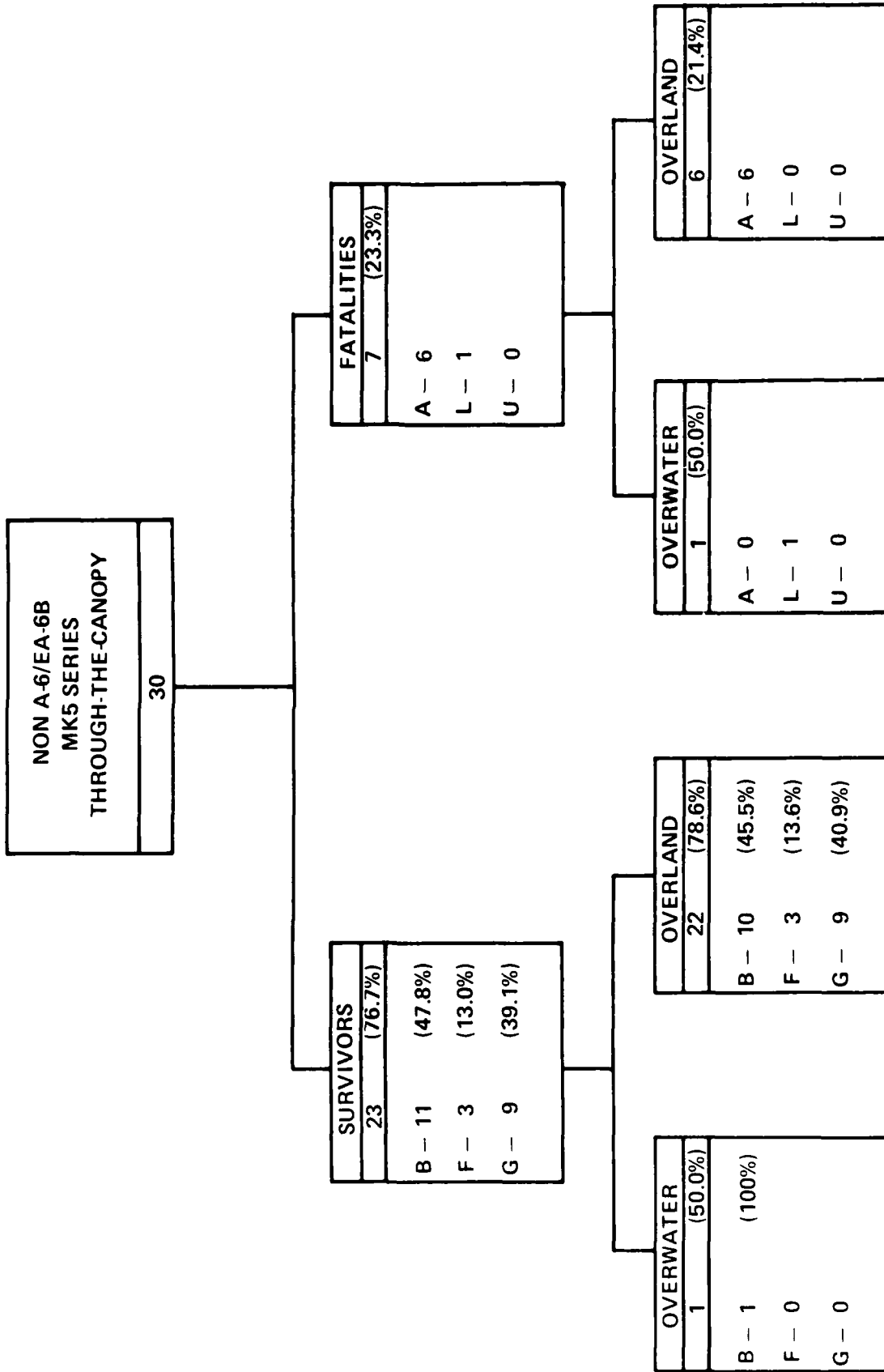
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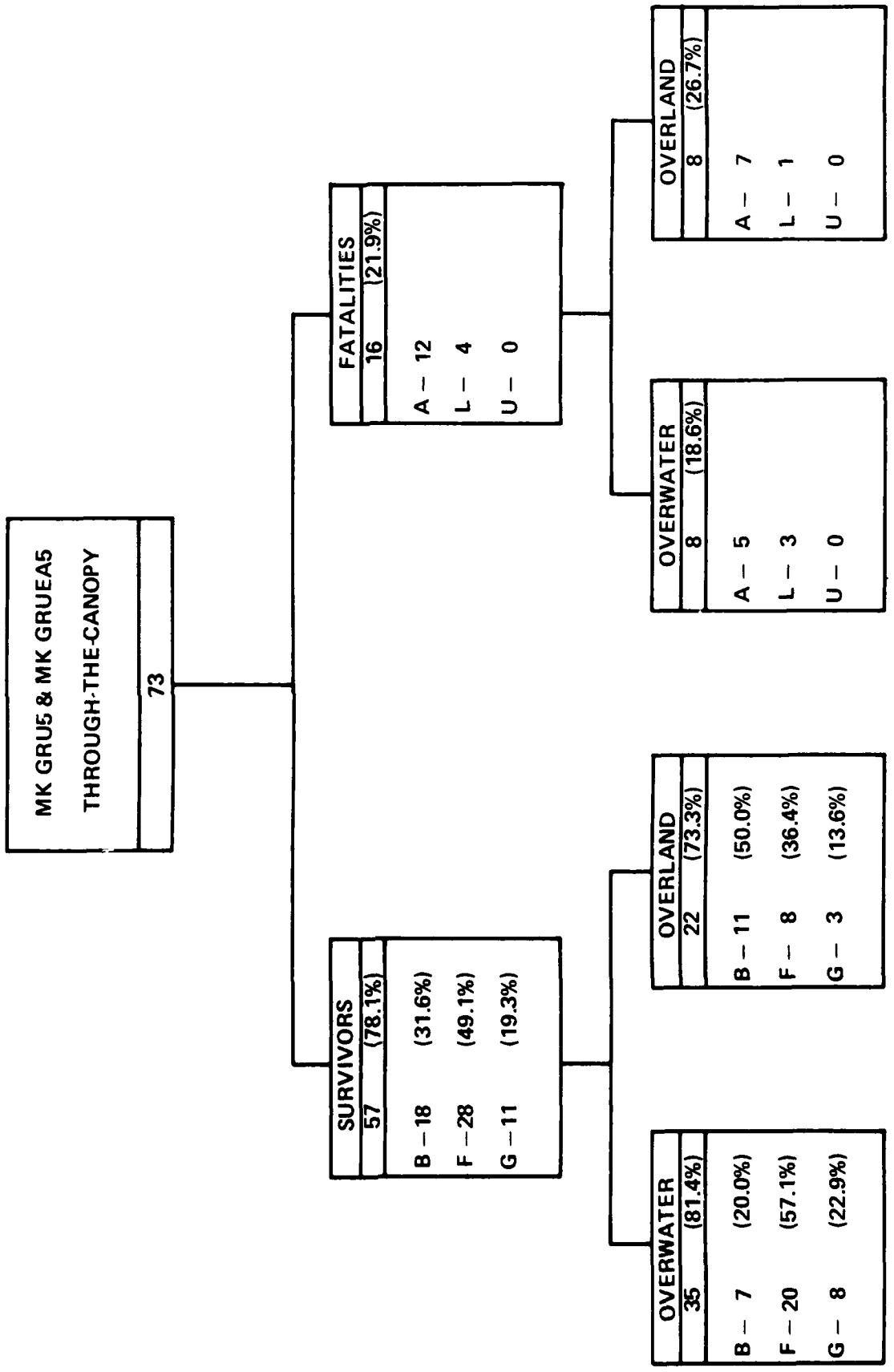
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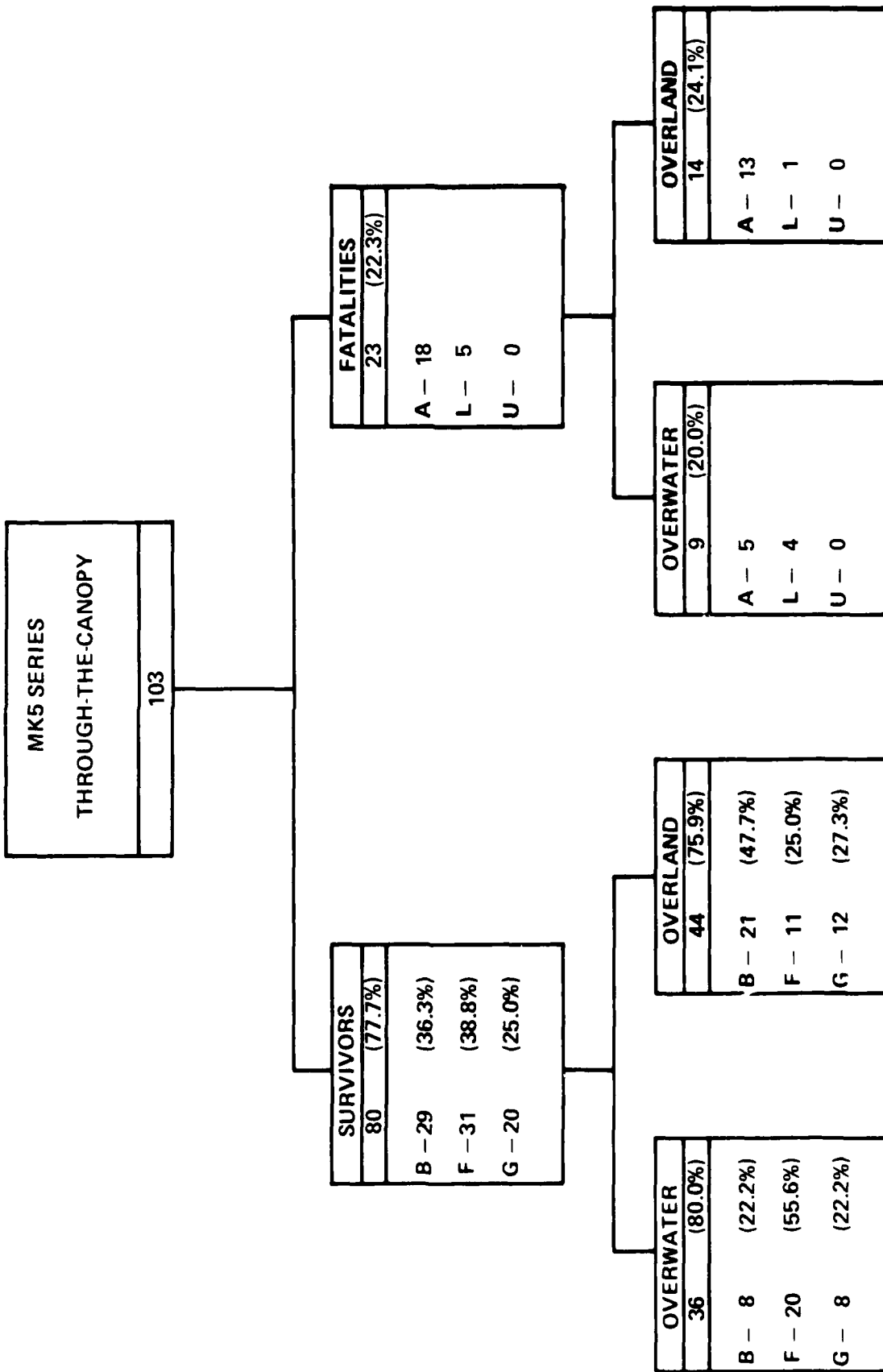
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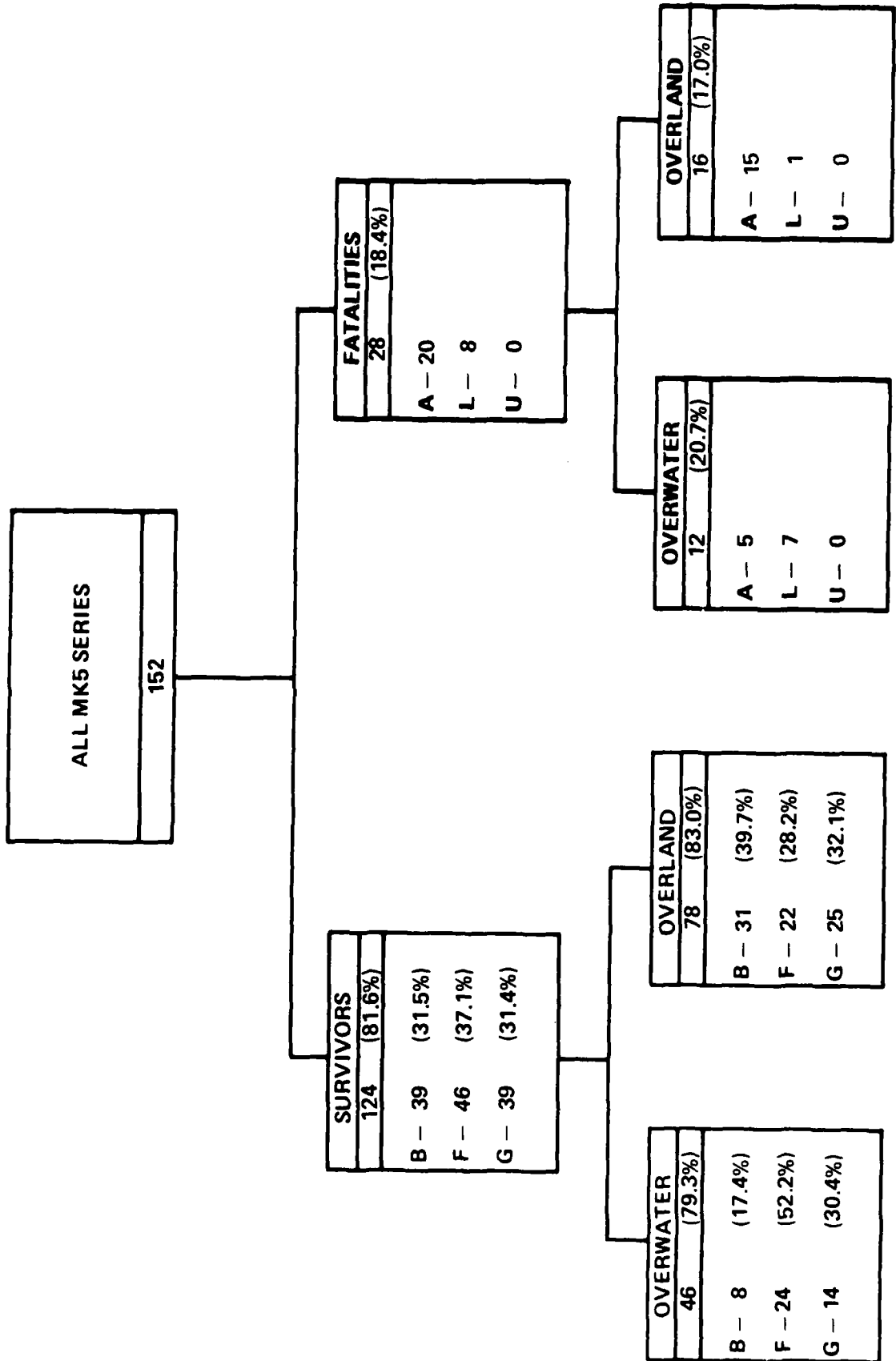
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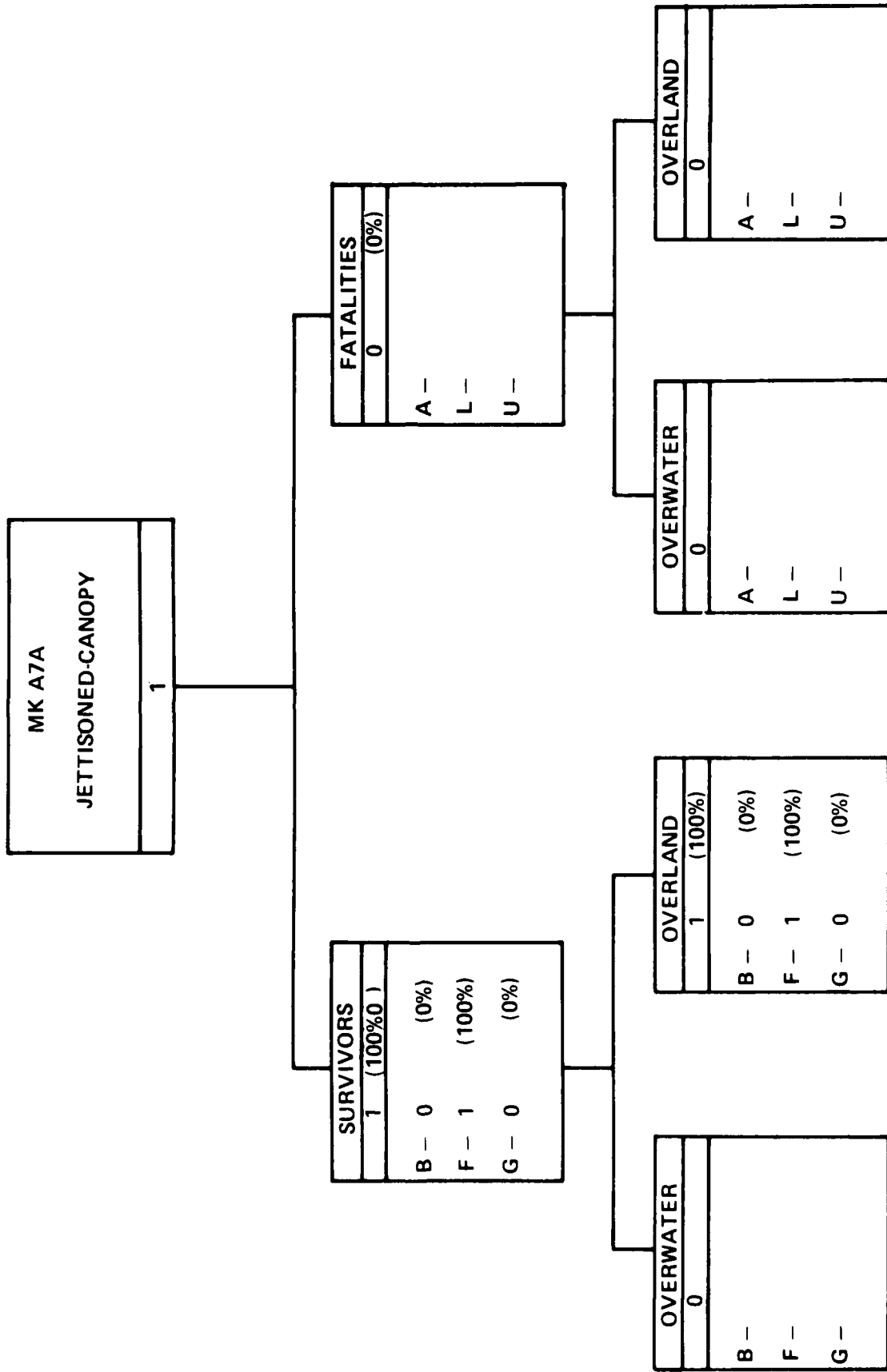
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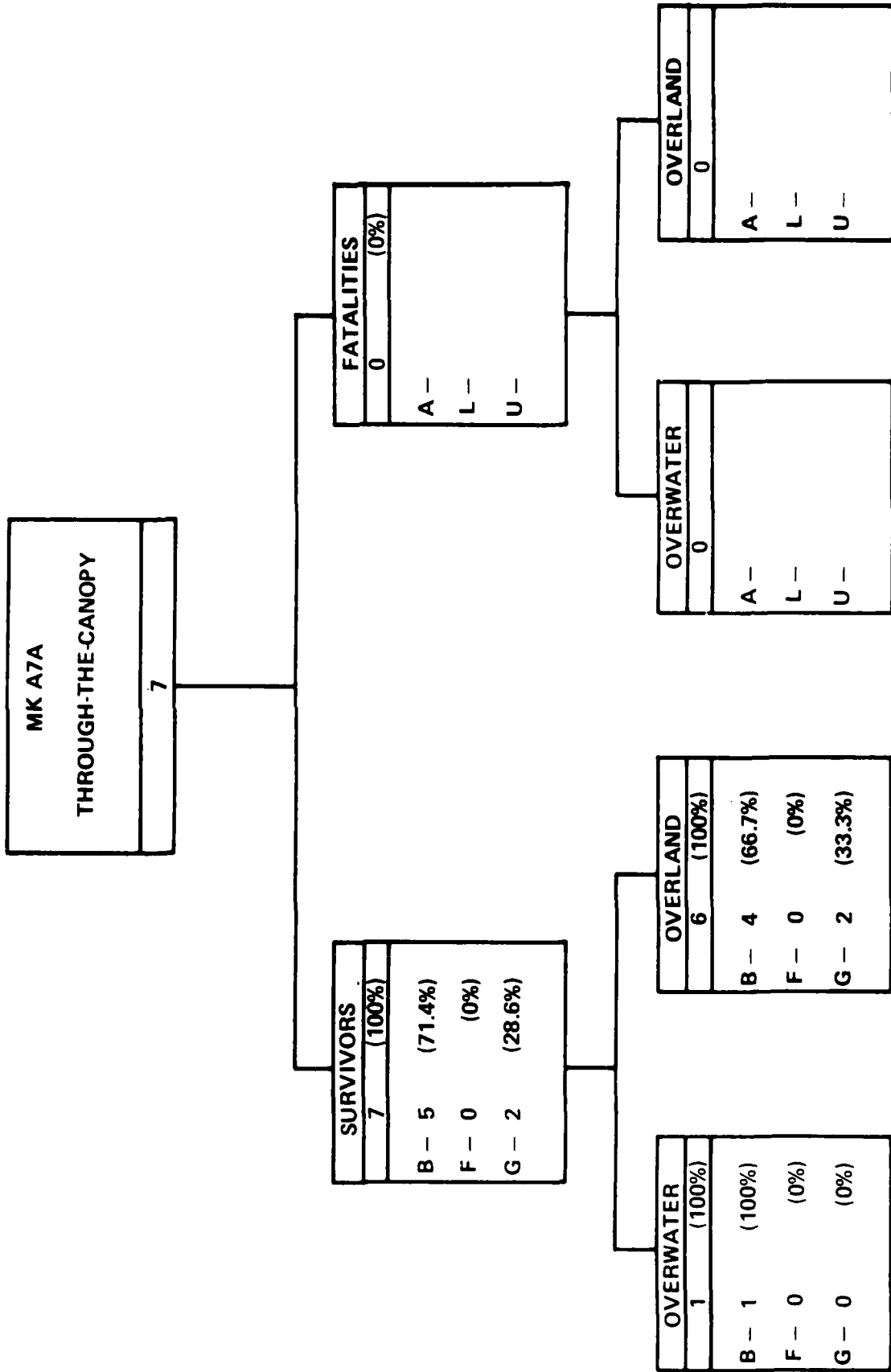
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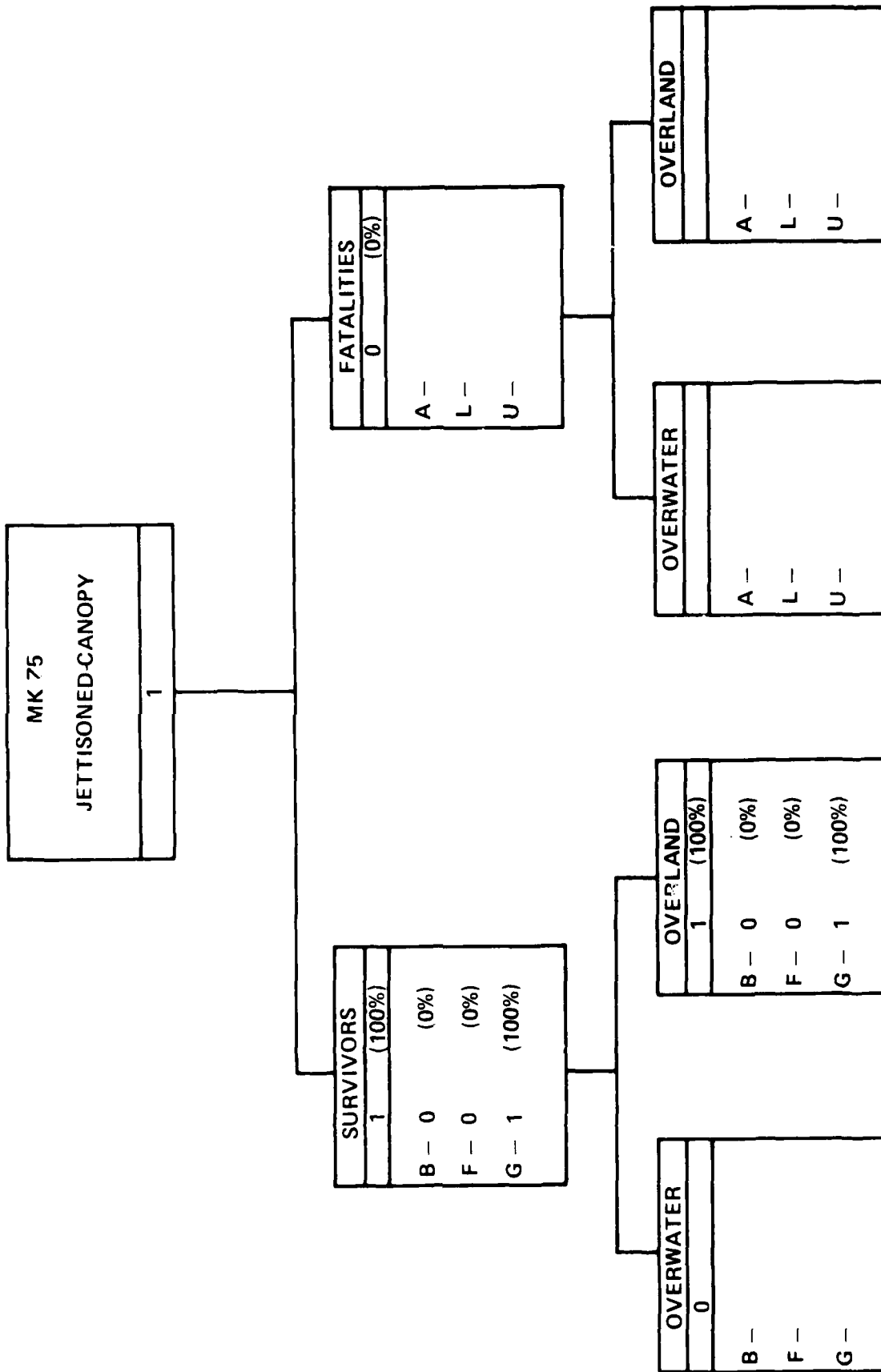
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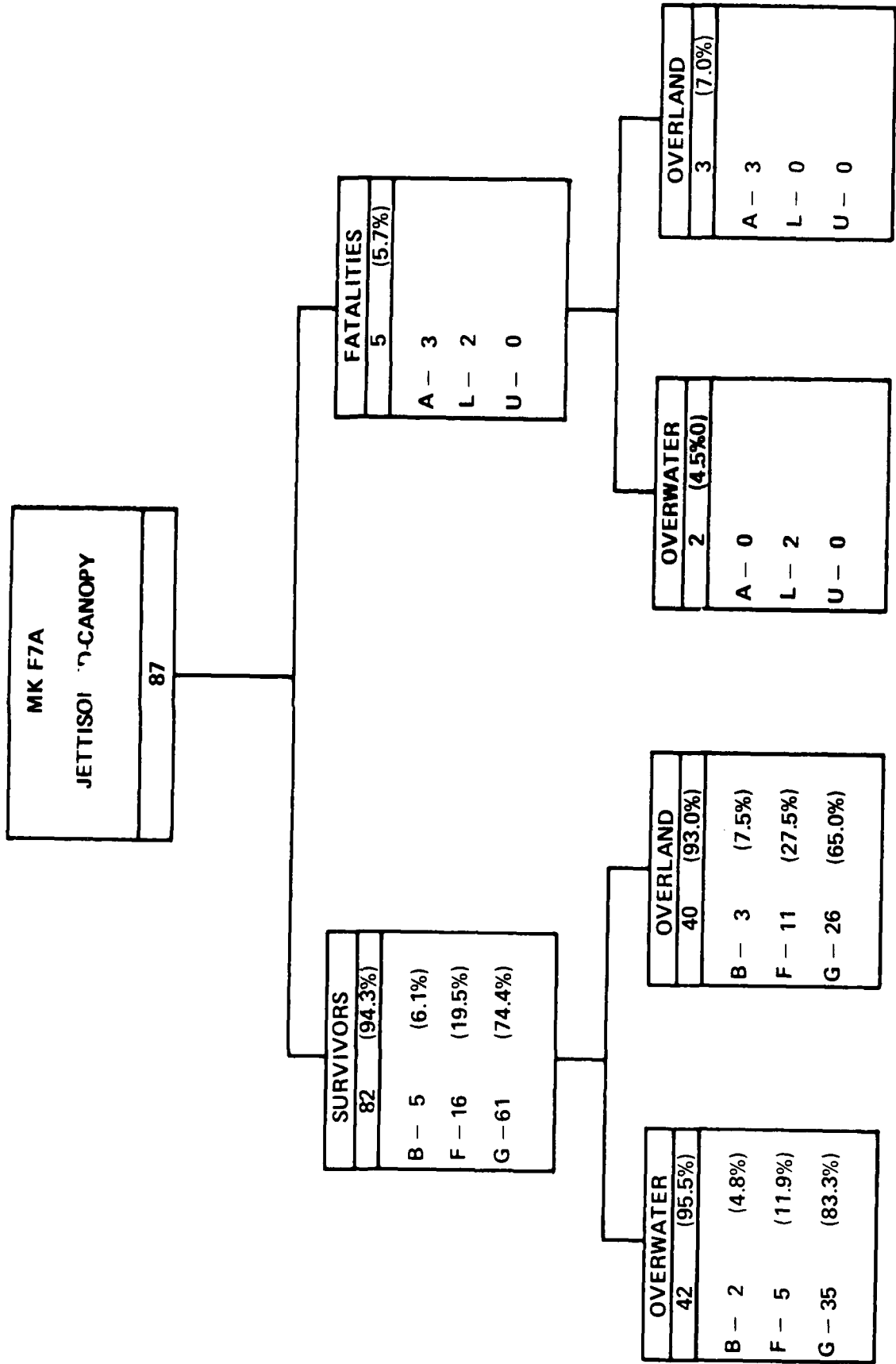
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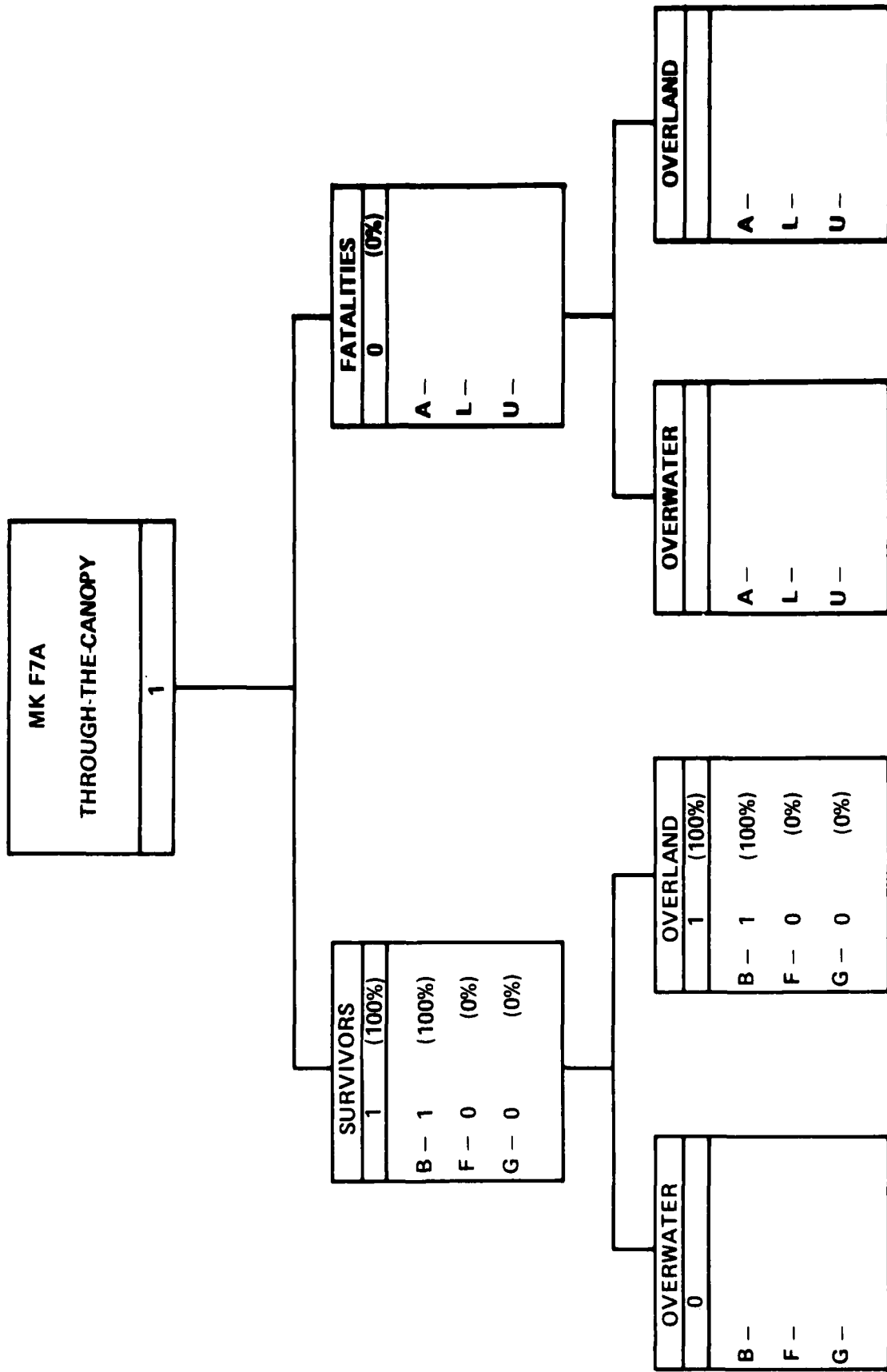
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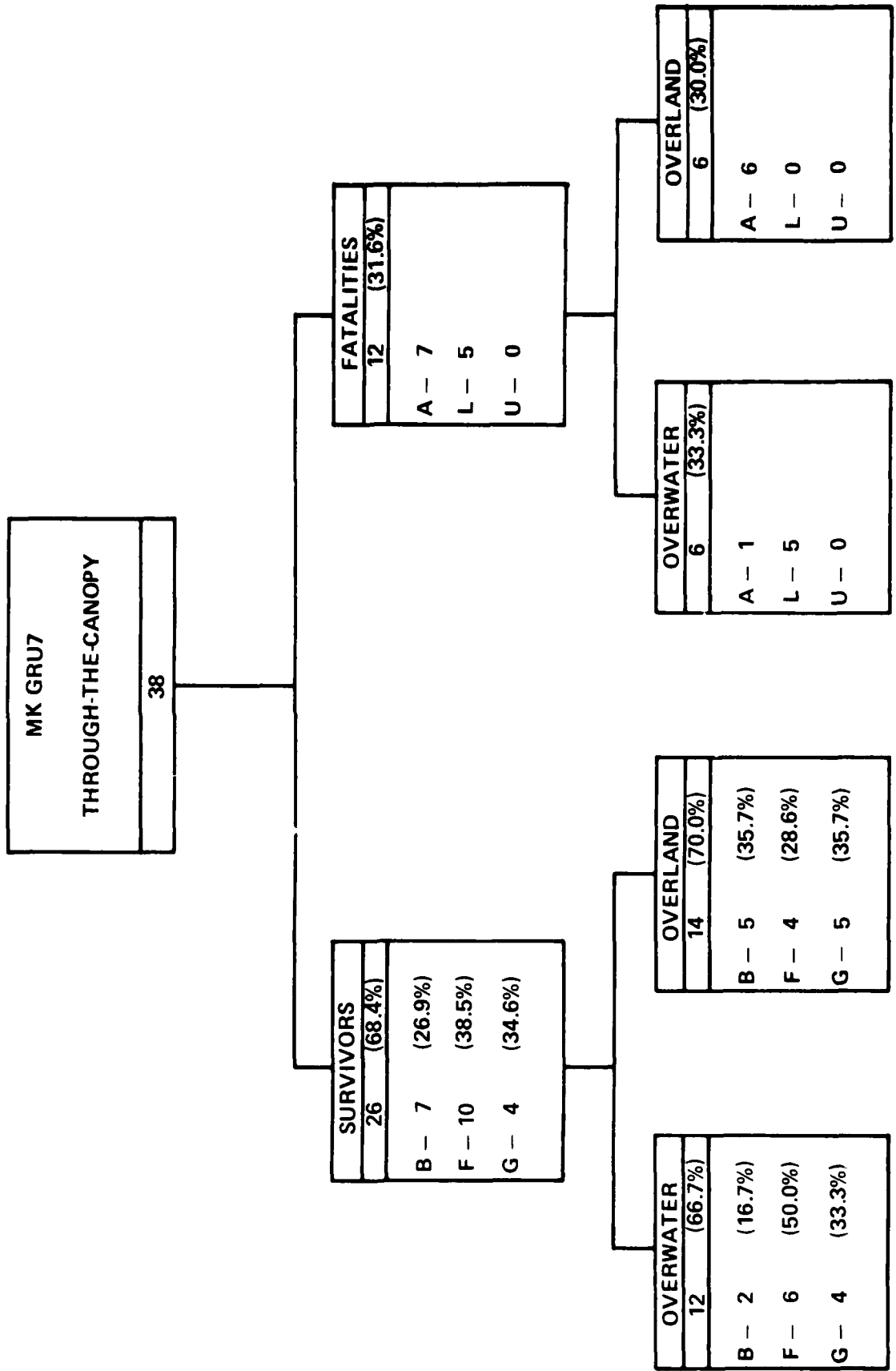
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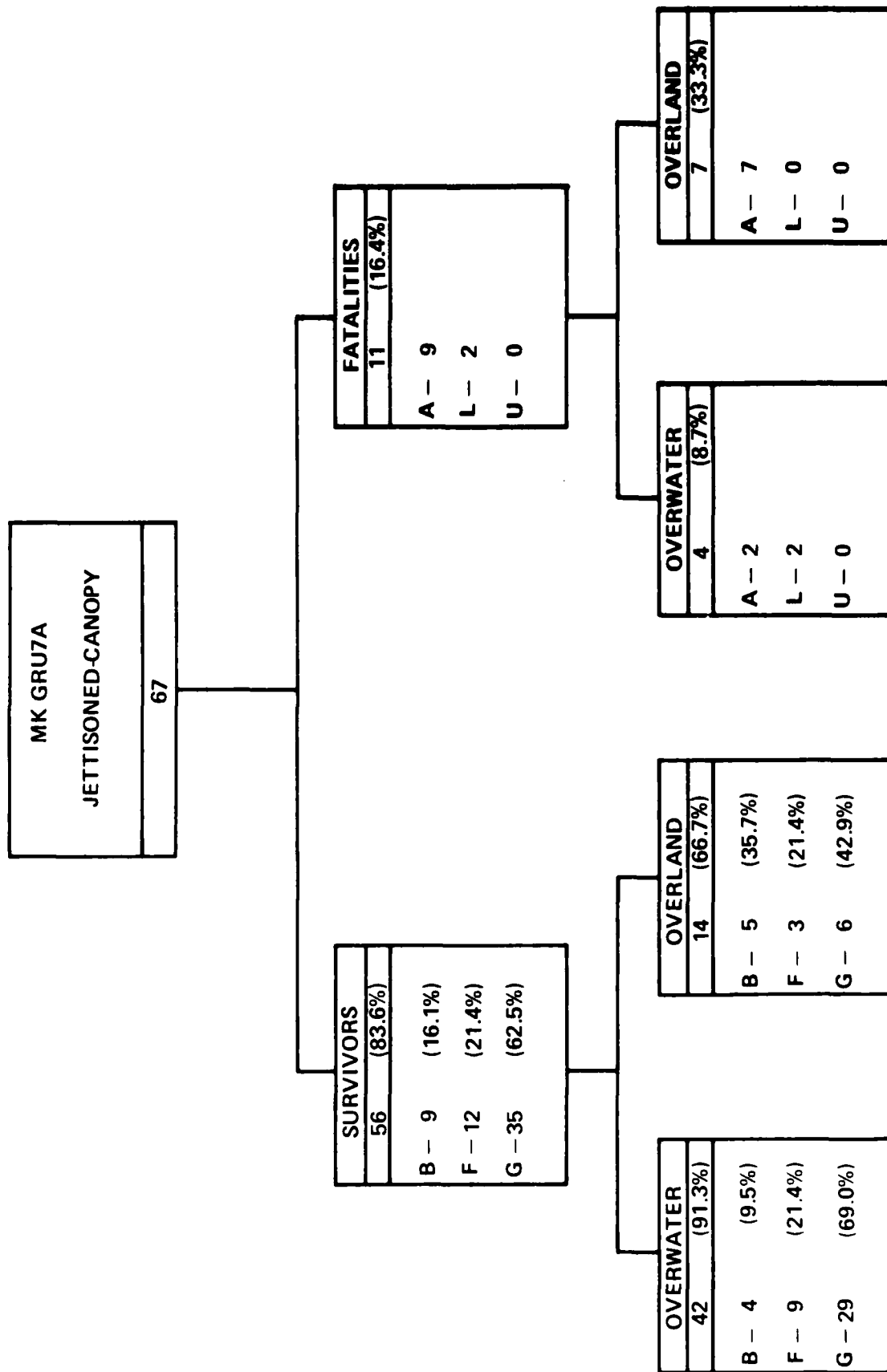
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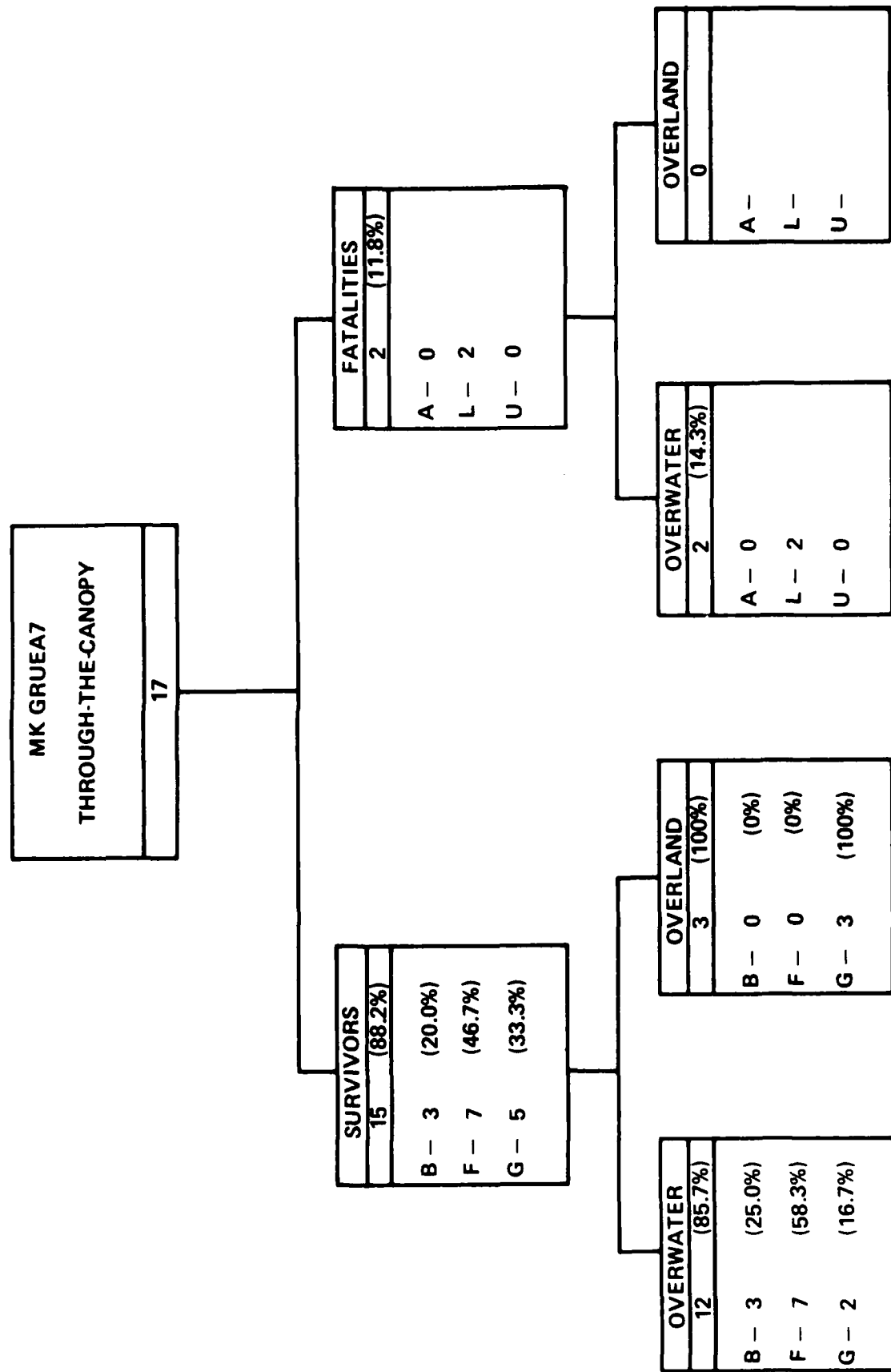
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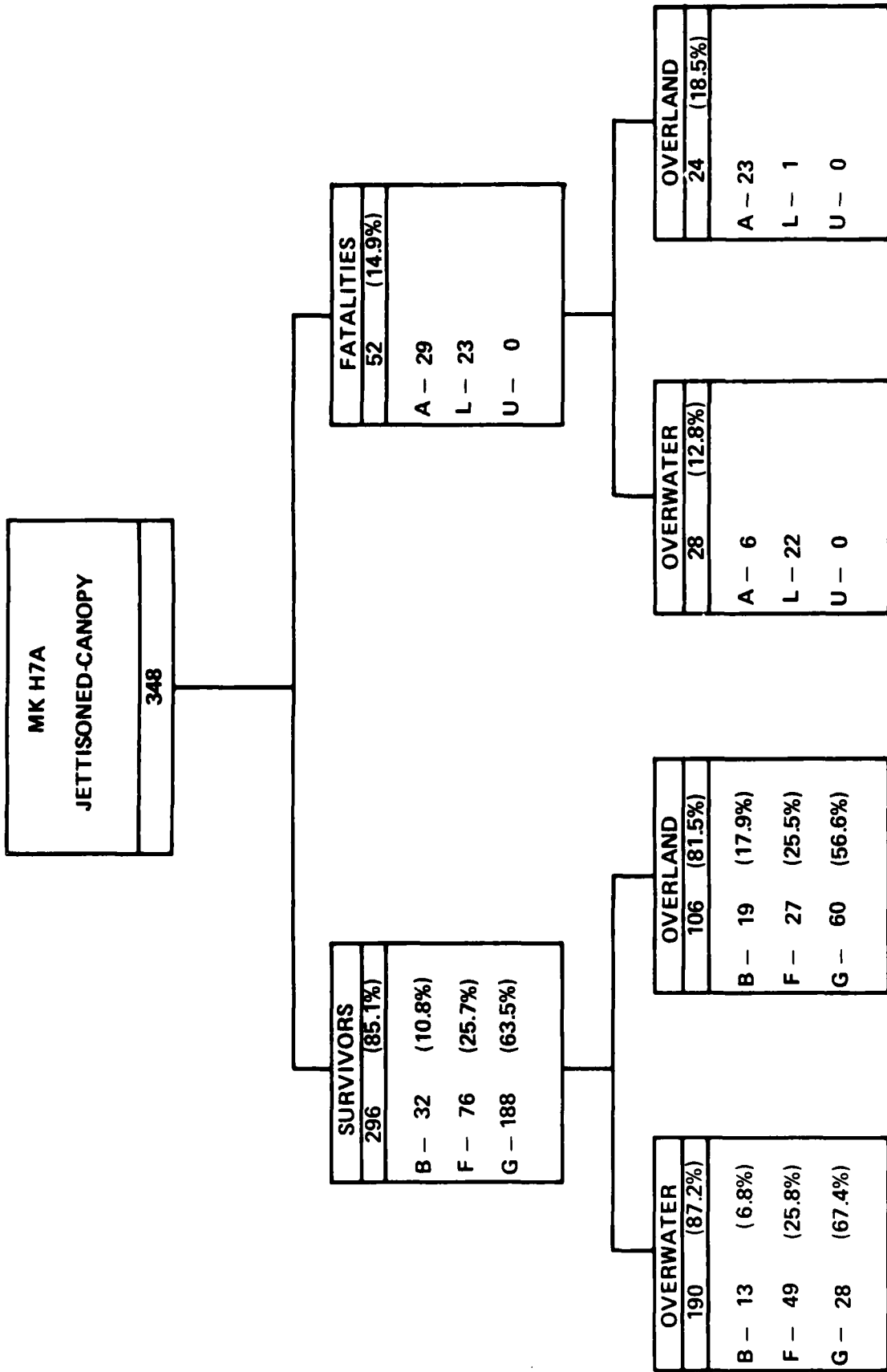
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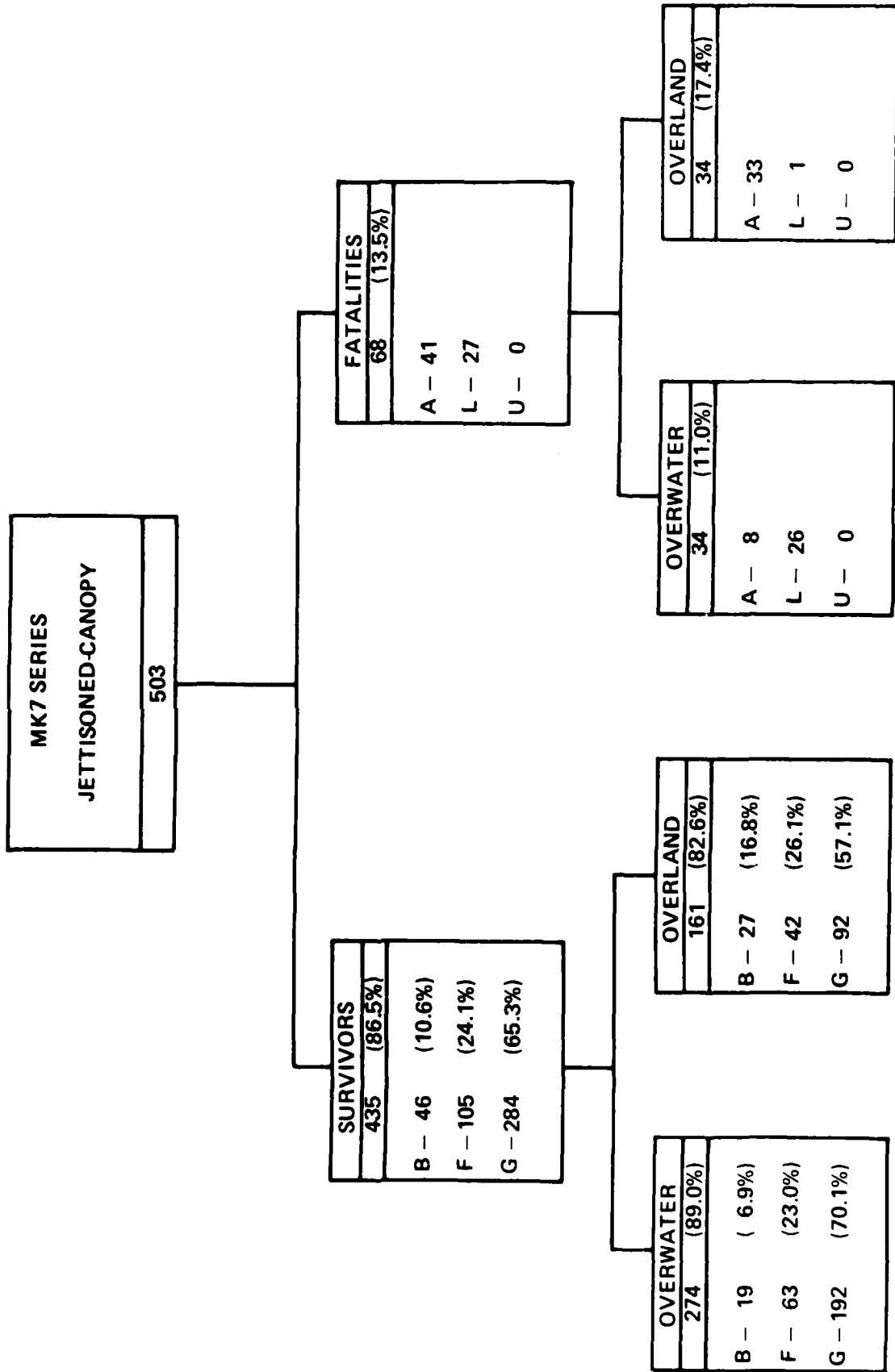
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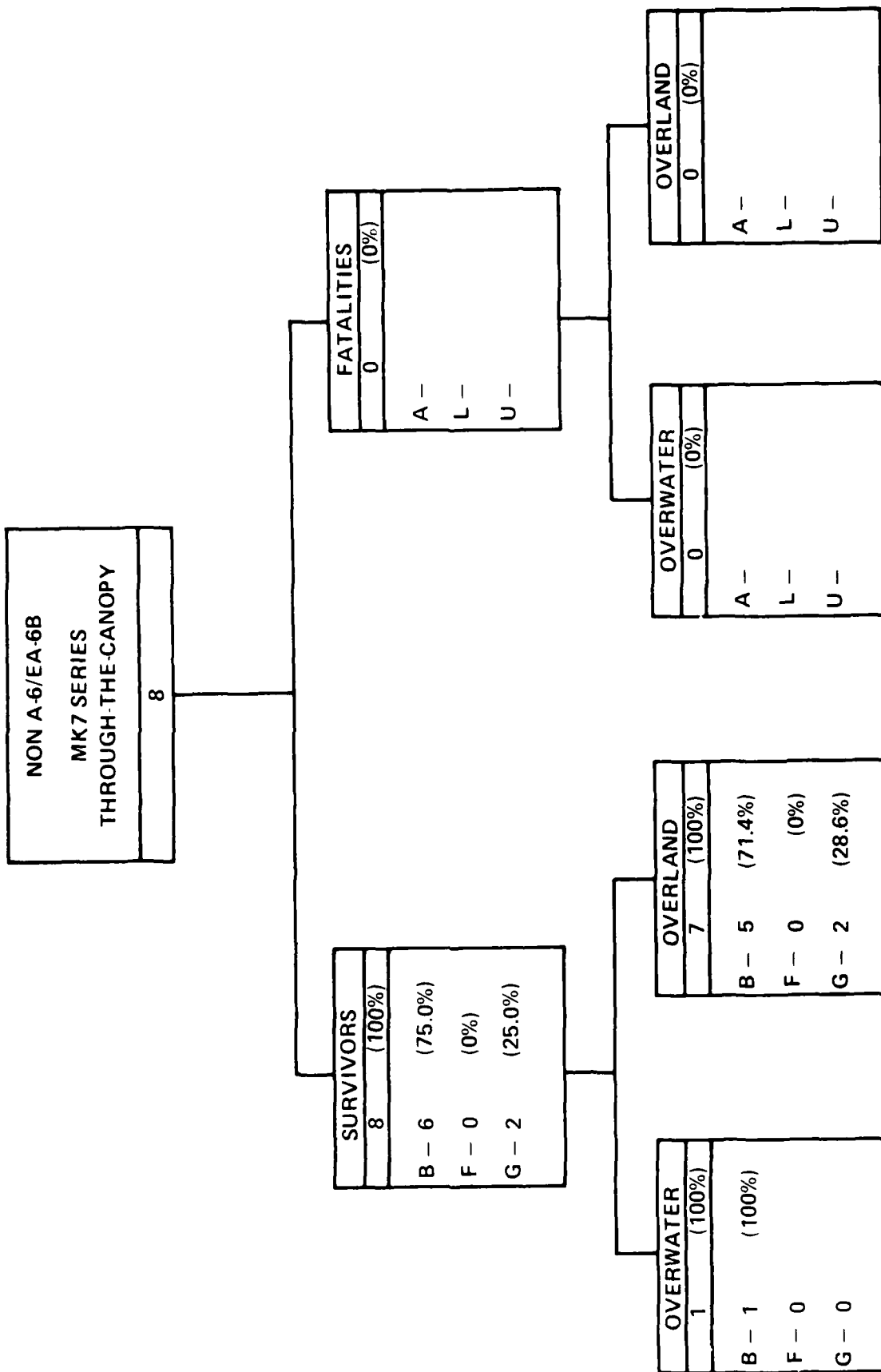
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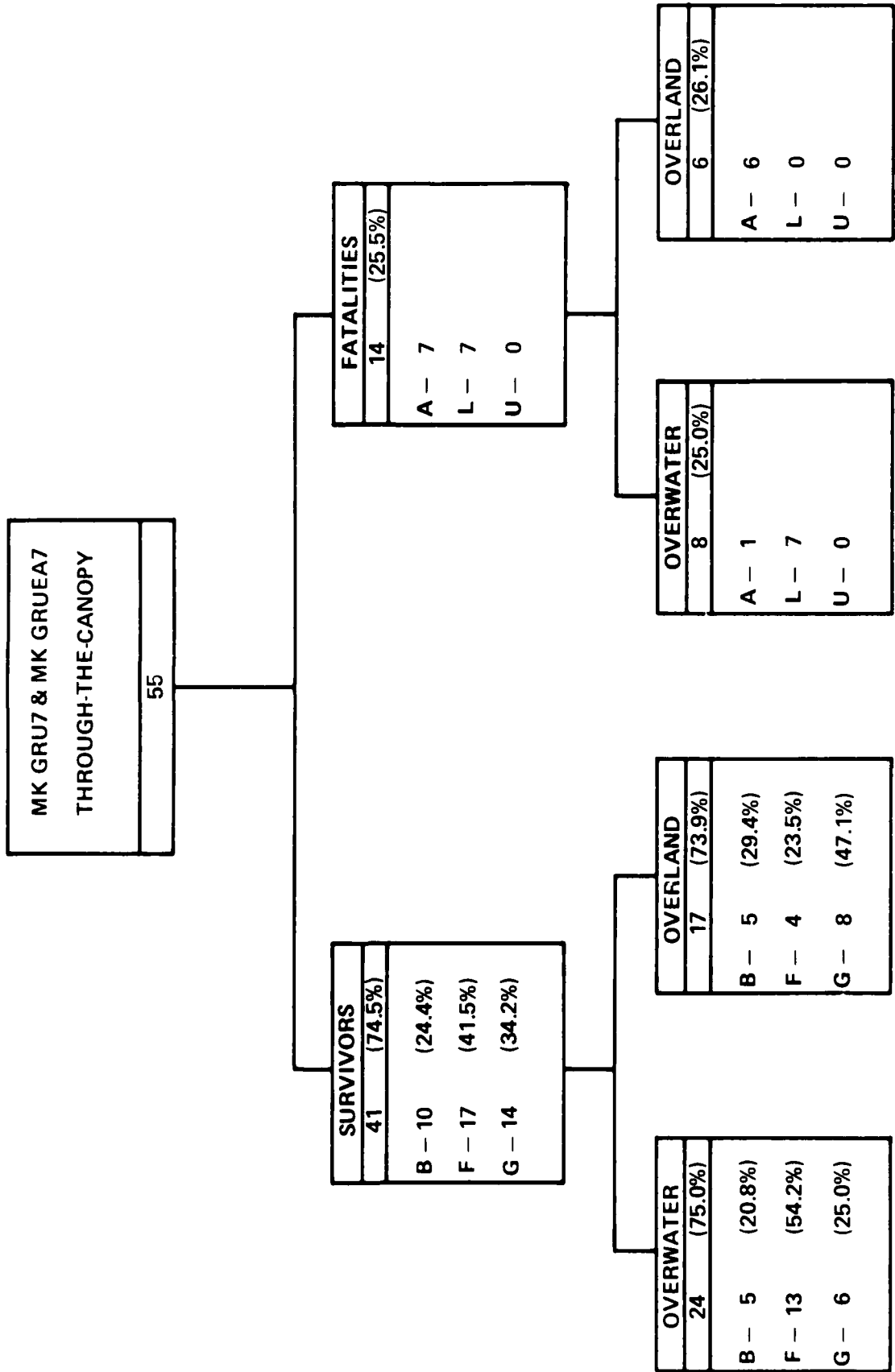
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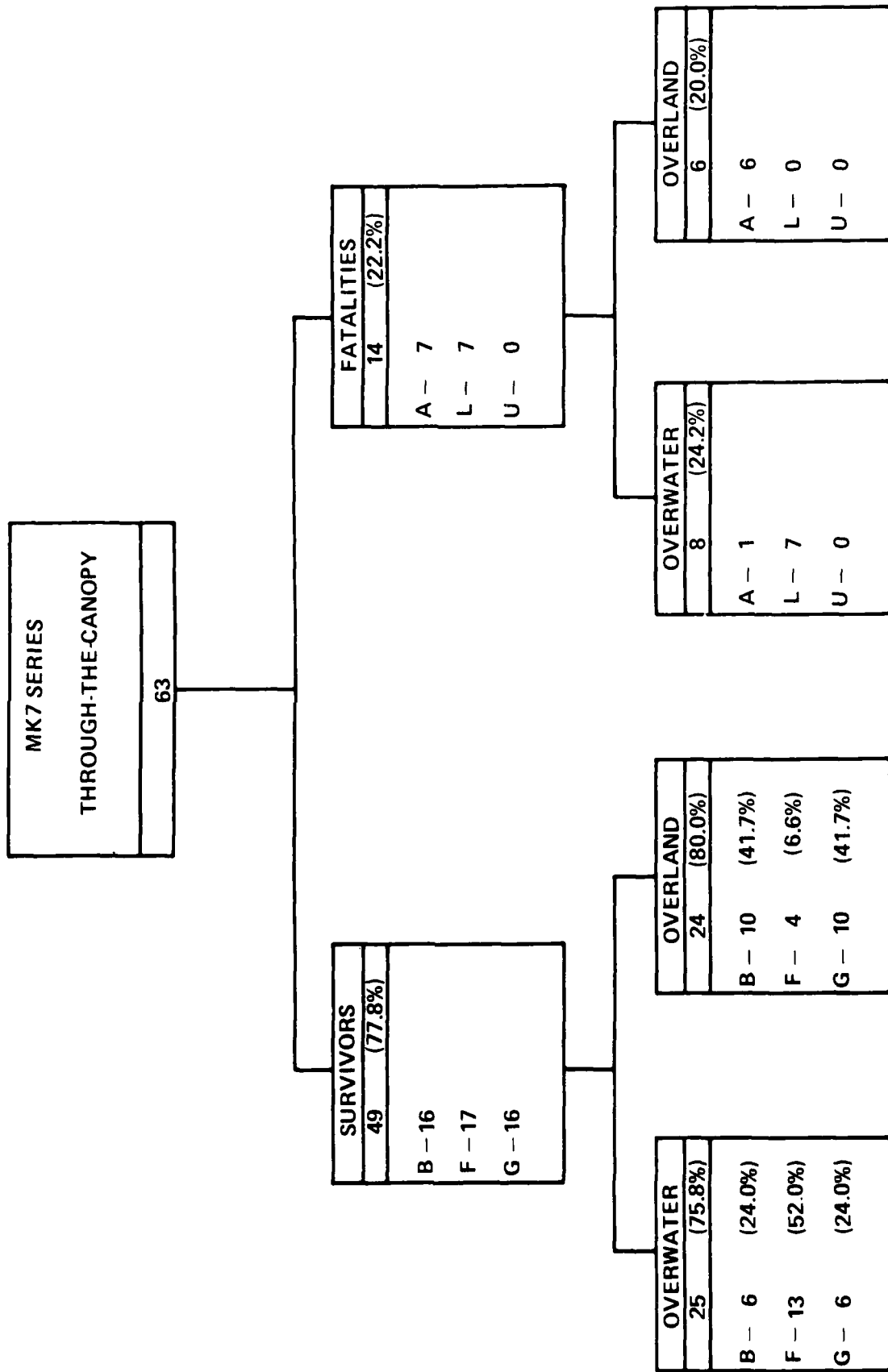
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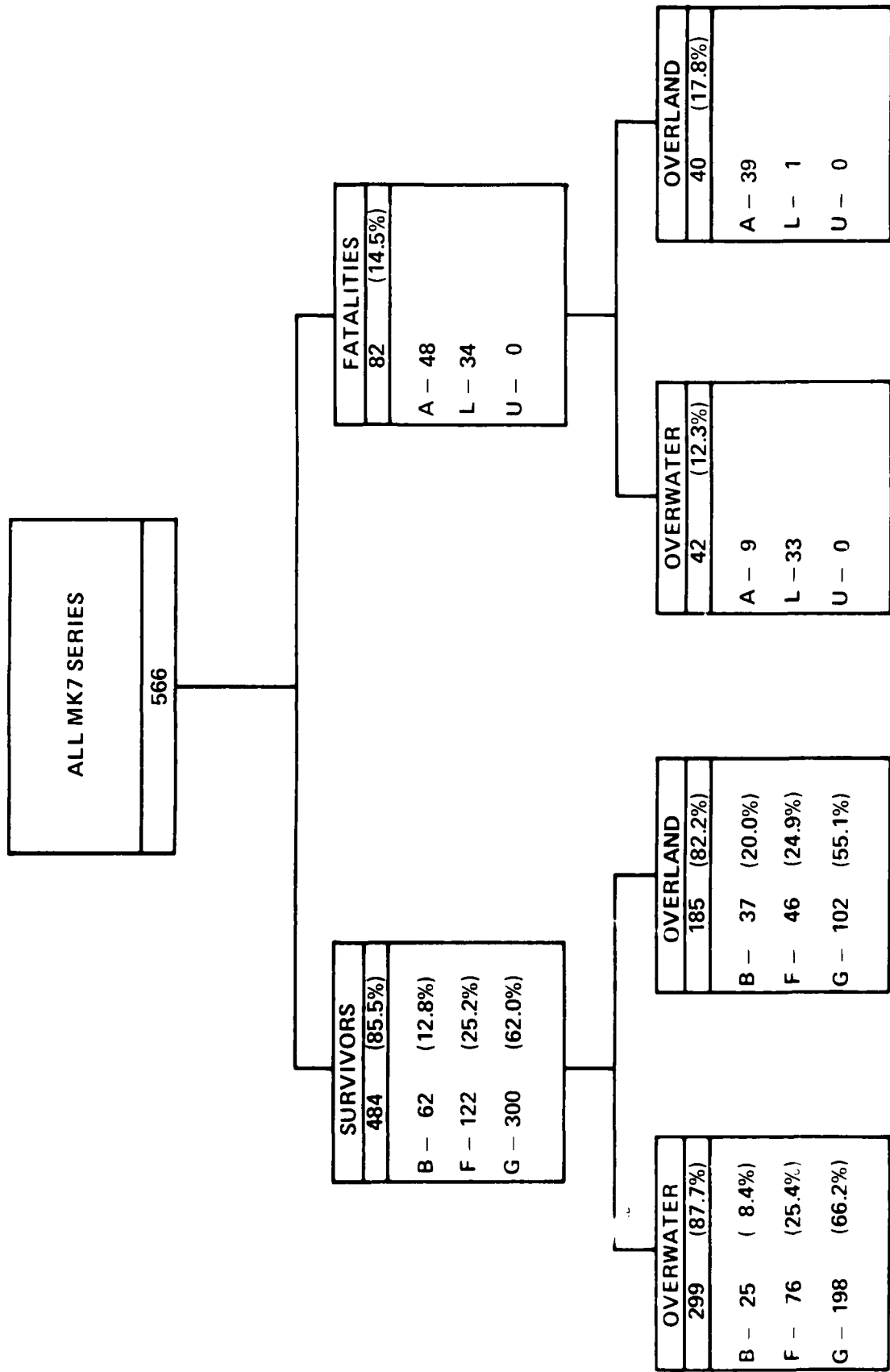
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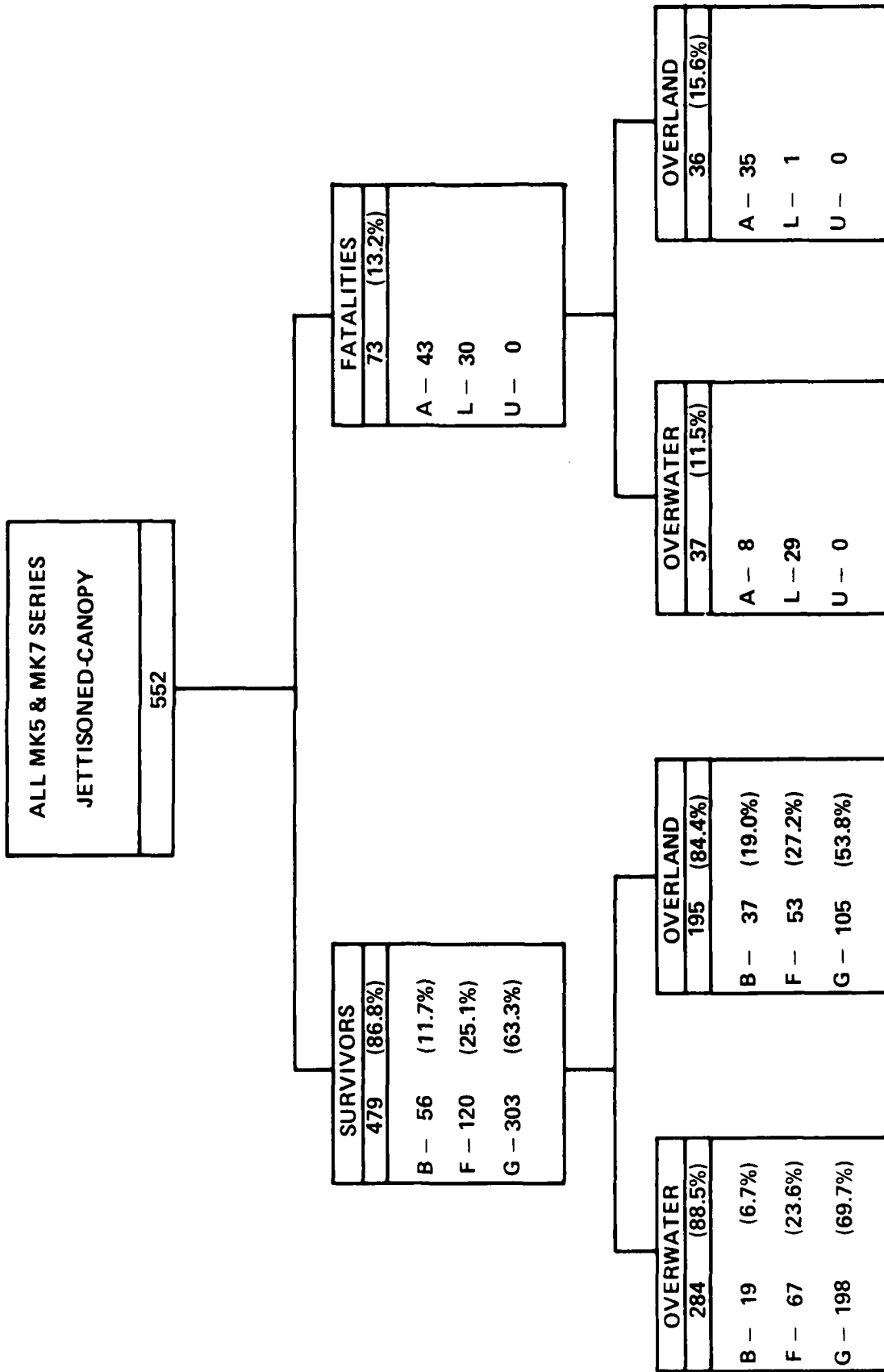
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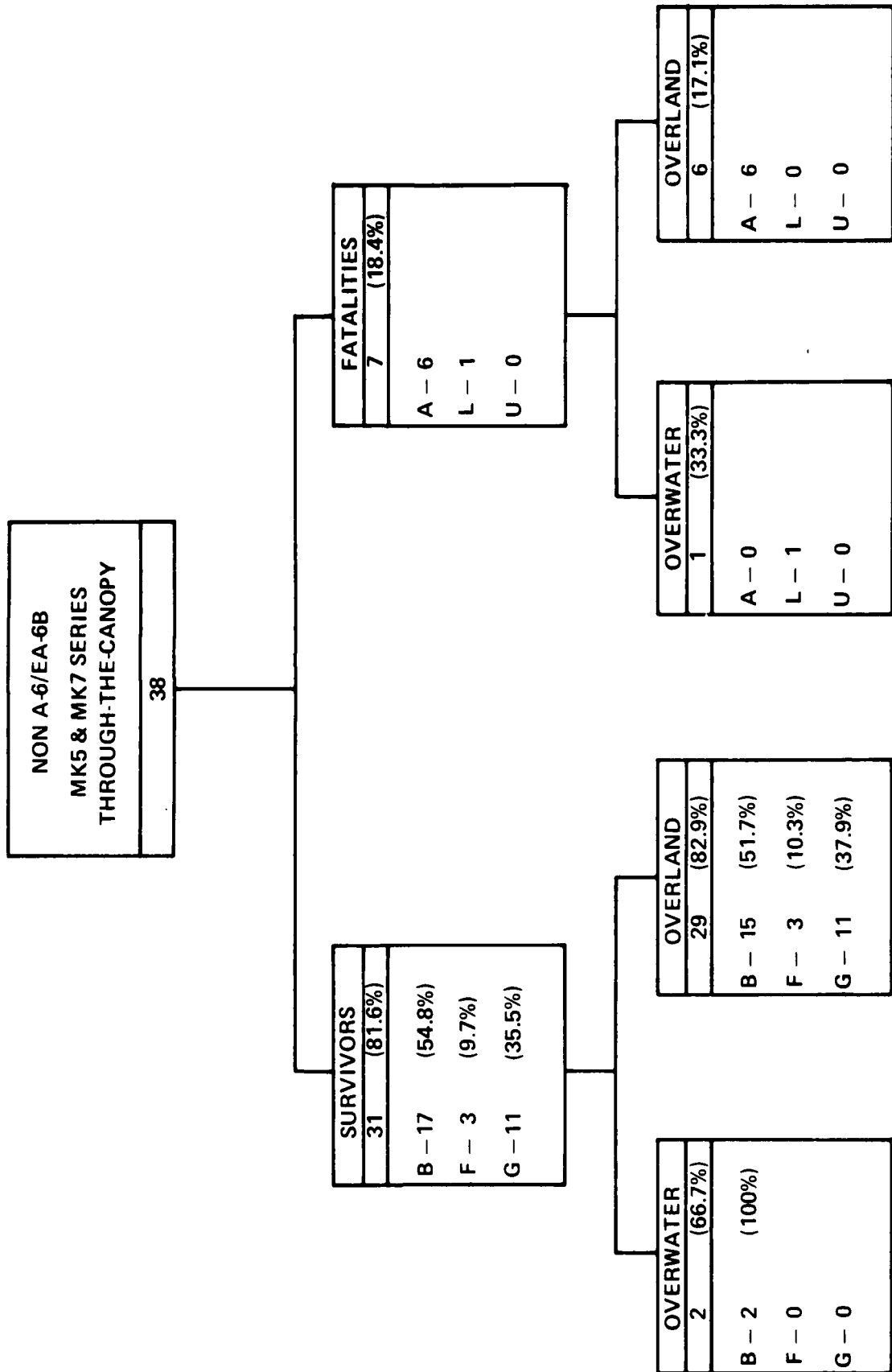
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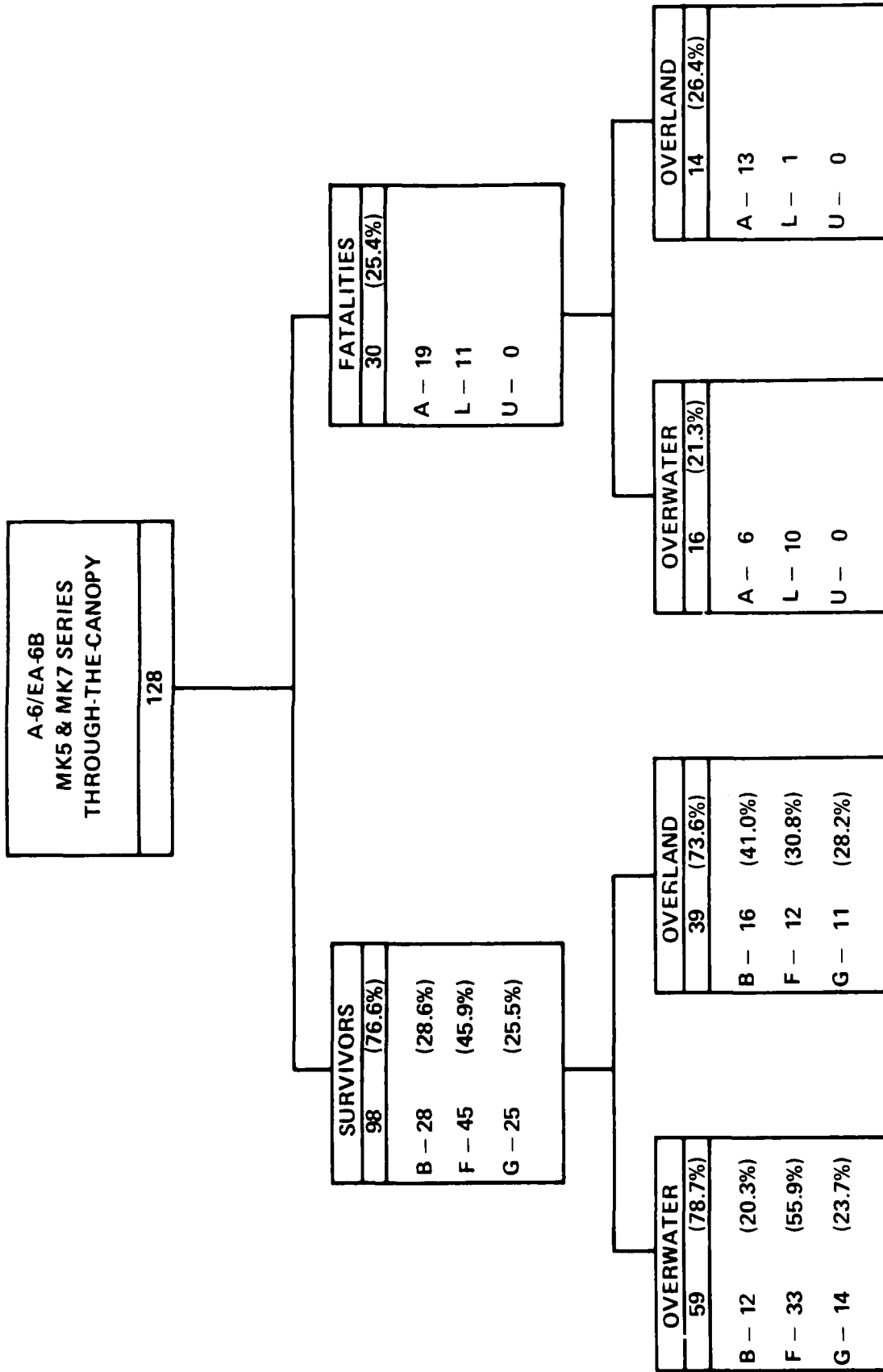
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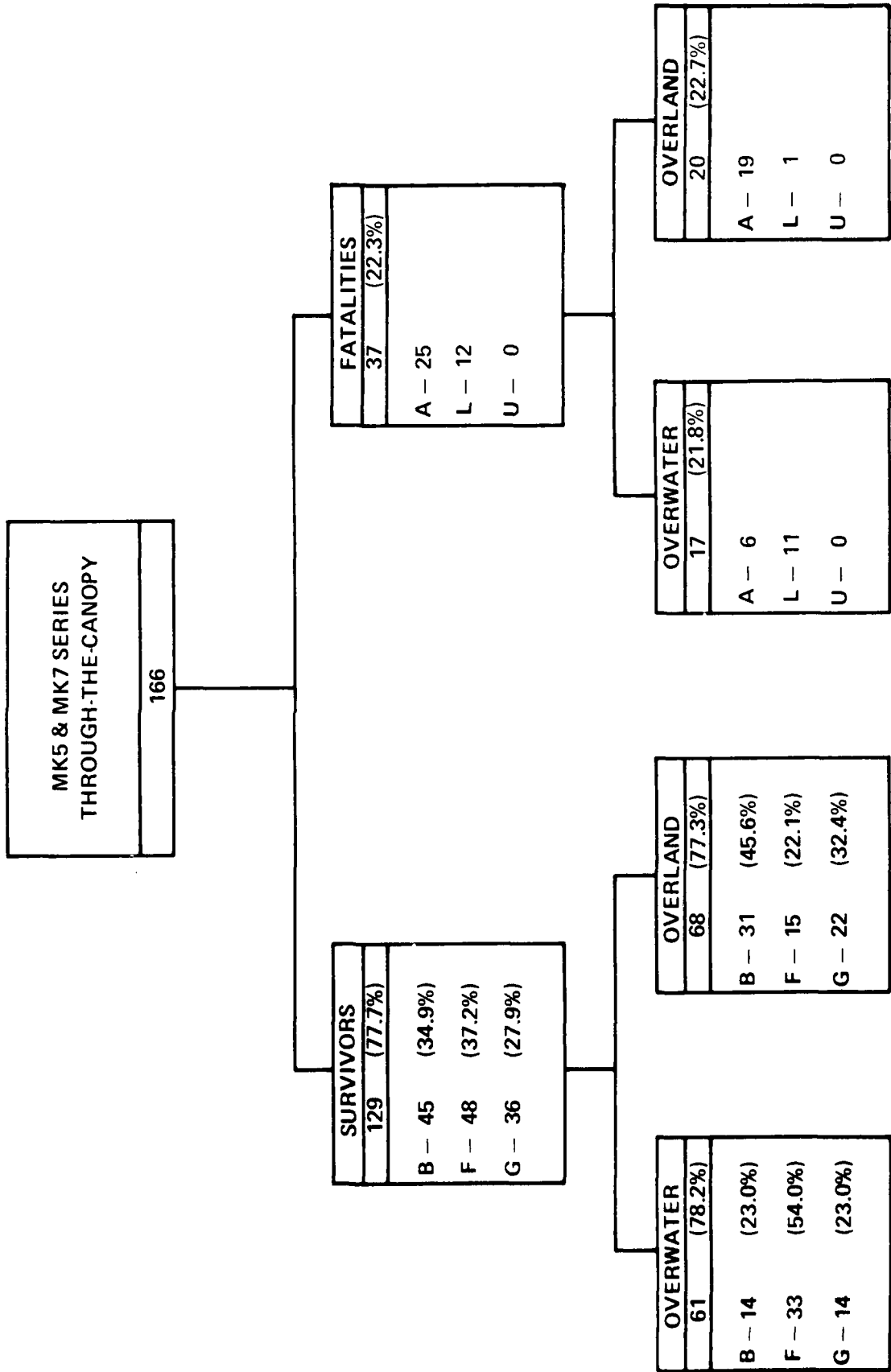
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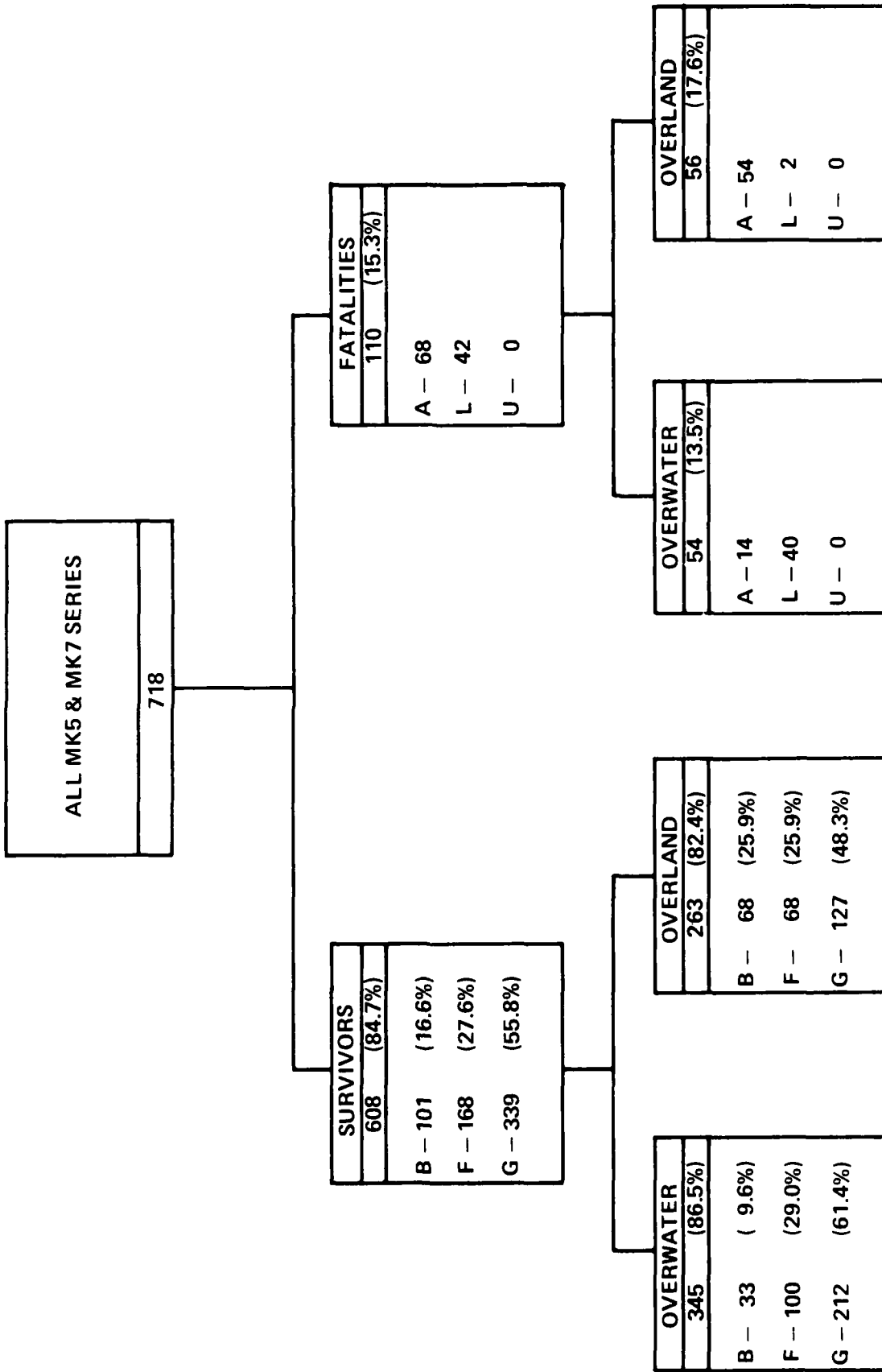
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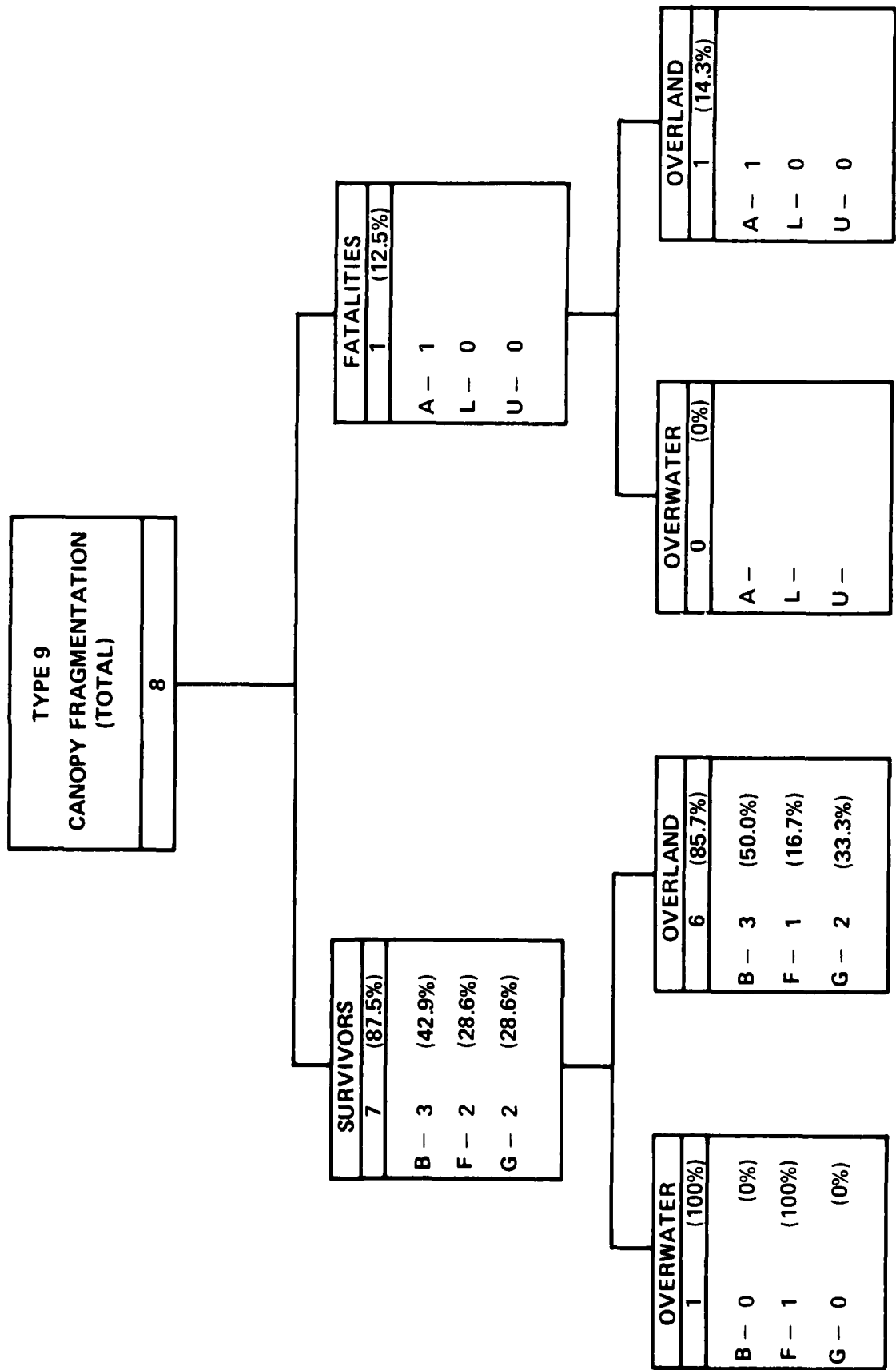
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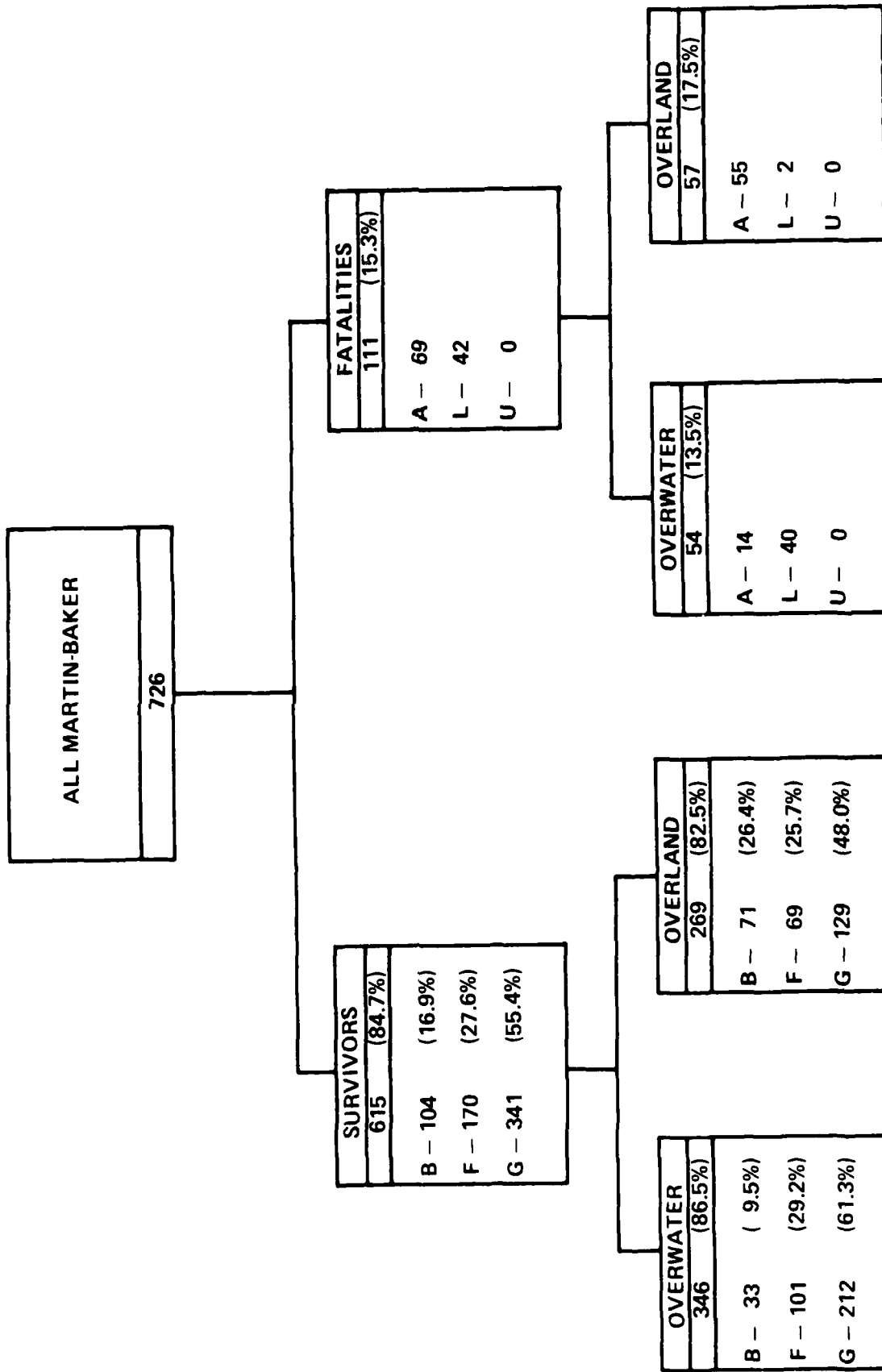
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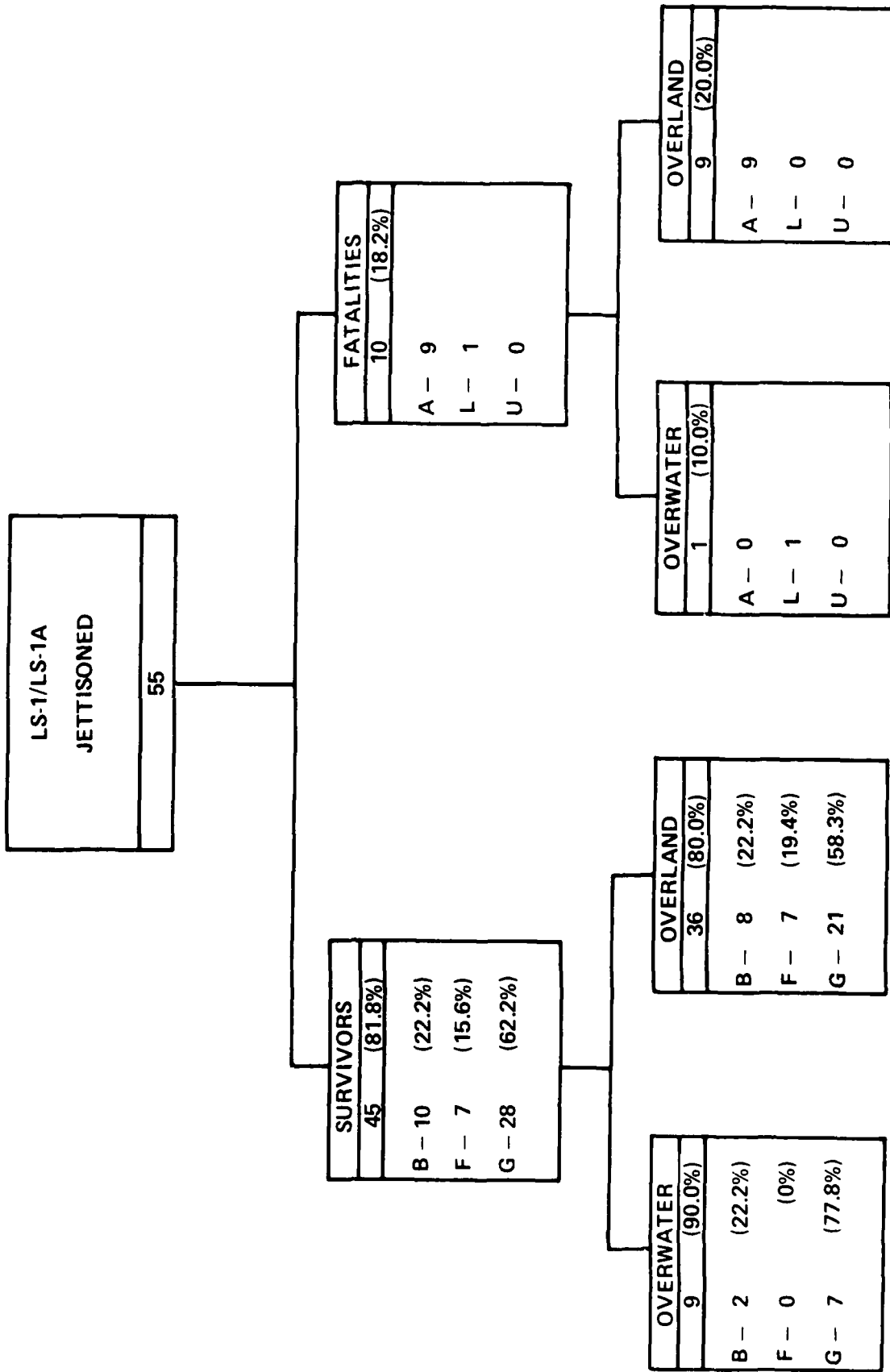
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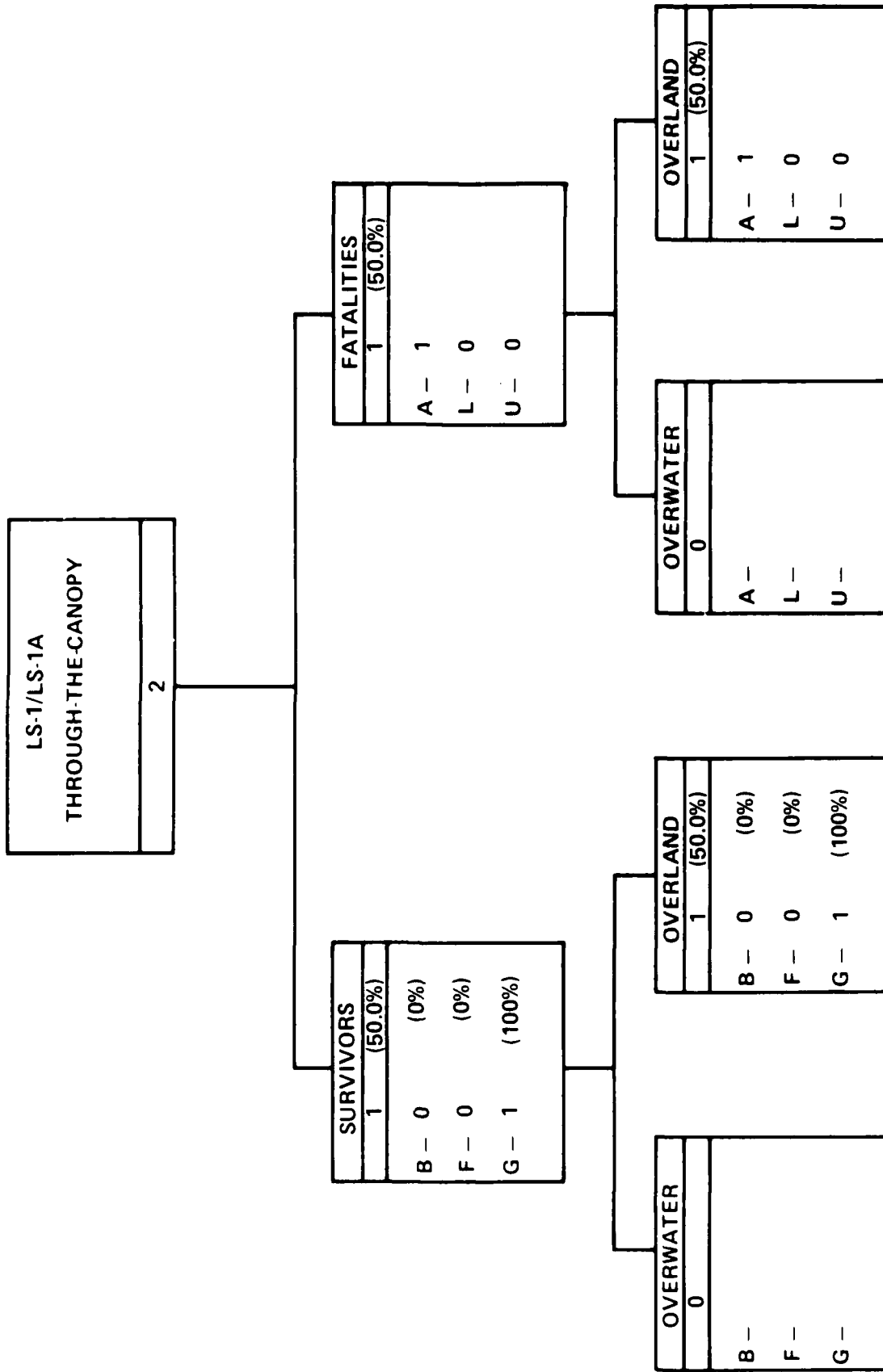
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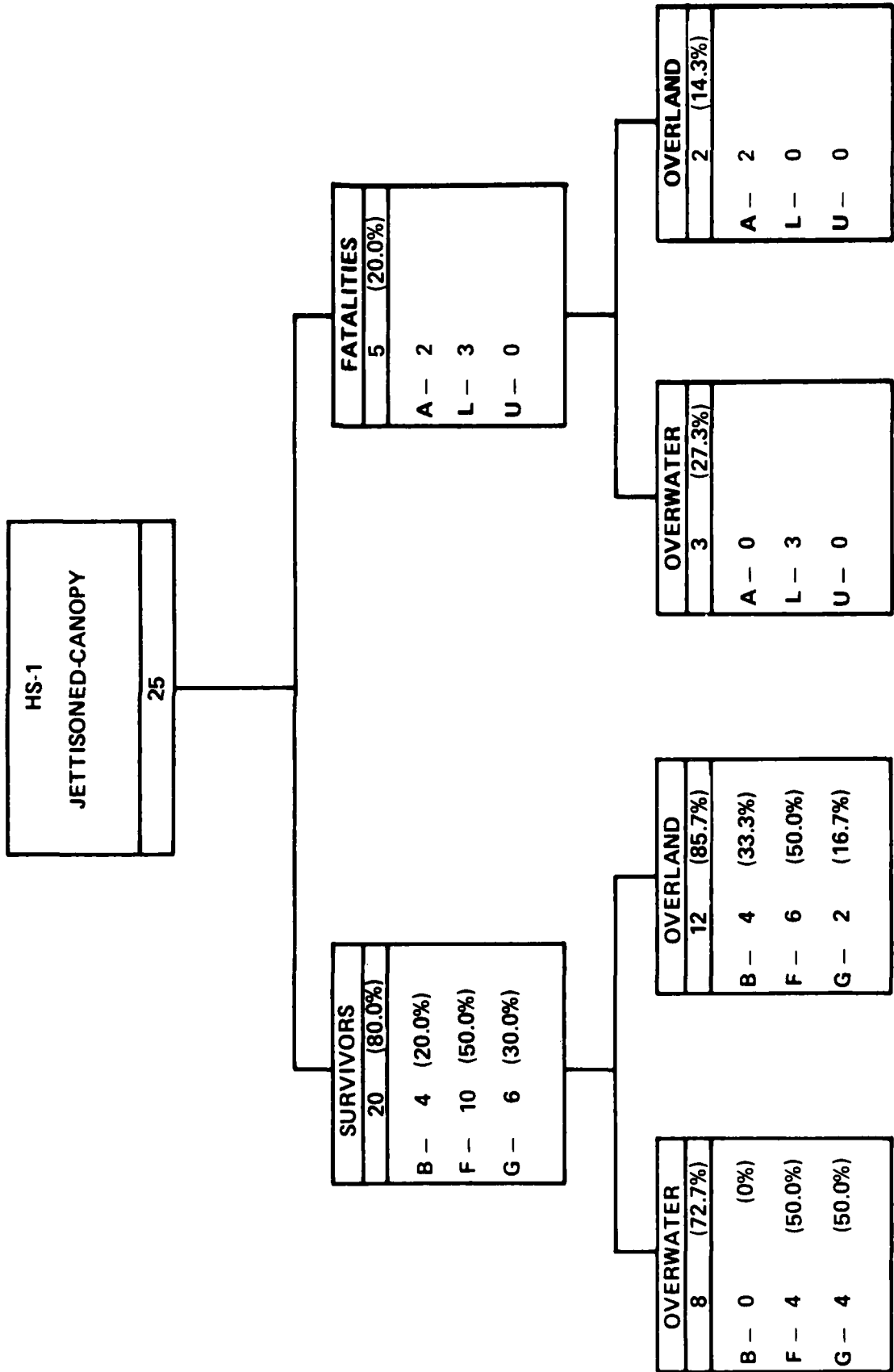
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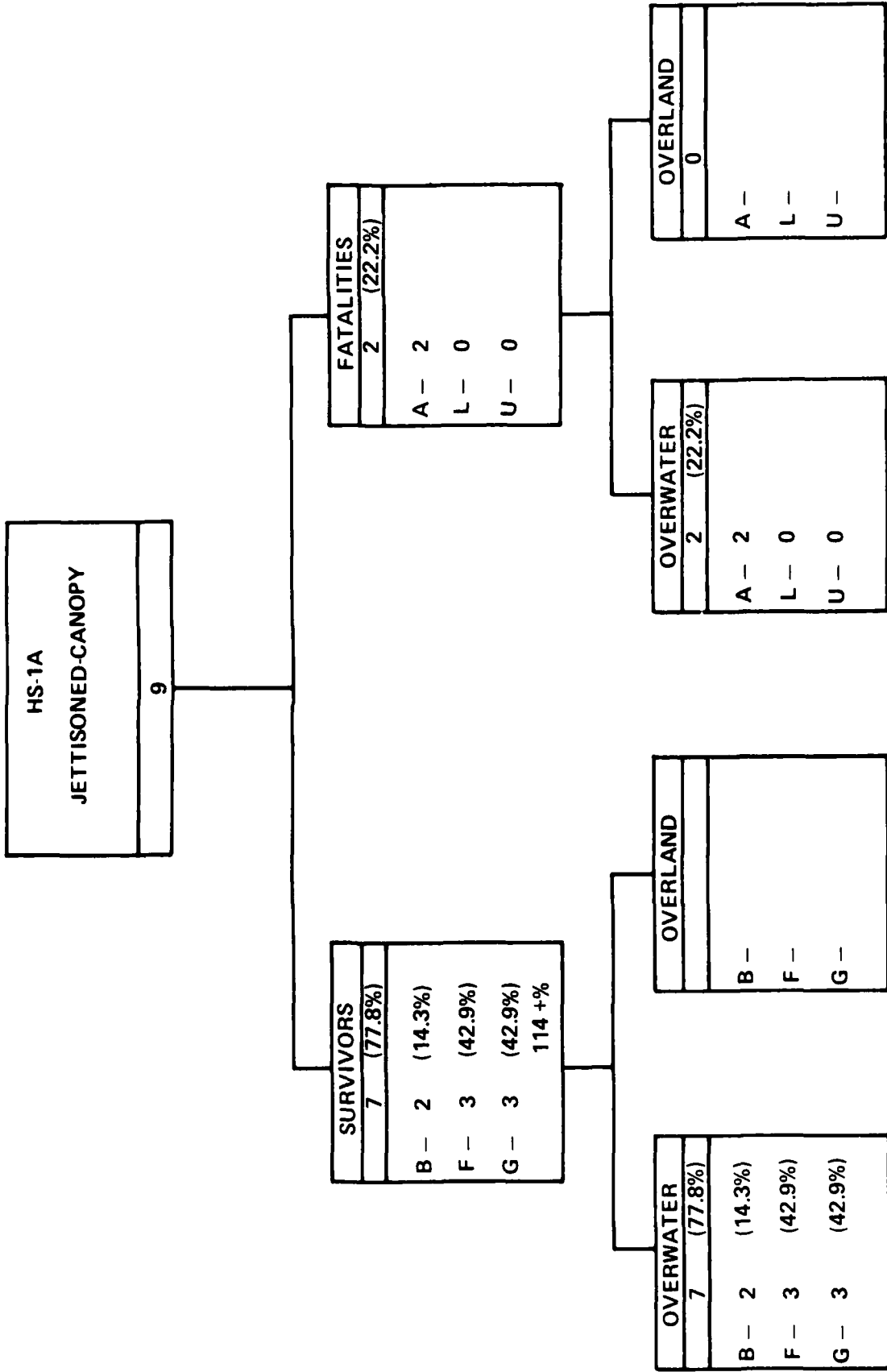
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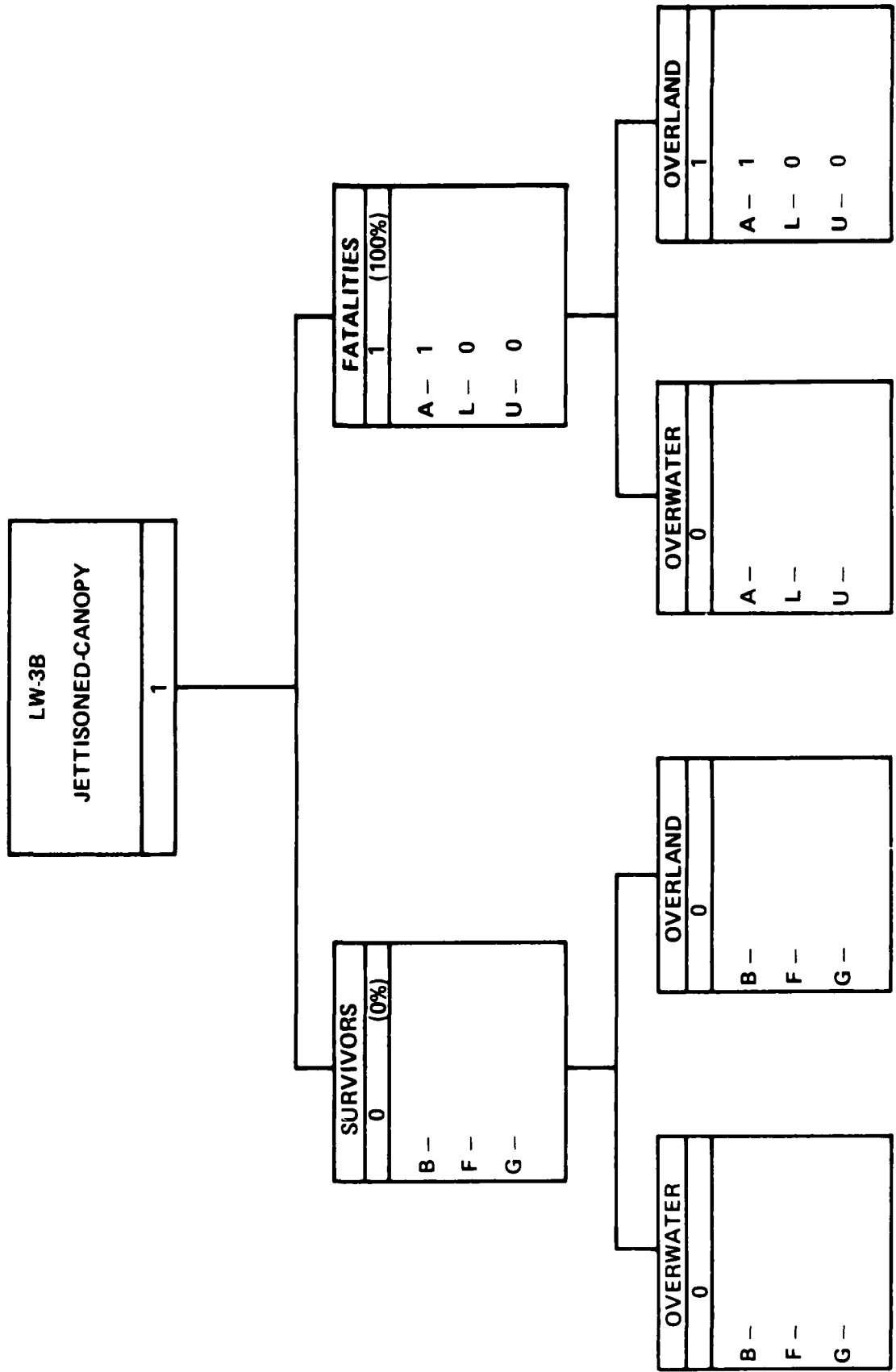
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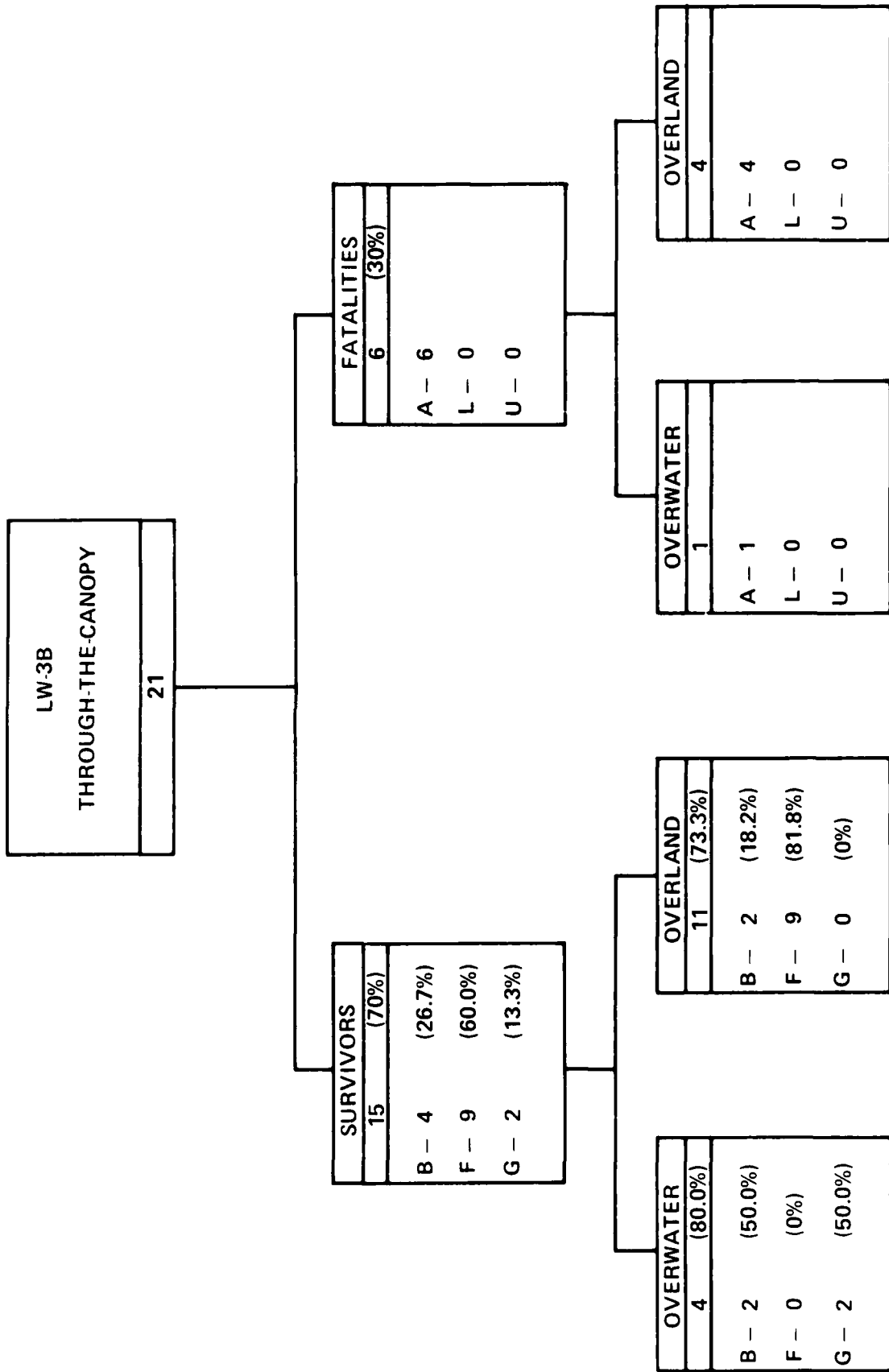
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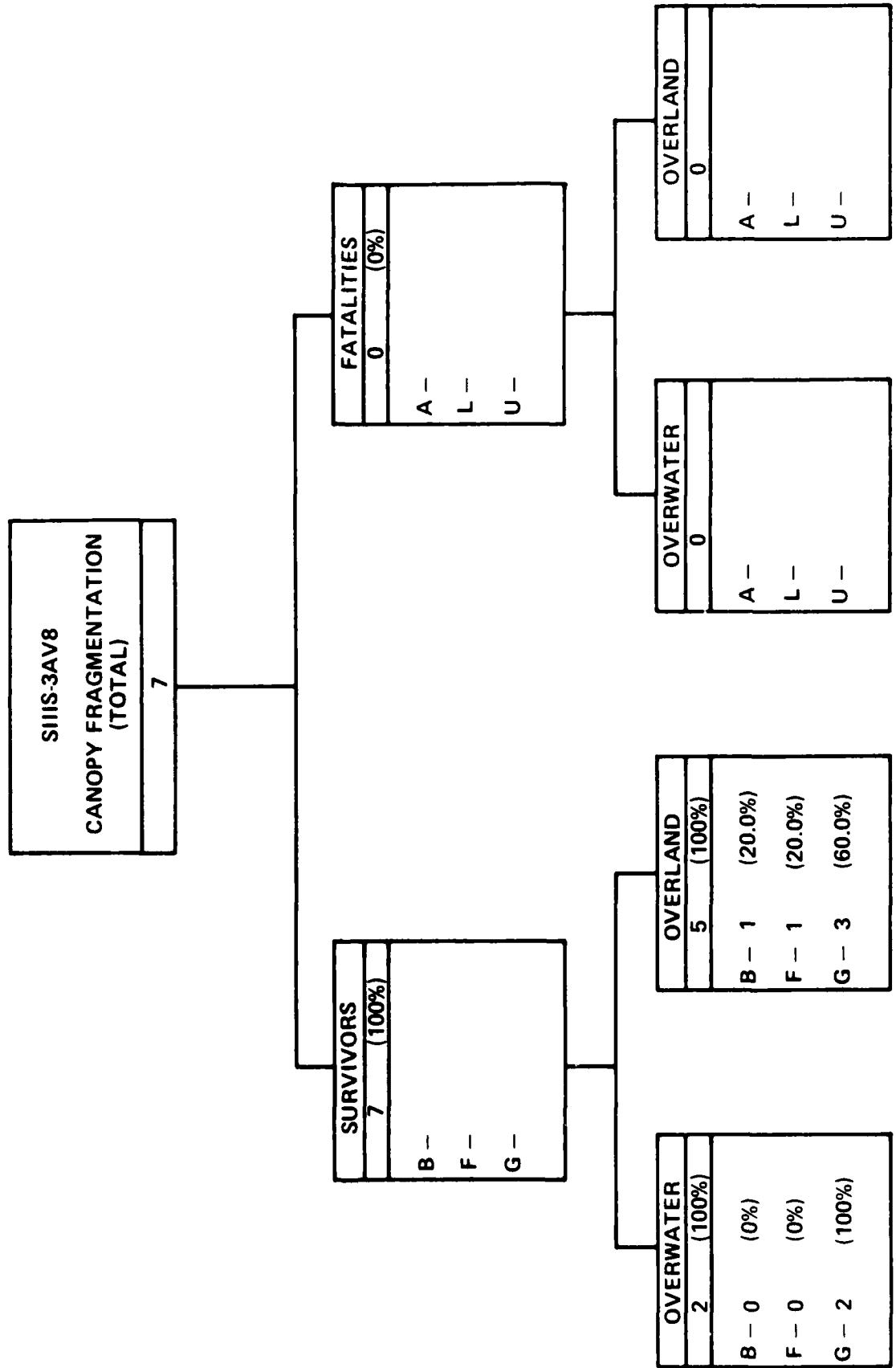
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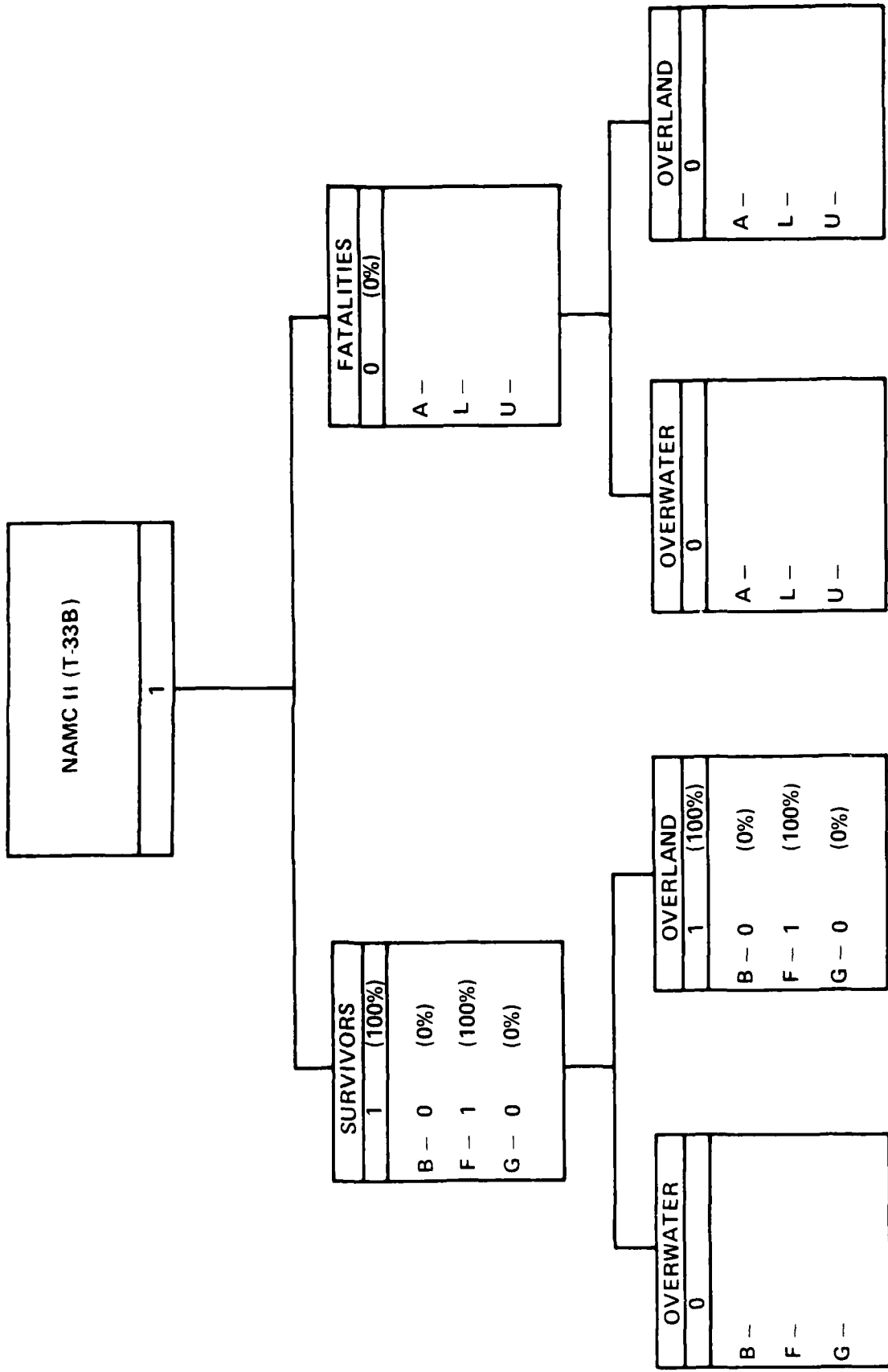
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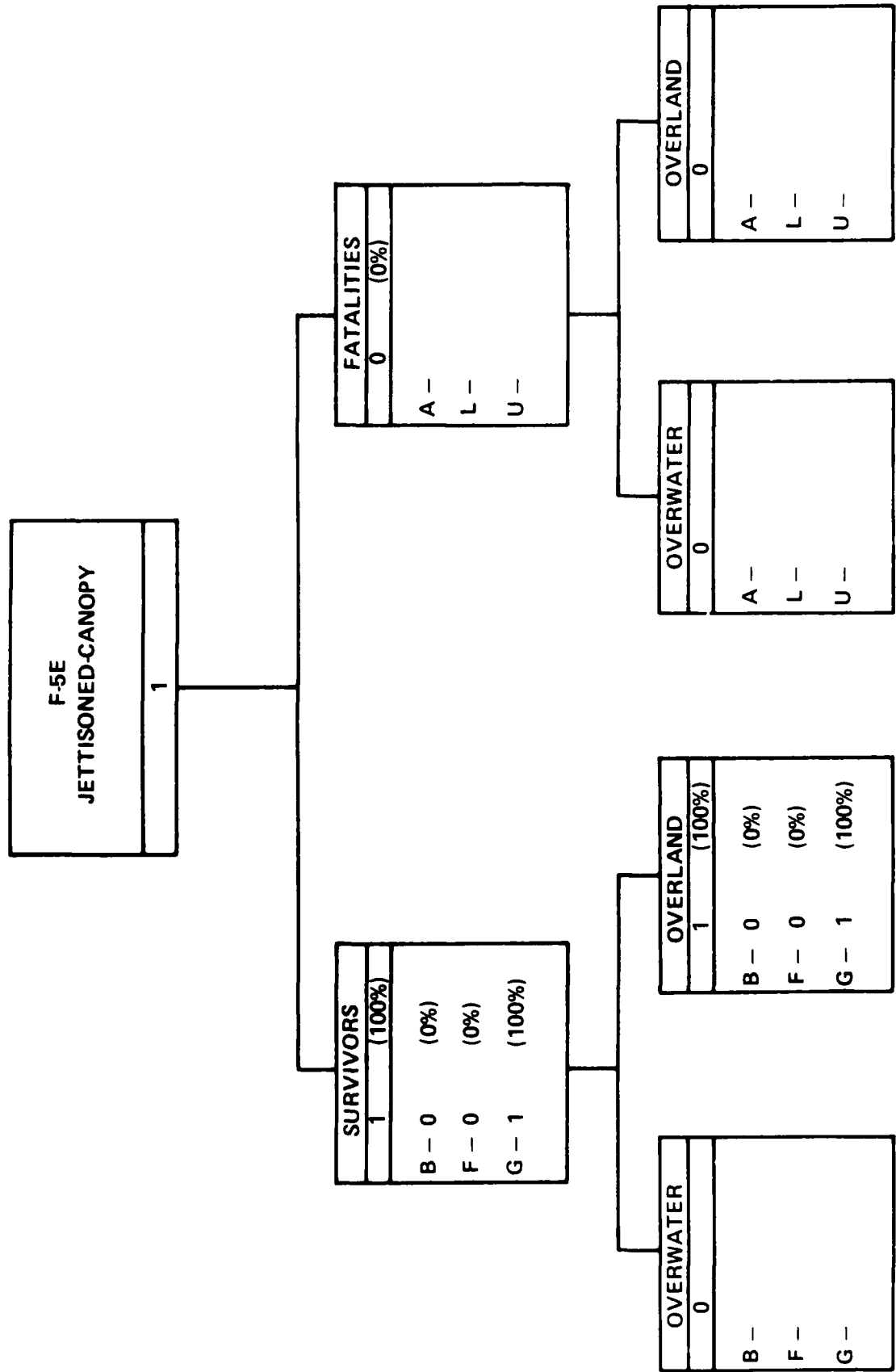
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# NAVY EJECTIONS (ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT AND INADVERTENT)

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**THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS**

**VS.**

**JETTISONED-CANOPY EJECTIONS,  
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION(TOTAL) EJECTIONS,  
CANOPY CUTTING(PARTIAL) EJECTIONS**

**U.S. NAVY FATALITIES  
EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
AND  
INADVERTENT EJECTIONS  
(1 JAN 1969 - 31 DEC 1979)**

TYPE EJECTION	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	EJECTEES	FATALITIES (A/L,U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATALITIES (A/L,U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATALITIES (A/L,U)	(RATE)
JETTISONED CANOPY	524	22/44	12.6%	560	74/3	13.8%	1084	96/47	13.2%
THROUGH-THE-CANOPY	109	11/16	24.8%	128	30/1	24.2%	237	41/17	24.5%
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL)	3	0/0	0%	12	1/0	8.3%	15	1/0	6.7%
CANOPY CUTTING (PARTIAL)	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%	1	0/0	0%
TOTALS	636	33/60	14.6%	701	105/4	15.5%	1,337	138/64	15.1%

**U.S. NAVY MAJOR INJURIES  
EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
AND  
INADVERTENT EJECTIONS**

(1 JAN 1969 - 31 DEC 1979)

TYPE EJECTION	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	(RATE)	EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	(RATE)	EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	(RATE)
JETTISONED CANOPY	524	39	7.4%	560	97	17.3%	1084	136	12.5%
THROUGH-THE-CANOPY	109	19	17.4%	128	28	21.9%	237	47	19.8%
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL)	3	0	0%	12	4	25.0%	15	4	26.7%
CANOPY CUTTING (PARTIAL)	0	—	—	1	0	0%	1	0	0%
TOTALS	637	58	9.1%	701	129	18.4%	1,337	187	14.0%

**U.S. NAVY  
EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
AND  
INADVERTENT EJECTIONS**

**(1 JAN 1969 - 31 DEC 1979)**

**JETTISONED CANOPY EJECTIONS**

# JETISONED CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	RATE
ESCAPAC 1	2	0/0	0%	5	0/0	0%
ESCAPAC 1A-1	34	3/1	11.8%	55	8/1	16.4%
ESCAPAC 1C-2	83	4/5	10.8%	74	9/1	13.5%
ESCAPAC 1C-3	34	1/4	14.7%	90	9/0	10.0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>8/10</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>26/2</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
ESCAPAC 1E-1	0	—	—	1	1/0	100%
ESCAPAC 1F-3	11	2/0	18.2%	8	1/0	12.5%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	1	0/0	0%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1G-3	8	2/1	37.5%	35	0/0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
MK A5	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
MK F5	5	0/2	40.0%	12	2/0	16.7%
MK GRU5	4	0/0	0%	8	0/0	0%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	4	0/0	0%
MK H5	4	0/1	25.0%	10	0/0	0%
MK Z5	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0/3</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2/0</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
MK A7	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
MK F7	44	0/2	4.5%	43	3/0	7.0%
MK GRU7A	46	2/2	8.7%	21	7/0	33.3%
MK H7	218	6/22	12.8%	130	23/1	18.5%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>8/26</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>33/1</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	10	0/1	10.0%	45	9/0	20.0%
HS-1	11	0/3	27.3%	14	2/0	14.3%
HS-1A	9	2/0	22.2%	0	—	—
NAMC II (T-33B)	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
F-5E	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11/0</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>22/44</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>74/3</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>96/47</b>	<b>13.2%</b>			

# JETTISONED CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	RATE
ESCAPAC 1	2	0	0%	5	0	0%
ESCAPAC 1A-1	34	5	14.7%	55	7	12.7%
ESCAPAC 1C-2	83	6	7.2%	74	14	18.9%
ESCAPAC 1C-3	34	3	8.8%	90	16	17.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
ESCAPAC 1E-1	0	—	—	1*	—	—
ESCAPAC 1F-3	11	2	18.2%	8	2	25.0%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	1	0	0%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1G-3	8	0	0%	35	9	25.7%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
MK A5	0	—	—	1	0	0%
MK F5	5	0	0%	12	1	8.3%
MK GRU5	4	0	0%	8	3	37.5%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	4	2	50.0%
MK H5	4	0	0%	10	4	40.0%
MK Z5	0	—	—	1	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27.8%</b>
MK A7	0	—	—	1	0	0%
MK F7	44	2	4.5%	43	3	7.0%
MK GRU7A	46	4	8.7%	21	5	23.8%
MK H7	218	13	6.0%	130	19	14.6%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	10	2	20.0%	45	8	17.8%
HS-1	11	0	0%	14	4	28.6%
HS-1A	9	2	22.2%	0	—	—
NAMC II (T-33B)	0	—	—	1	0	0%
F-5E	0	—	—	1	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19.7%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>17.3%</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>12.5%</b>			

\* 100% FATAL

# JETTISONED CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJURIES	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJURIES	RATE
ESCAPAC 1	2	2	100%	5	2	40.0%
ESCAPAC 1A-1	34	12	35.3%	55	14	25.5%
ESCAPAC 1C-2	83	13	15.7%	74	19	25.7%
ESCAPAC 1C-3	34	12	35.3%	90	16	17.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
ESCAPAC 1E-1	0	—	—	1*	—	—
ESCAPAC 1F-3	11	3	27.3%	8	1	12.5%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	1	1	100%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1G-3	8	1	12.5%	35	6	17.1%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15.9%</b>
MK A5	0	—	—	1	1	100%
MK F5	5	0	0%	12	5	41.7%
MK GRU3	4	2	50.0%	8	1	12.5%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	4	1	25.0%
MK H5	4	2	50.0%	10	3	30.0%
MK Z5	0	—	—	1	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
MK A7	0	—	—	1	1	100%
MK F7	44	5	11.4%	43	11	25.6%
MK GRU7A	46	9	19.6%	21	3	14.3%
MK H7	218	49	22.5%	130	27	20.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	10	0	0%	45	7	15.6%
HS-1	11	4	36.4%	14	6	42.9%
HS-1A	9	3	33.3%	0	—	—
NAMC II(T-33B)	0	—	—	1	1	100%
F-5E	0	—	—	1	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23.3%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>20.5%</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>21.5%</b>			

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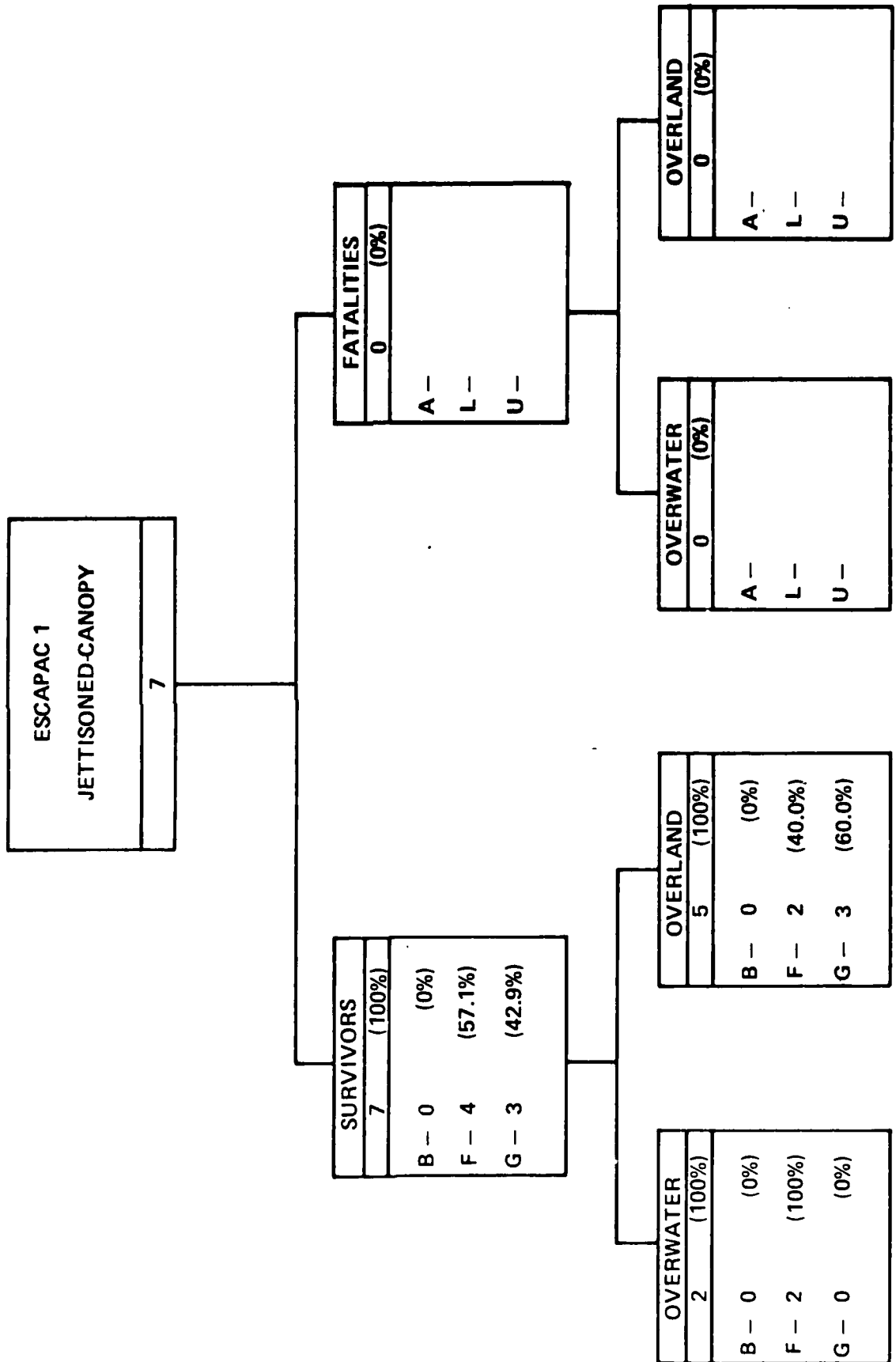
# JETTISONED CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER					OVERLAND				
	TOTAL EJECTEES	RATES (%)				TOTAL EJECTEES	RATES (%)			
		A/LU	B	F	G		A/LU	B	F	G
ESCAPAC 1	2	0	0	100	—	5	0	0	40.0	60.0
ESCAPAC 1A-1	34	11.8	14.7	35.3	38.2	55	16.4	12.7	25.5	45.4
ESCAPAC 1C-2	83	10.8	7.2	15.7	66.3	74	13.5	18.9	25.7	41.9
ESCAPAC 1C-3	34	14.7	8.8	35.3	41.2	90	10.0	17.8	17.8	54.4
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>48.6</b>
ESCAPAC 1E-1	0	—	—	—	—	1	100	—	—	—
ESCAPAC 1F-3	11	18.2	18.2	27.3	36.3	8	12.5	25.0	12.5	25.0
ESCAPAC 1G-2	1	0	0	100	—	0	—	—	—	—
ESCAPAC 1G-3	8	37.5	0	12.5	50.0	35	0	25.7	17.1	51.2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>54.5</b>
MK A5	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	100	—
MK F5	5	40.0	0	0	60.0	12	16.7	8.3	41.7	33.3
MK GRU5	4	0	0	50.0	50.0	8	0	37.5	12.5	50.0
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	—	—	4	0	50.0	25.0	25.0
MK H5	4	25.0	0	50.0	25.0	10	0	40.0	30.0	30.0
MK Z5	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	0	100
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>36.0</b>
MK A7	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	100	—
MK F7	44	4.5	4.5	11.4	79.6	43	7.0	7.0	25.6	60.4
MK GRU7A	46	8.7	8.7	19.6	63.0	21	33.3	23.8	14.3	28.6
MK H7	218	12.8	6.0	22.5	58.7	130	18.5	14.6	20.8	46.1
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	10	10.0	20.0	0	70.0	45	20.0	17.8	15.6	48.6
HS-1	11	27.3	0	36.4	66.3	14	14.3	28.6	42.9	14.2
HS-1A	9	22.2	22.2	33.3	22.3	0	—	—	—	—
NAMC II (T-33B)	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	100	—
F-5E	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	0	100
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>39.3</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>48.6</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>52.9</b>					

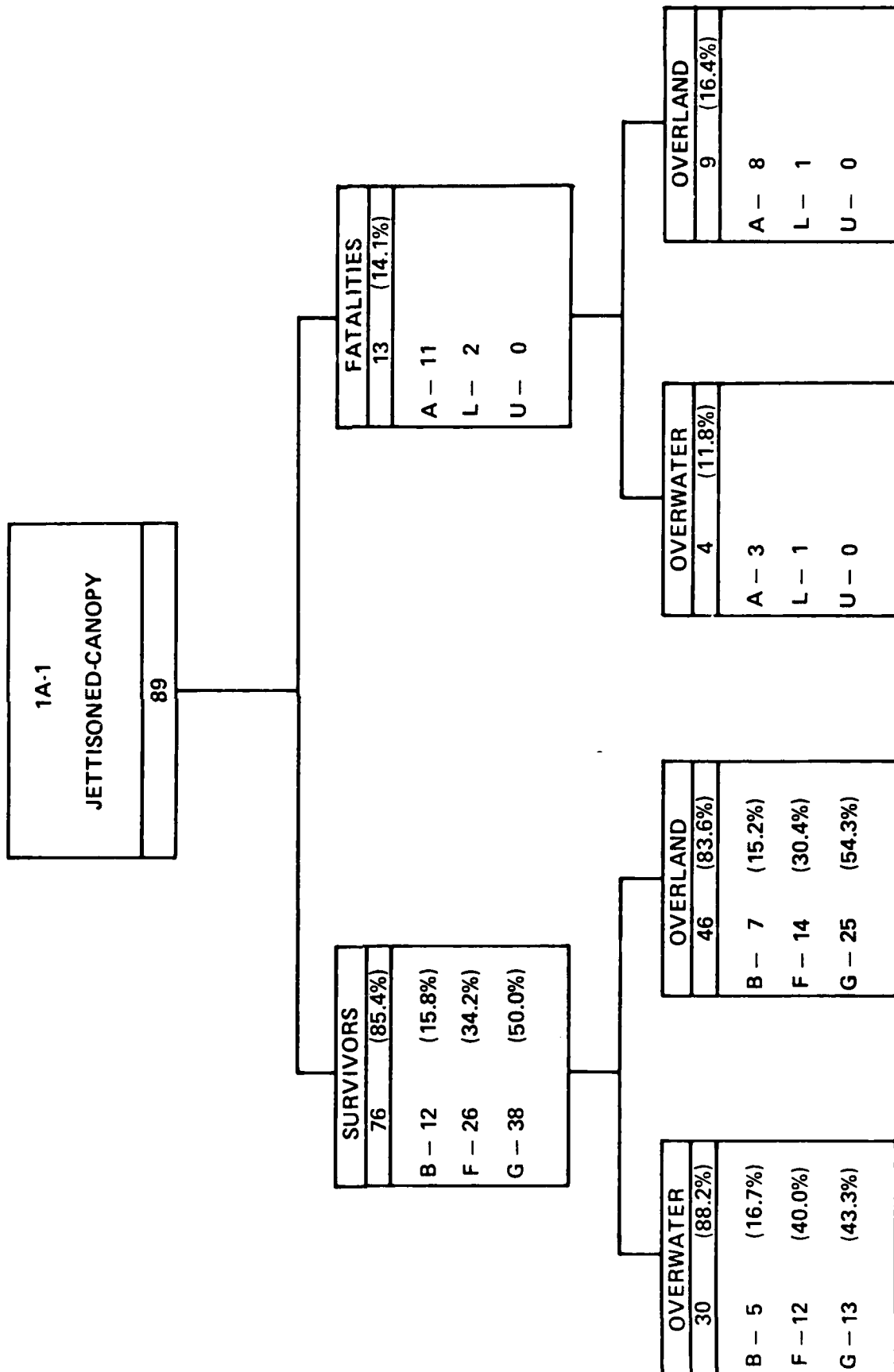
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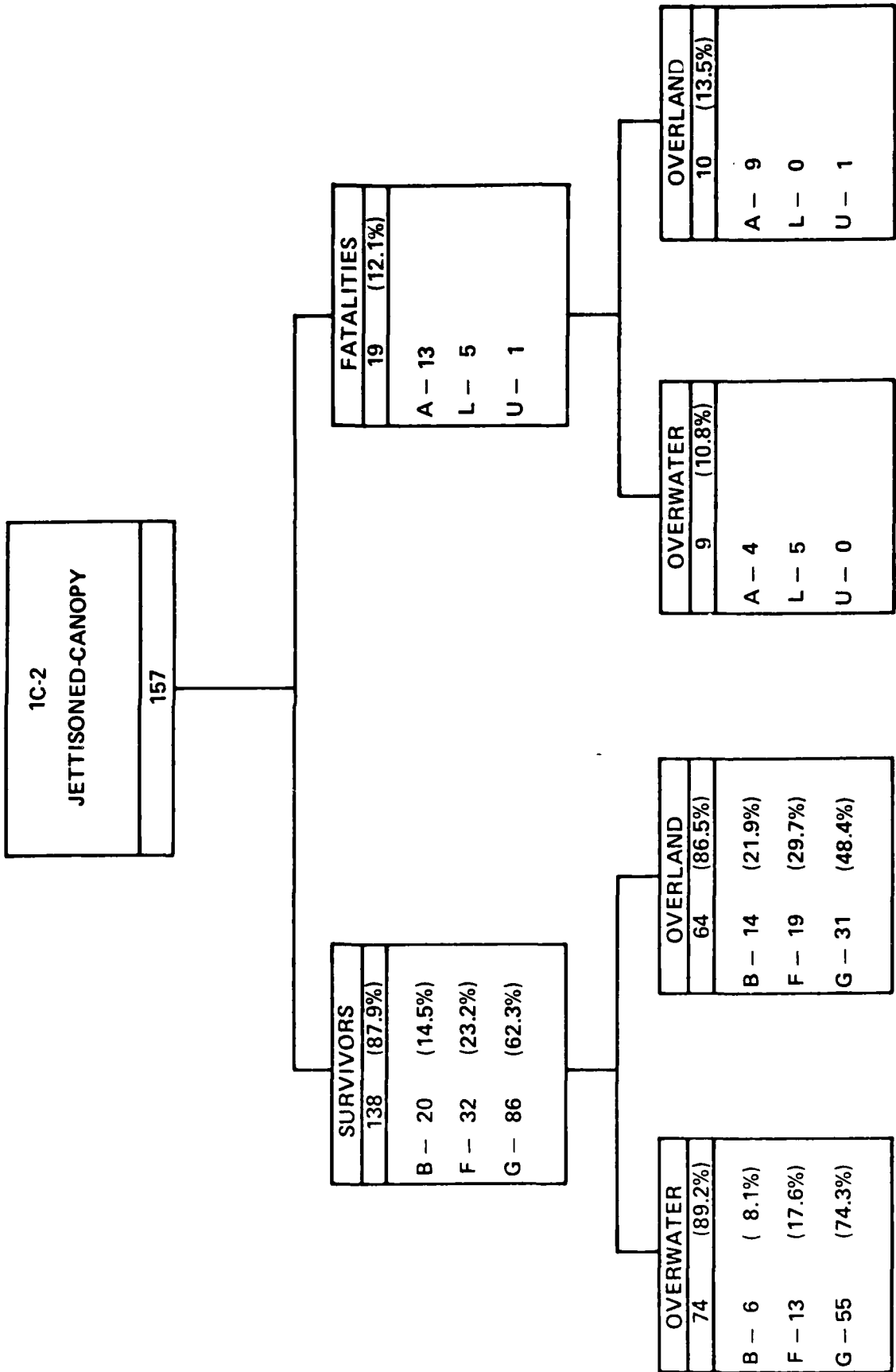
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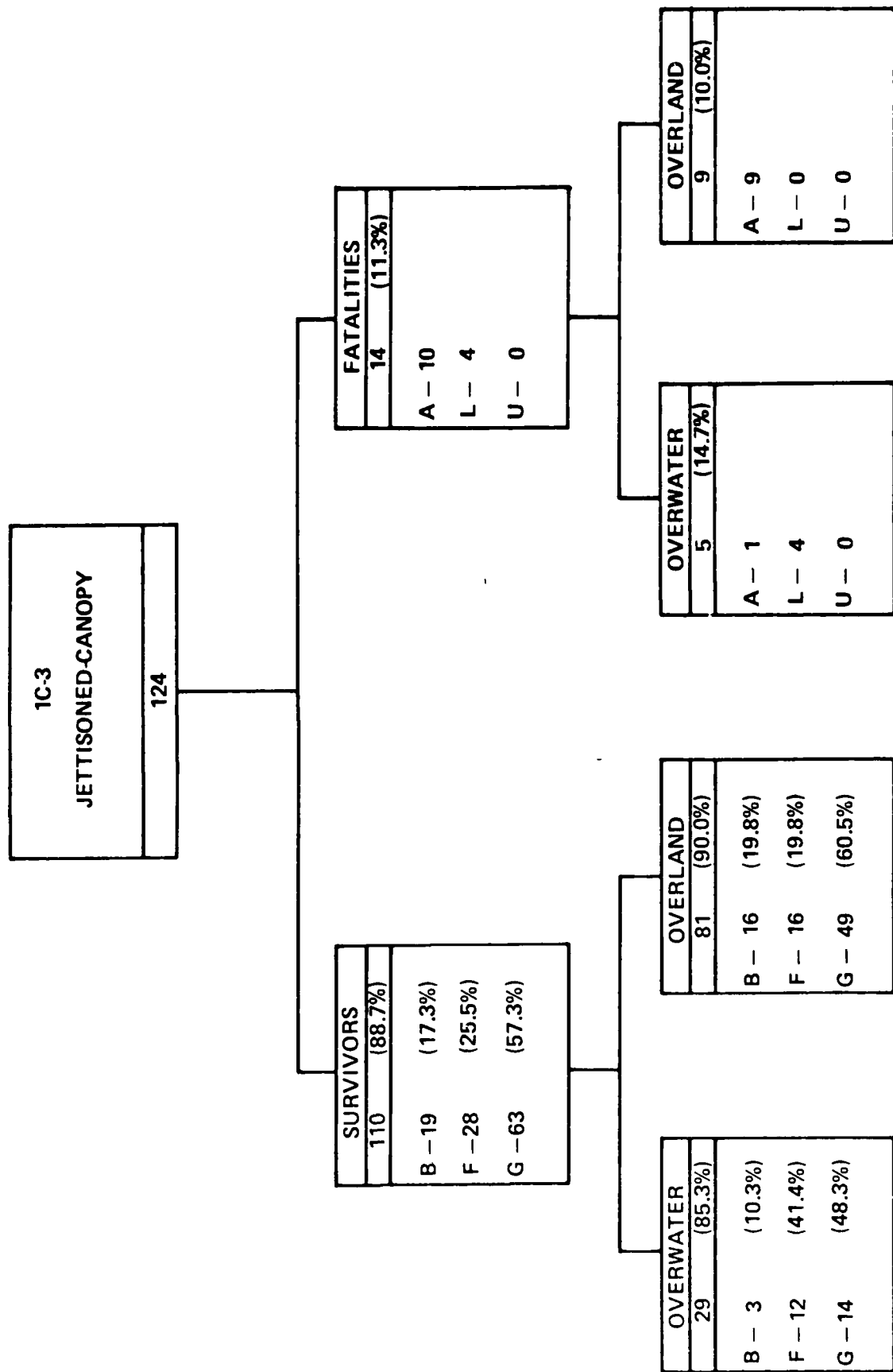
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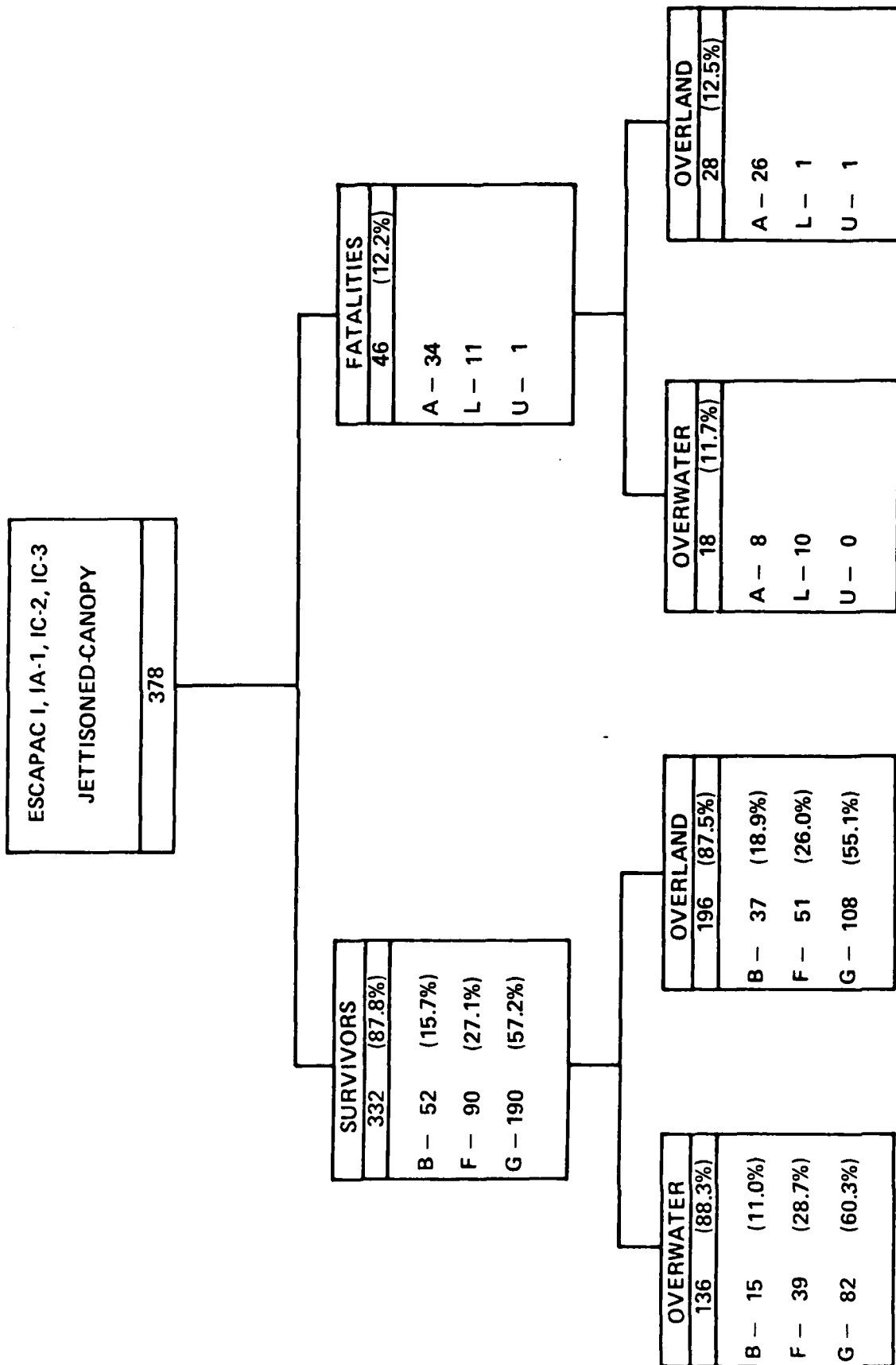
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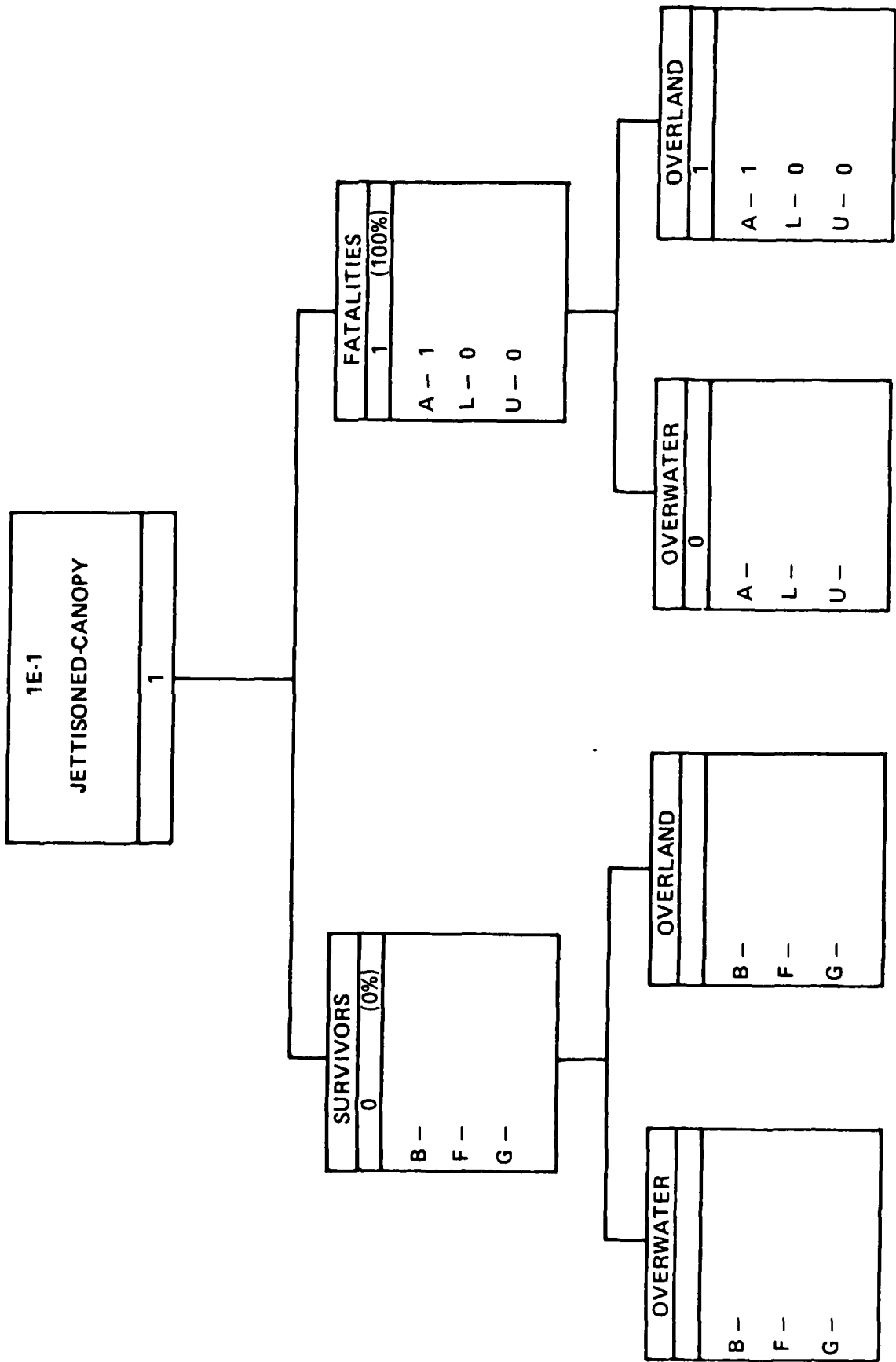
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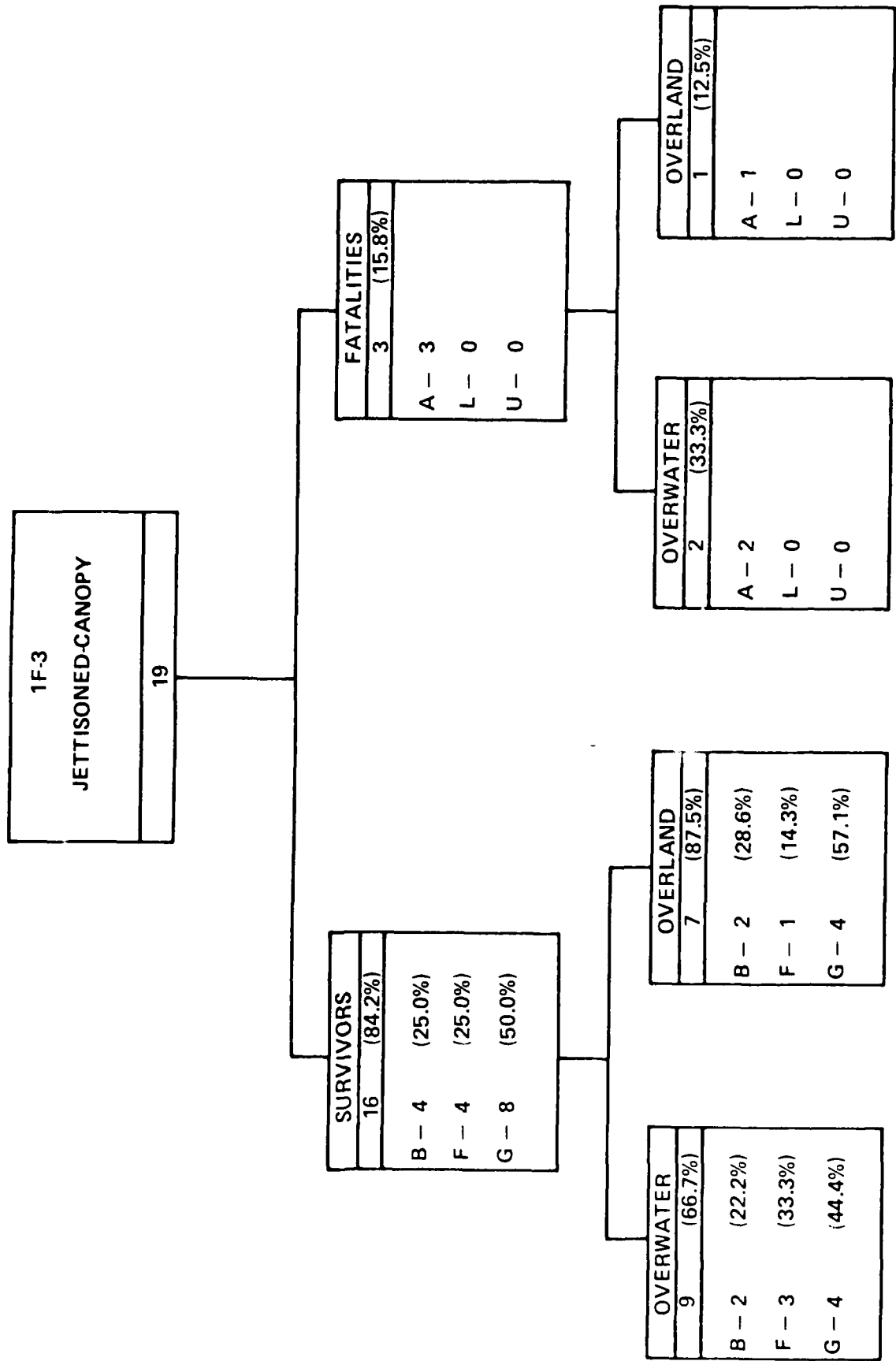
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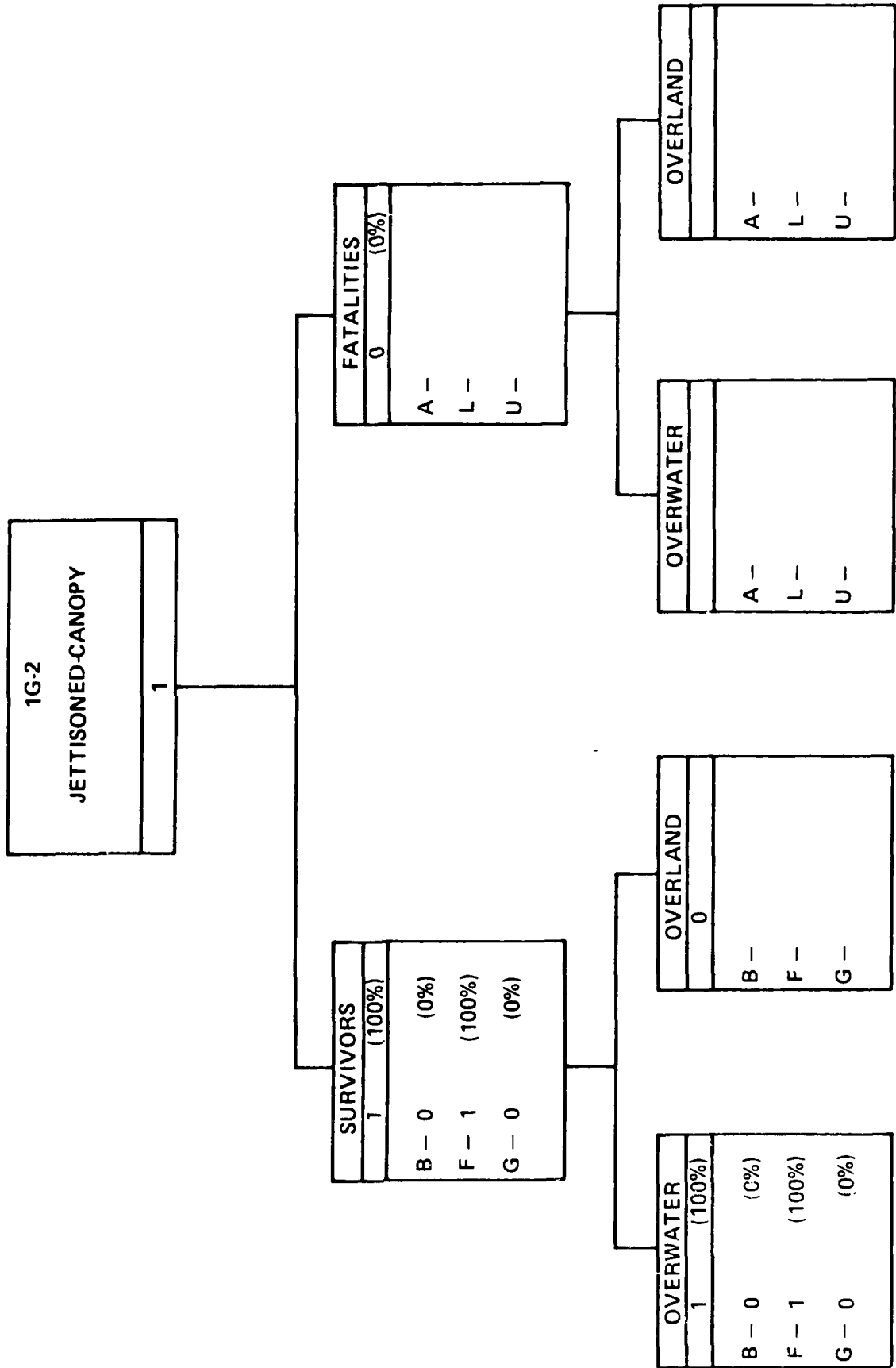
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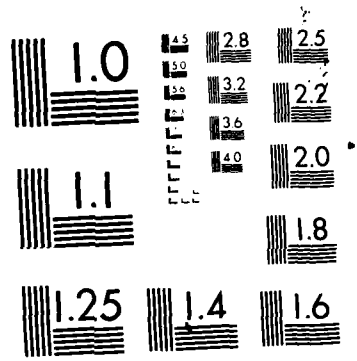


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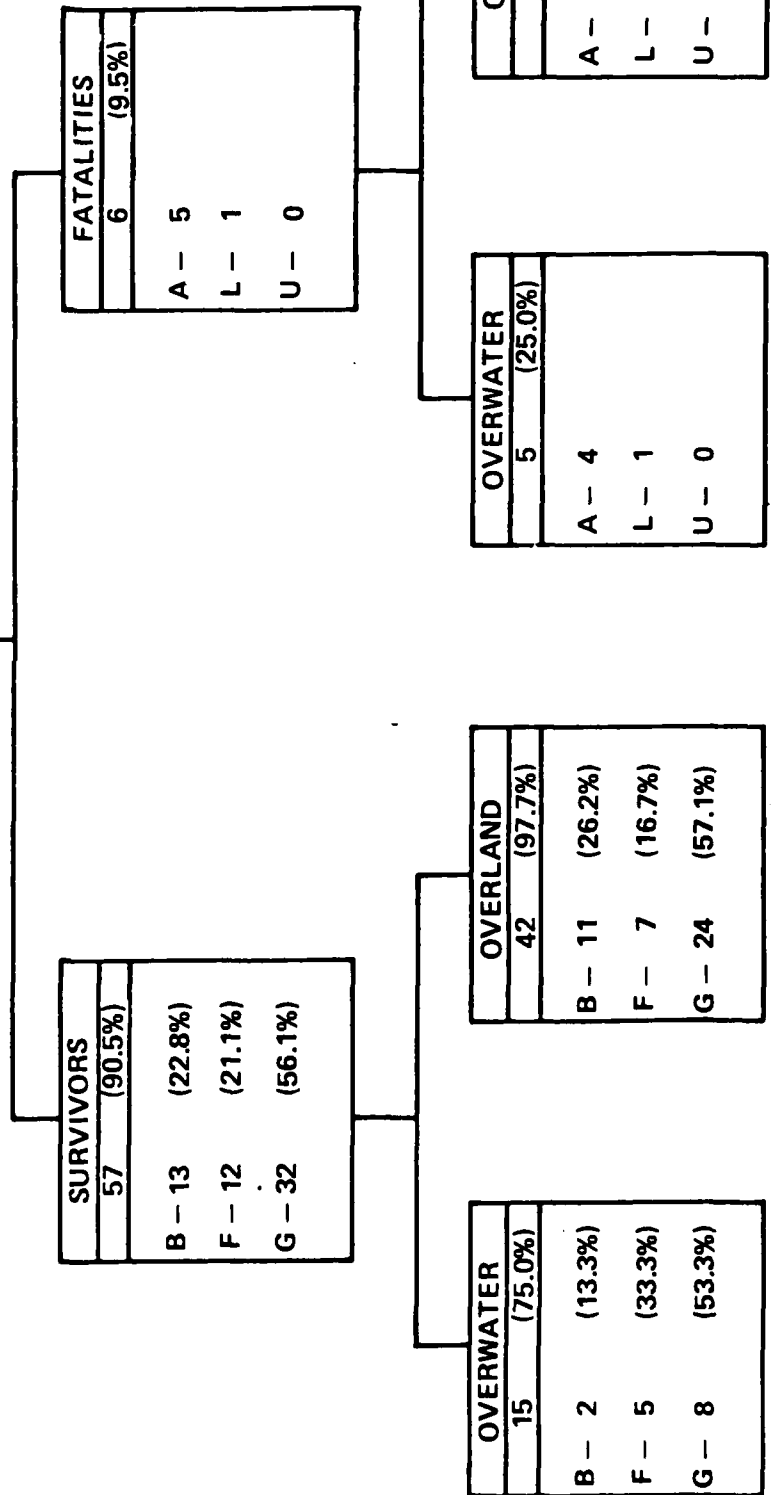


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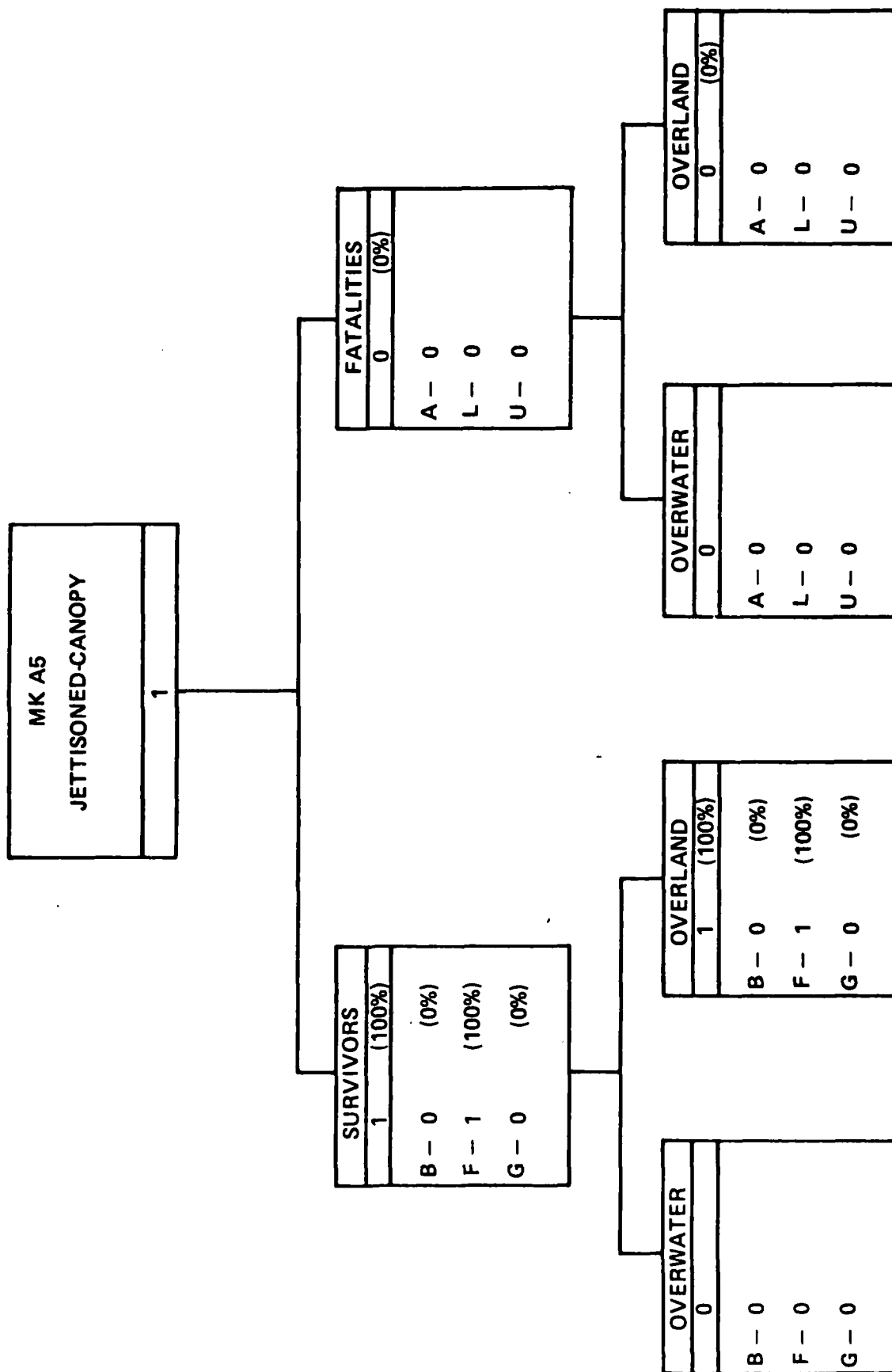
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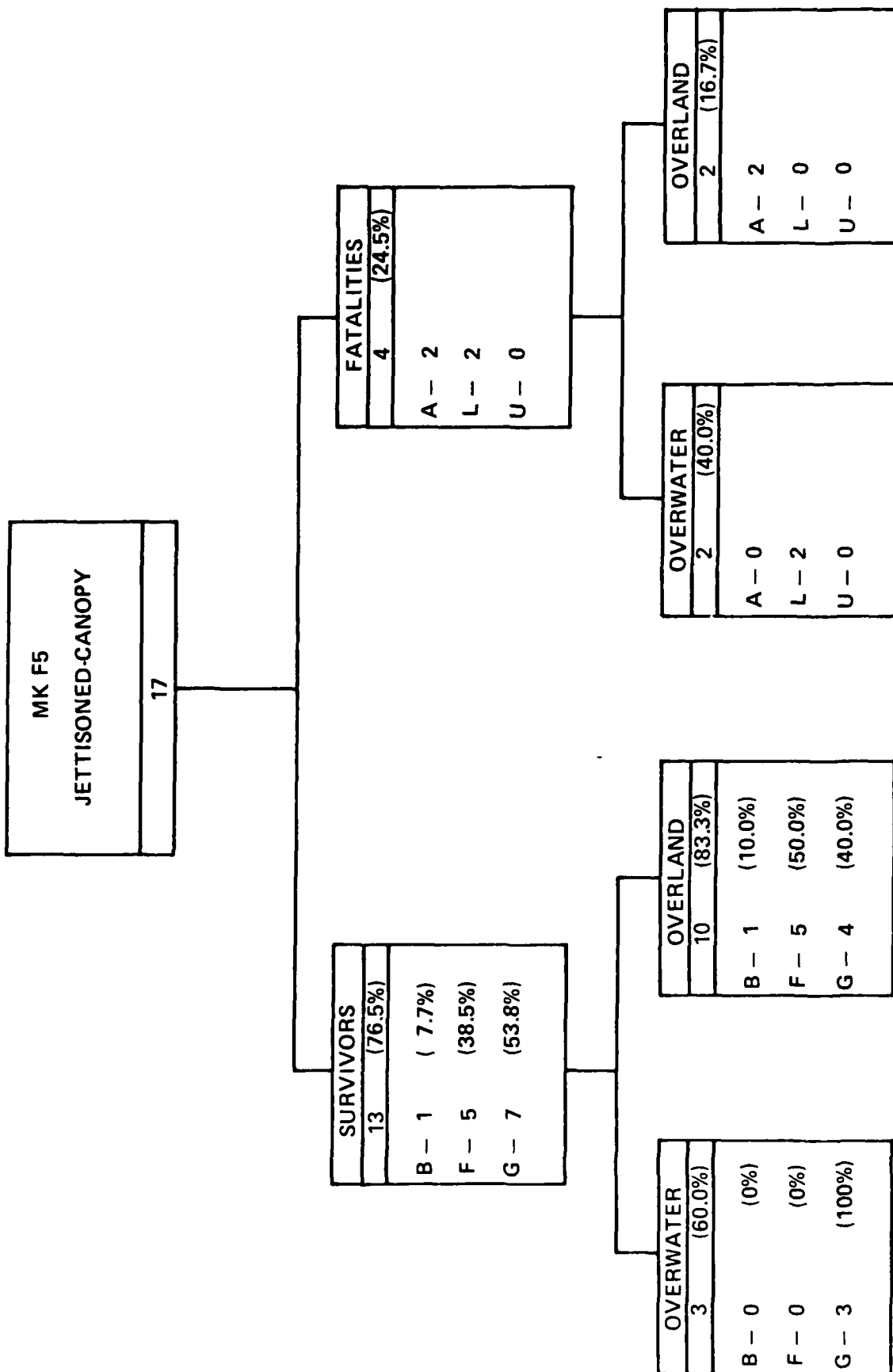
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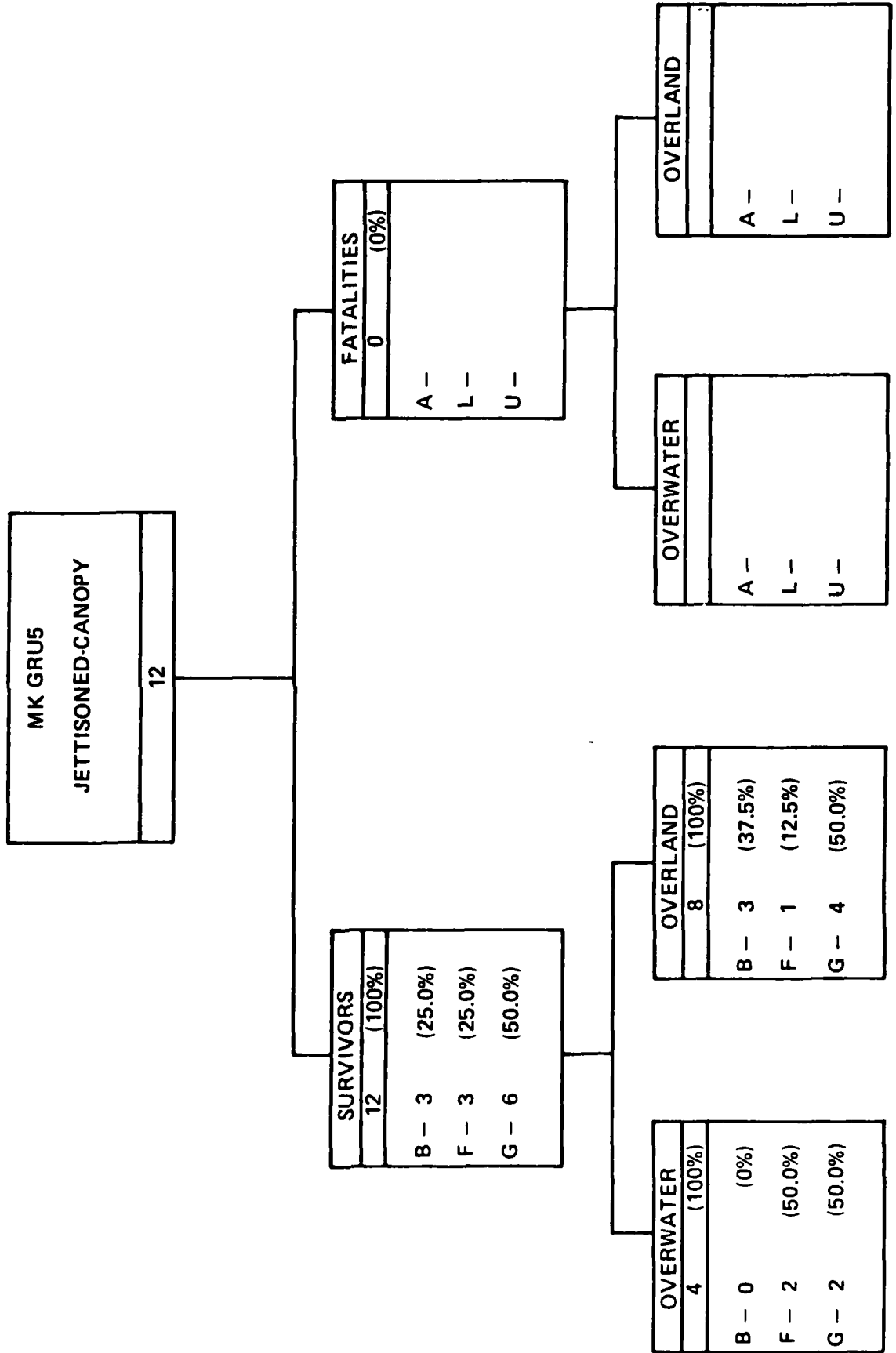
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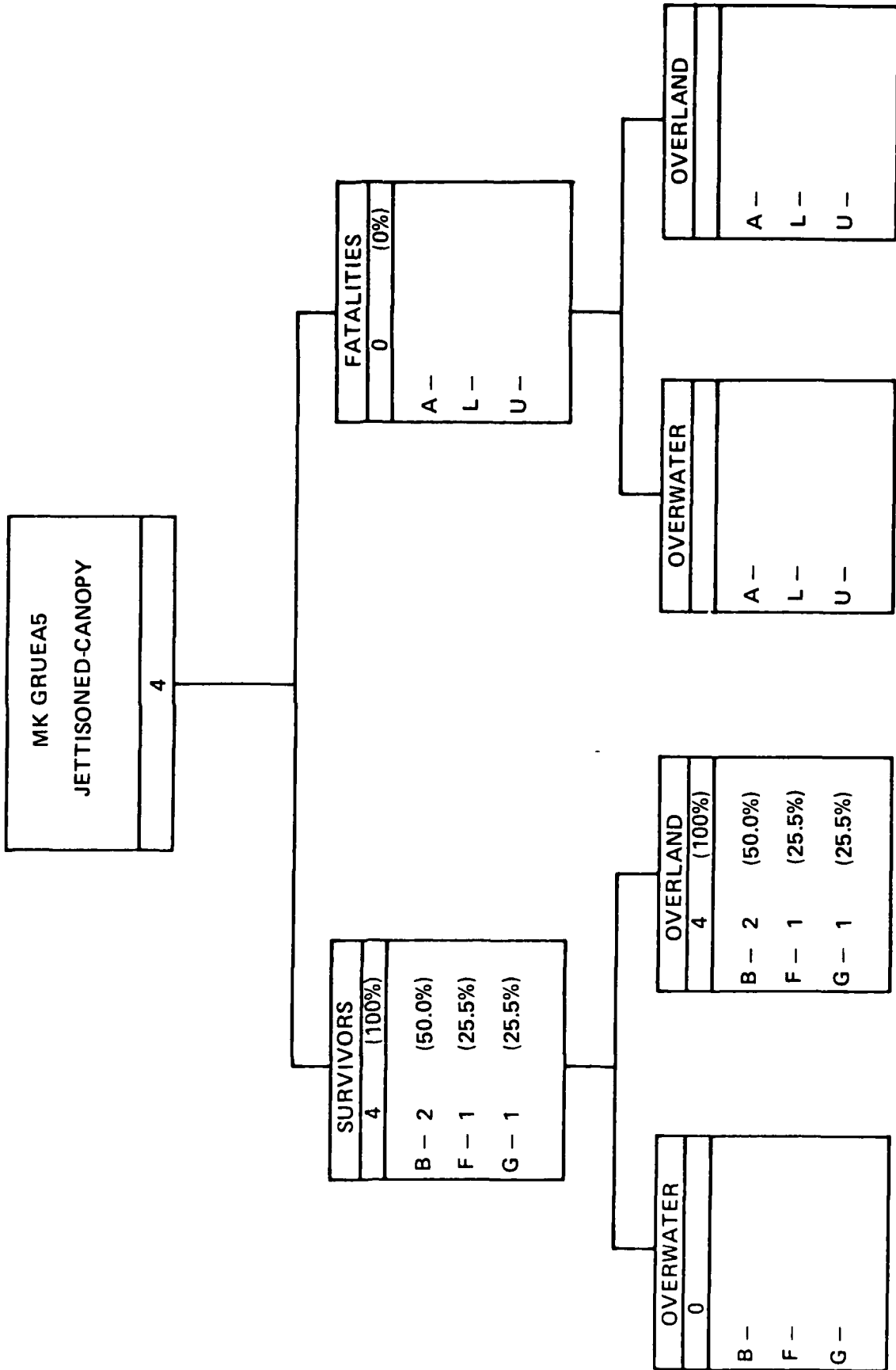
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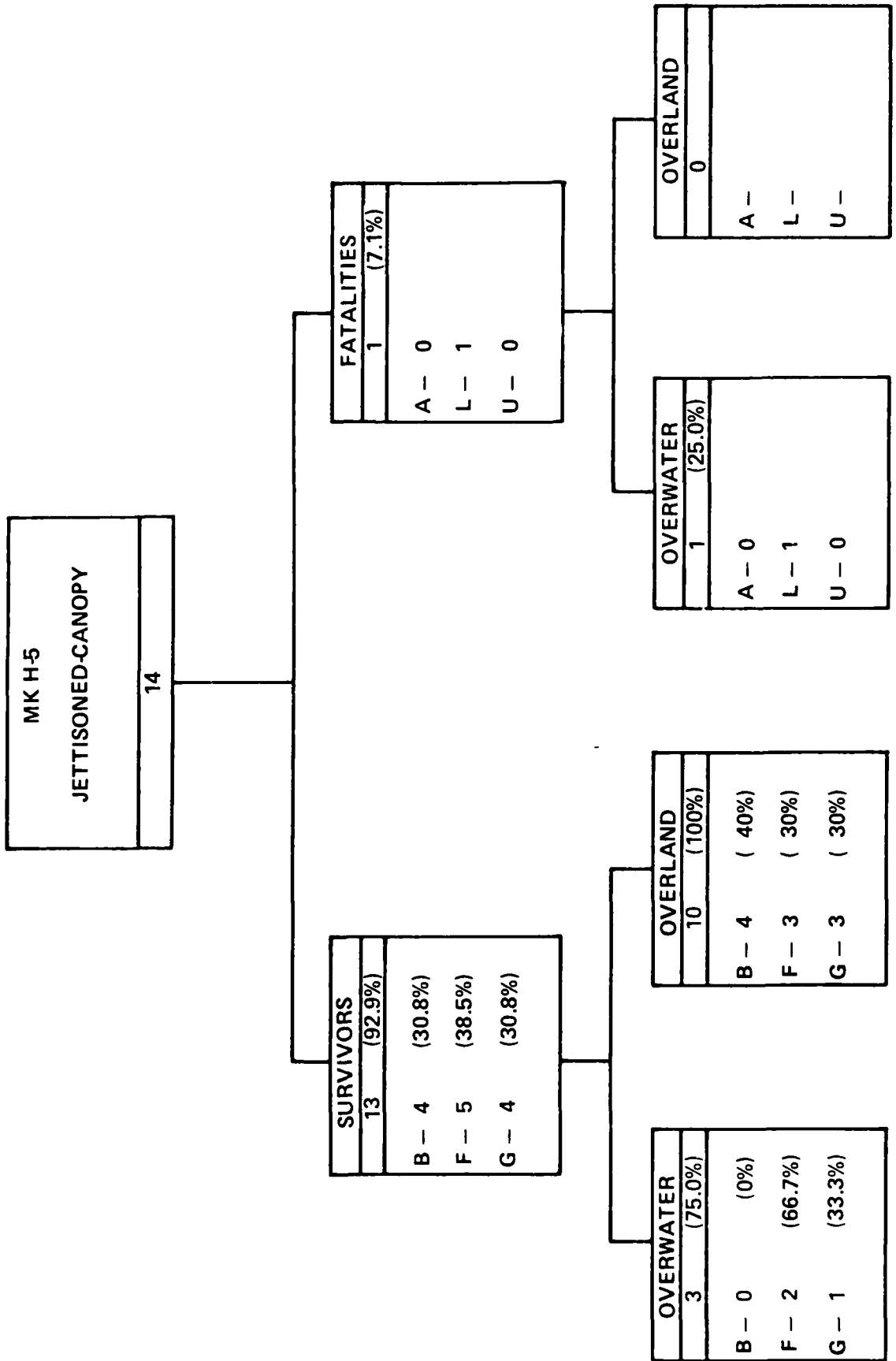
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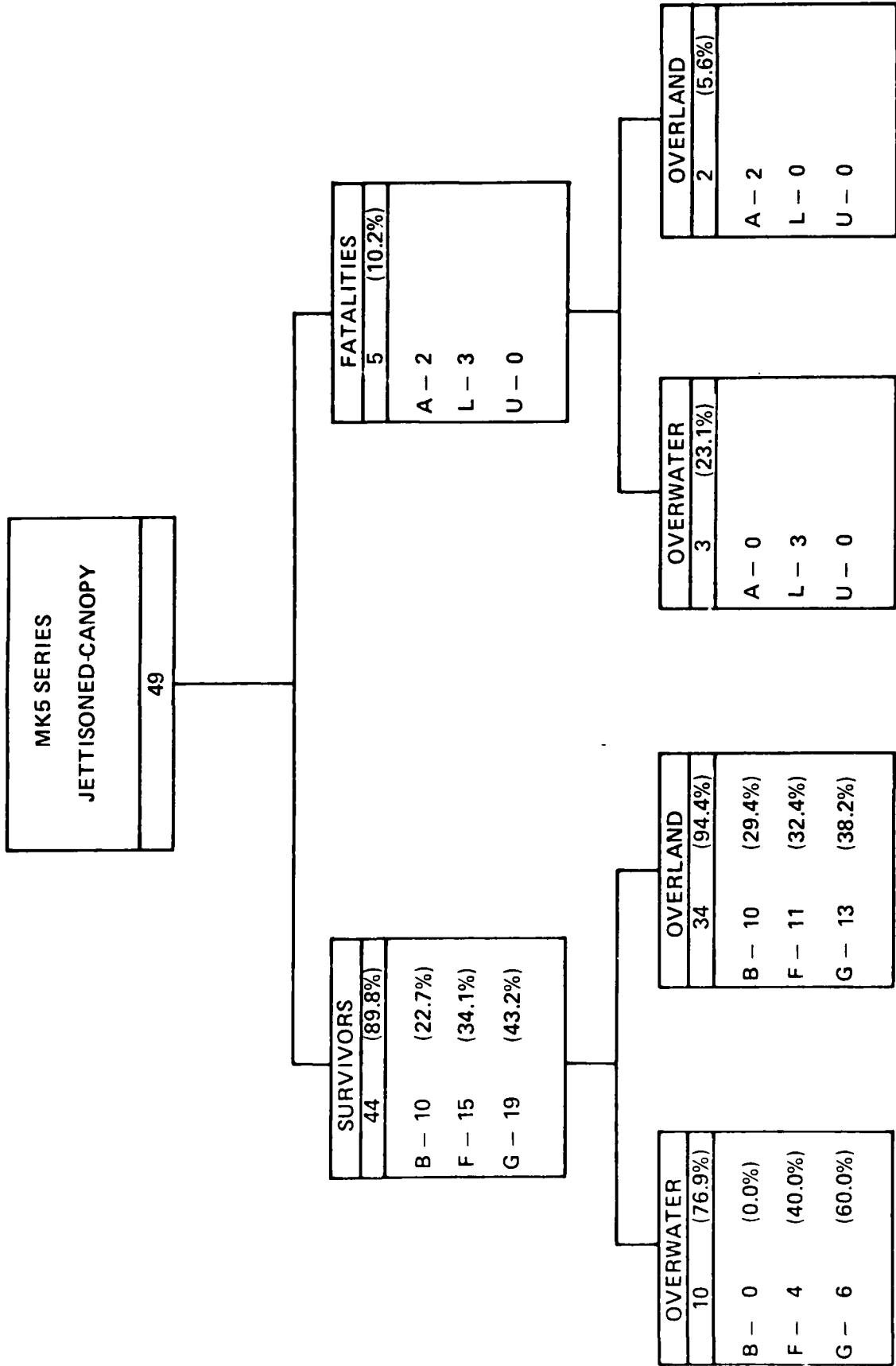
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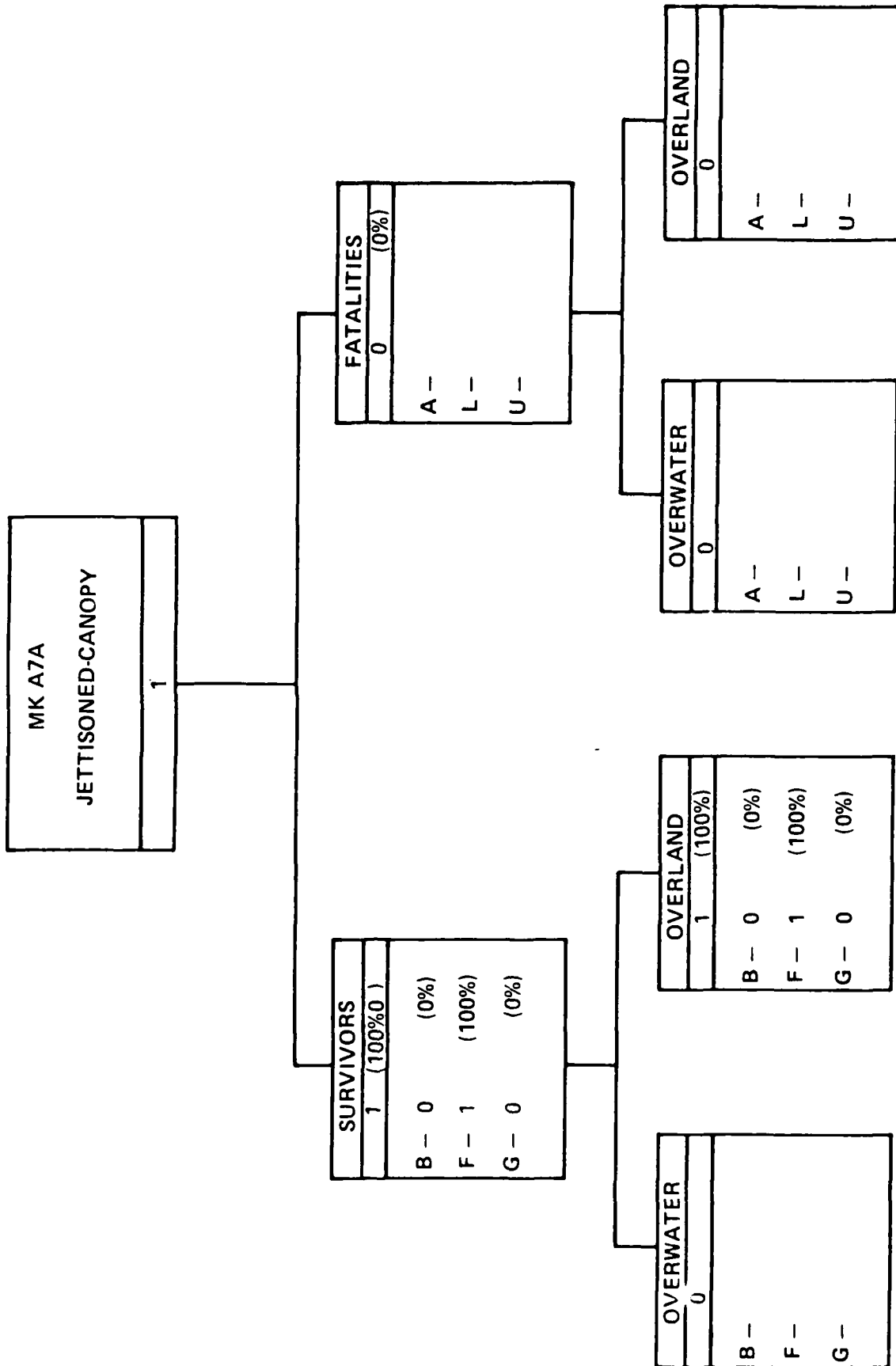
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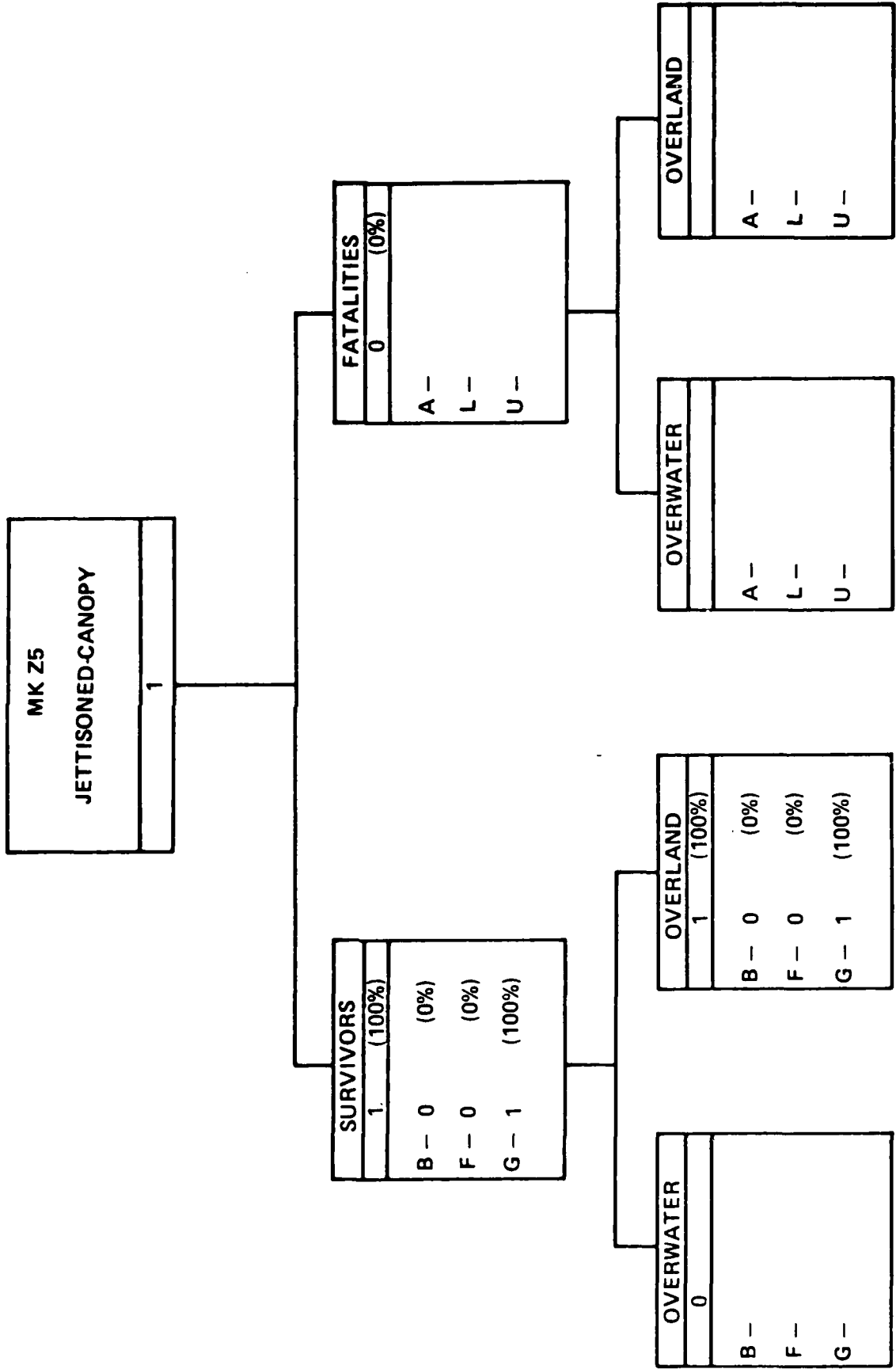
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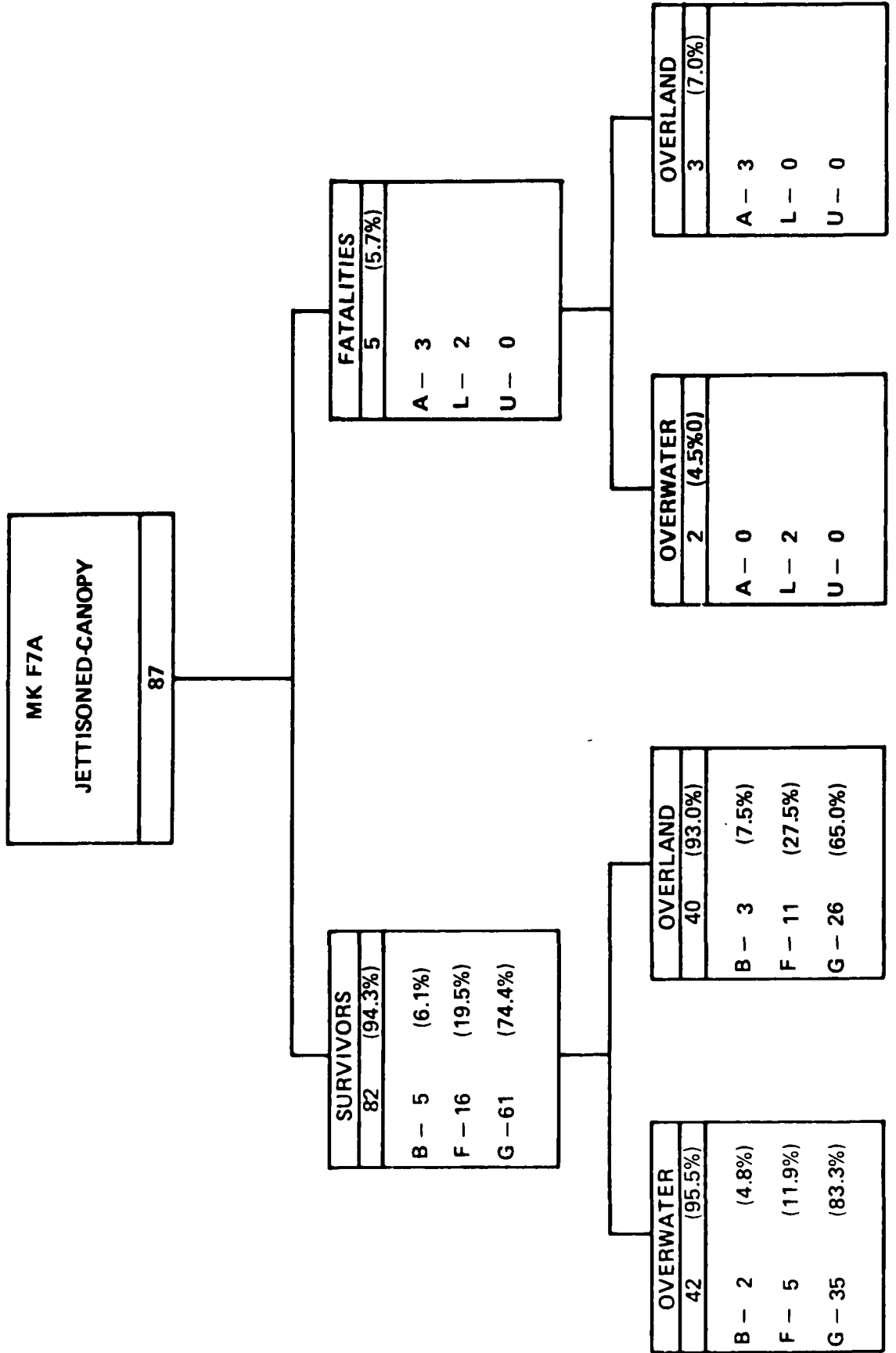
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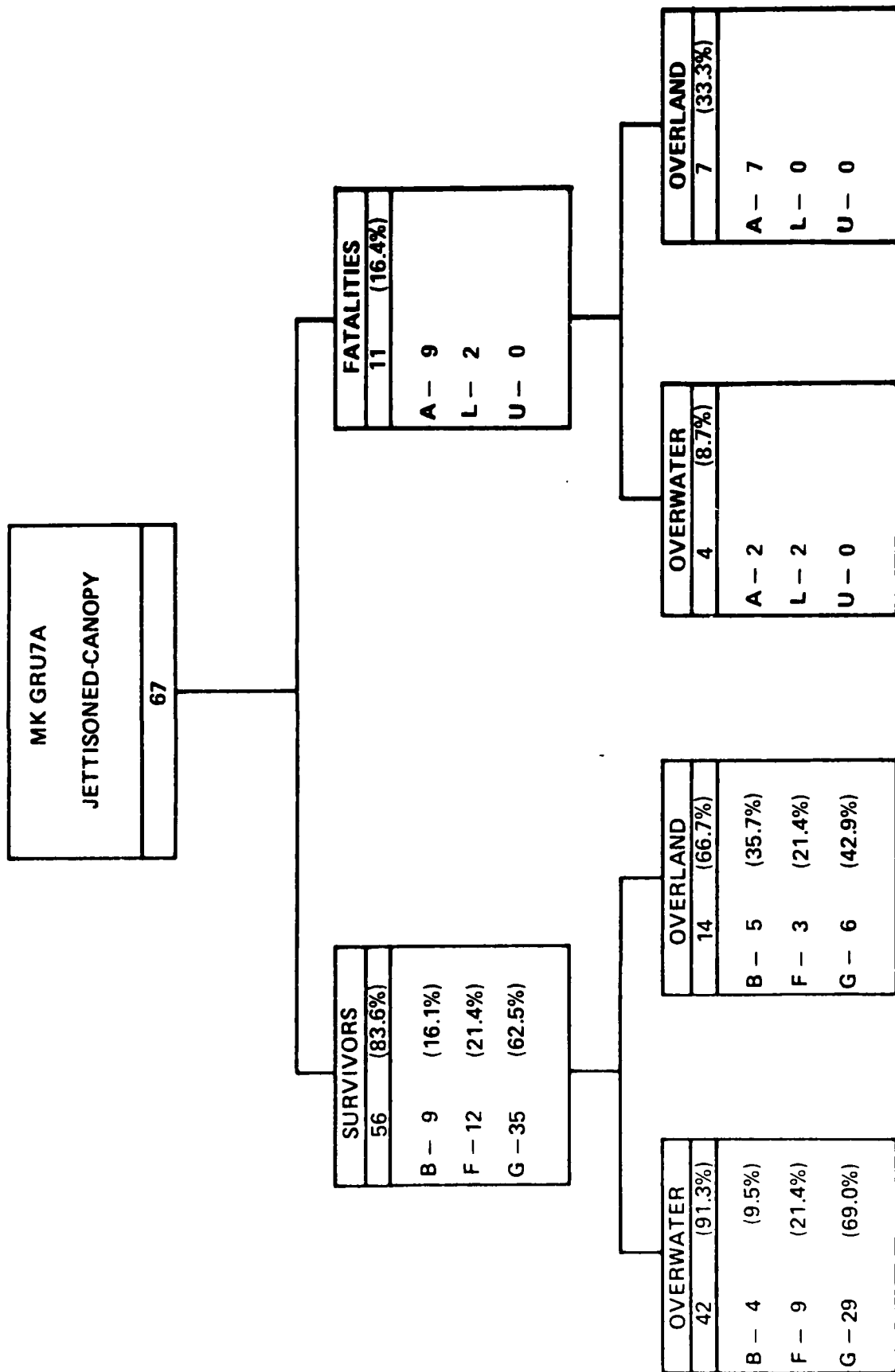
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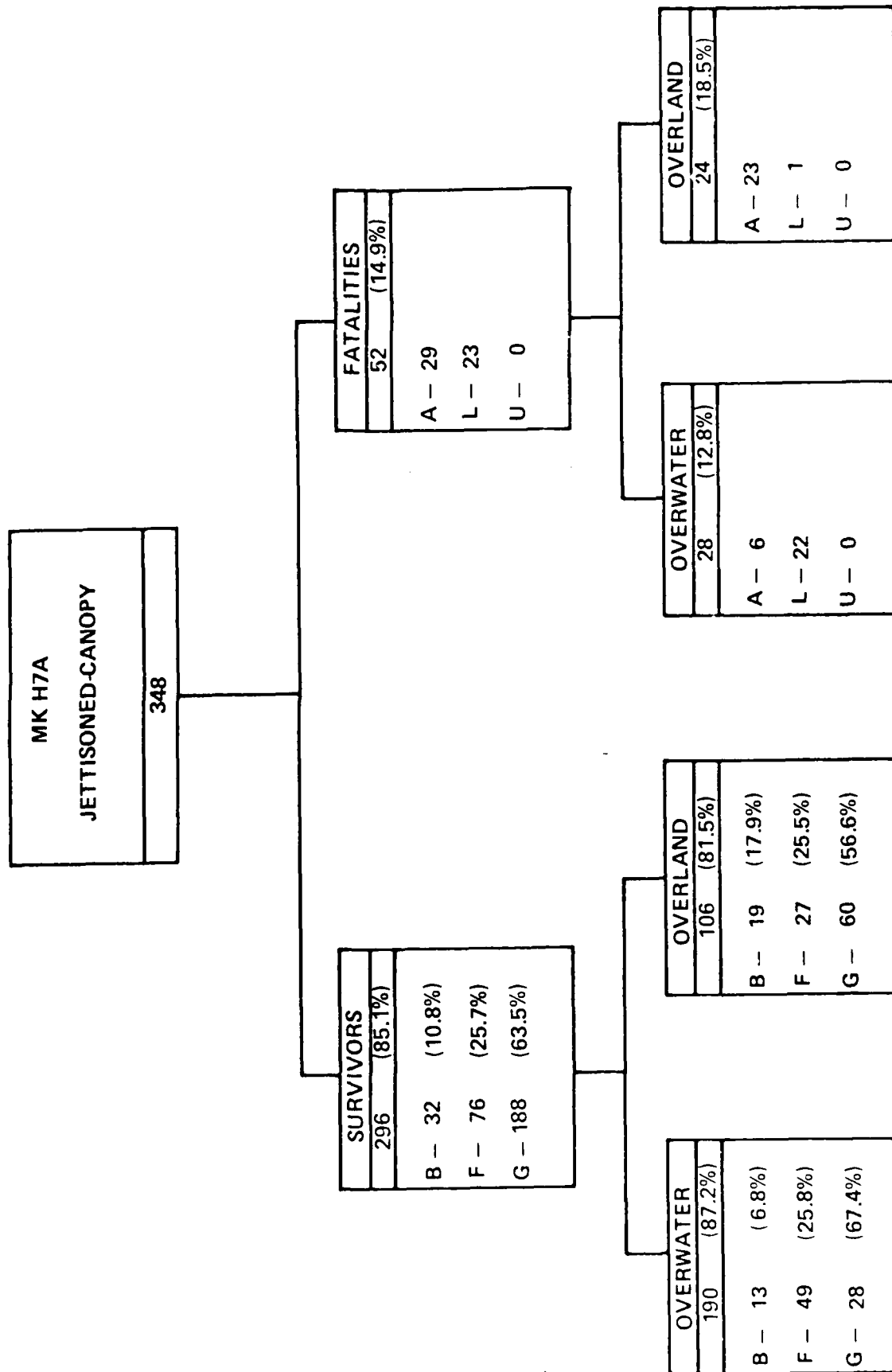
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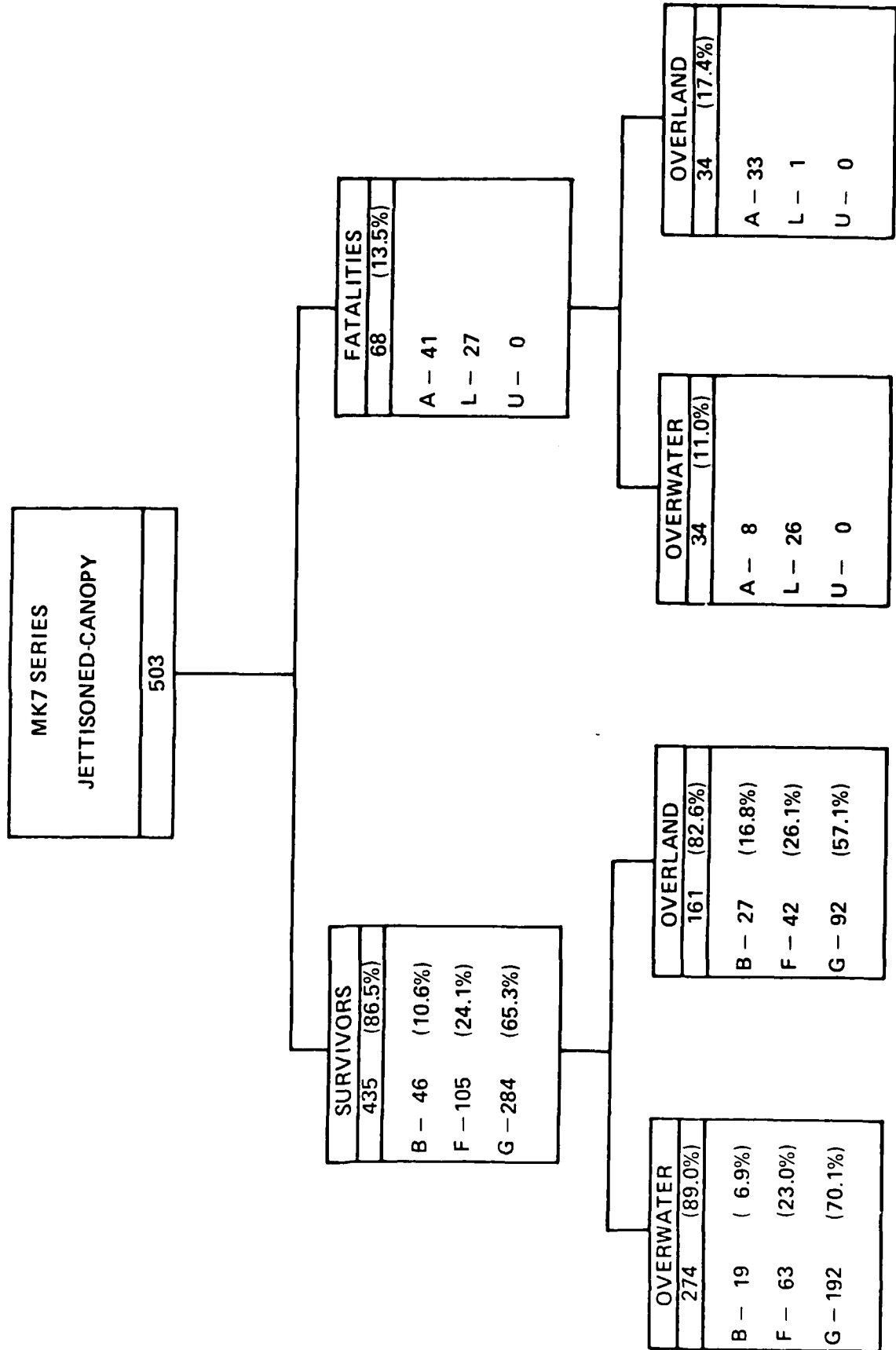
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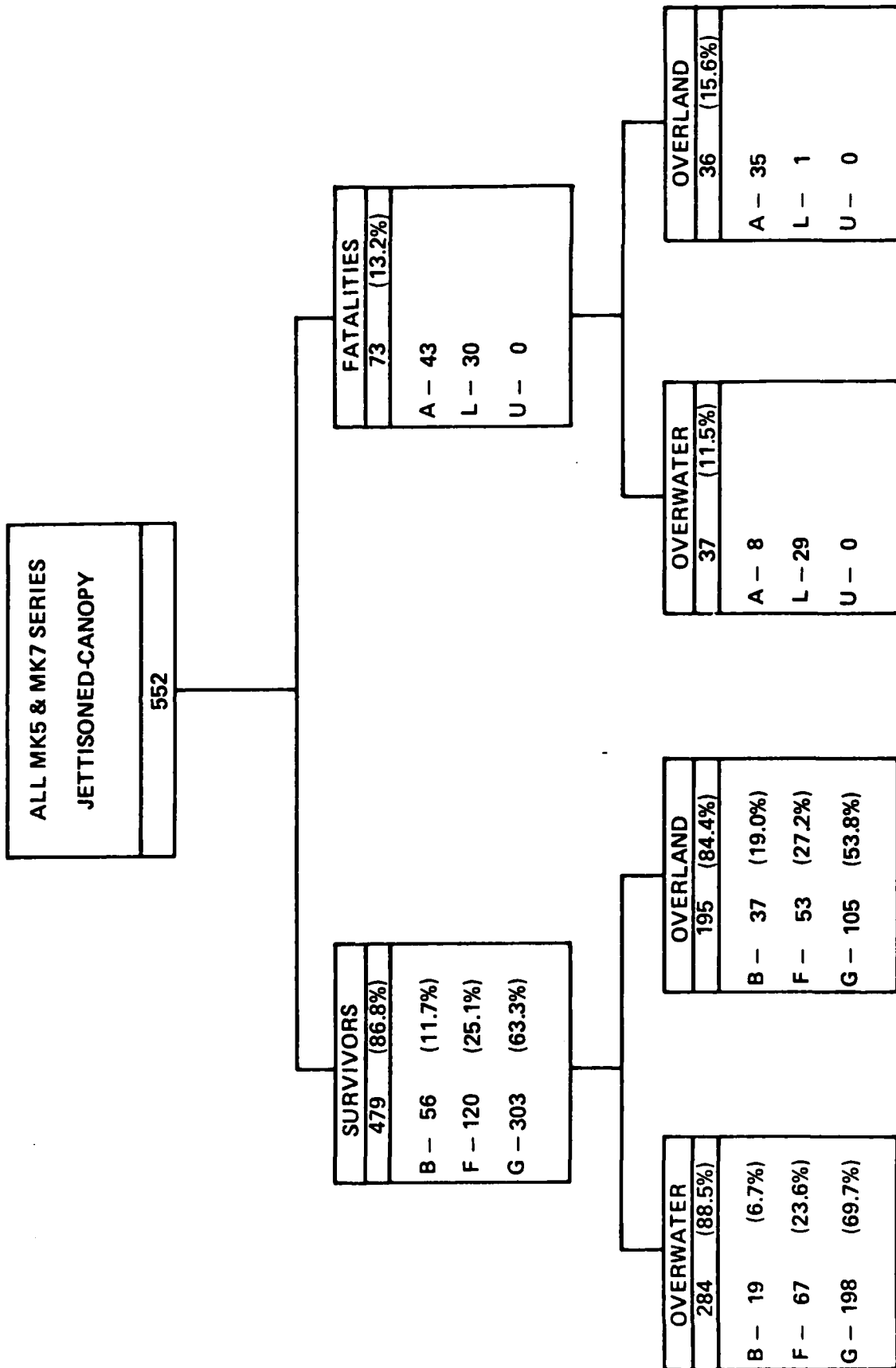
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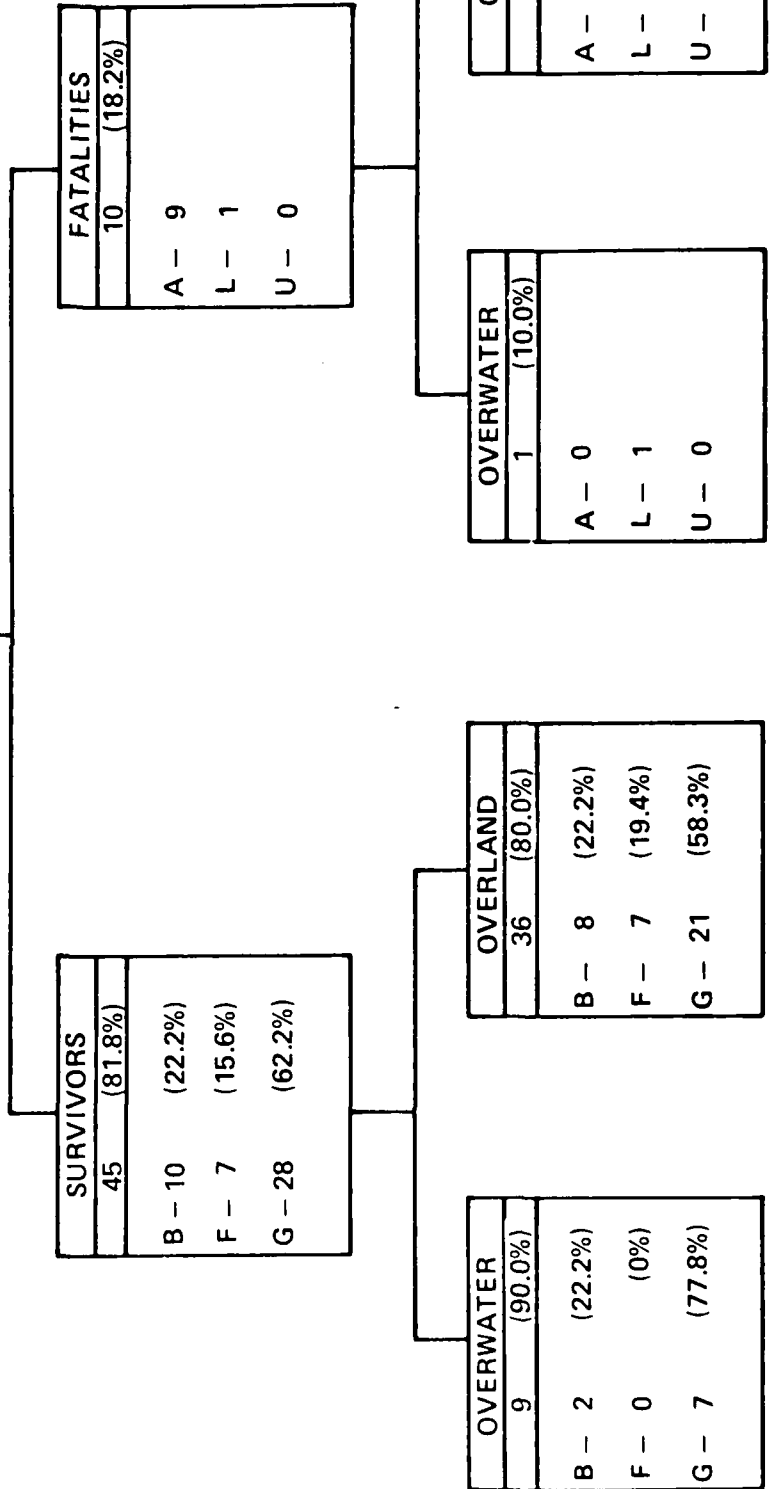
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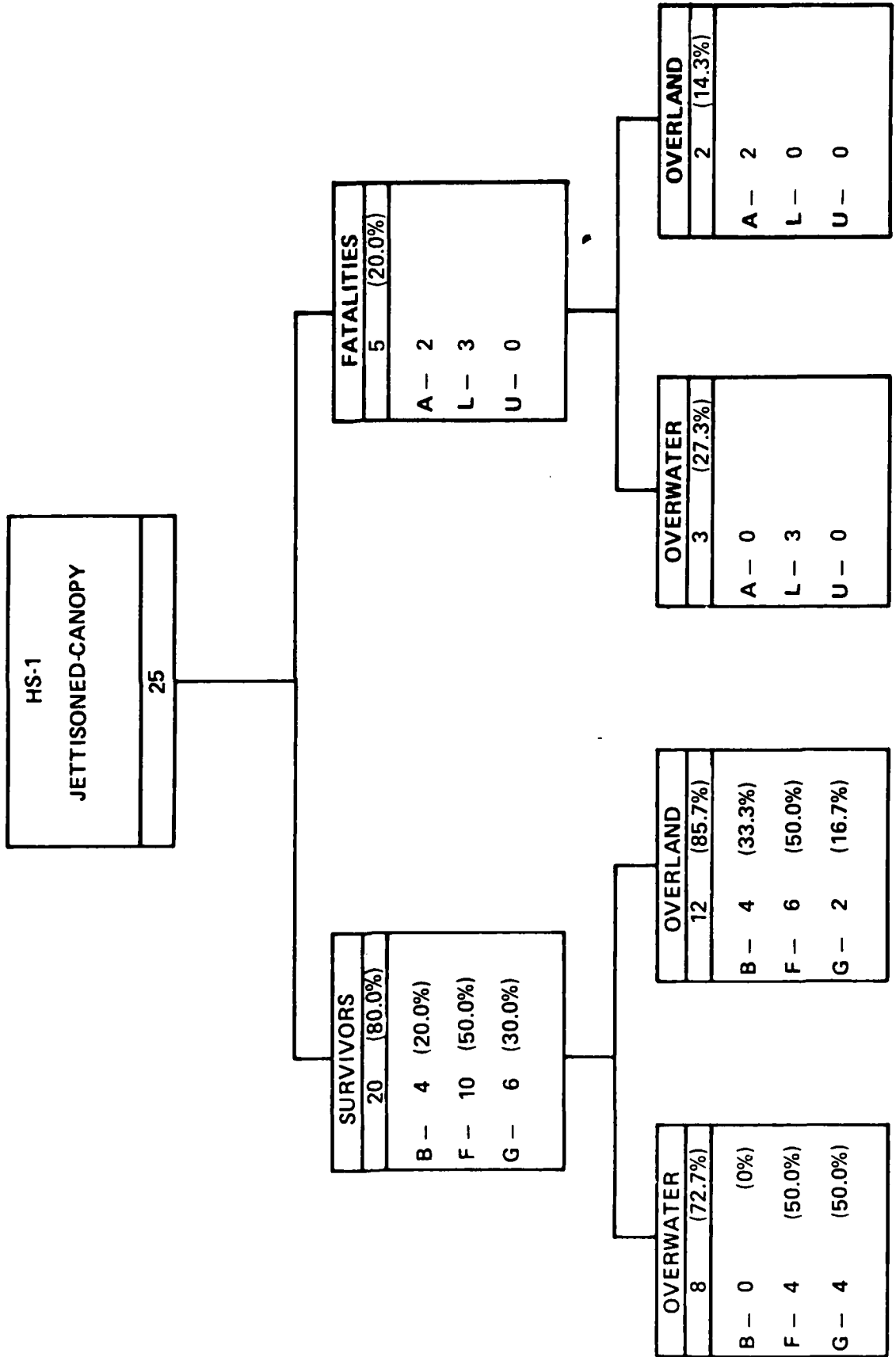
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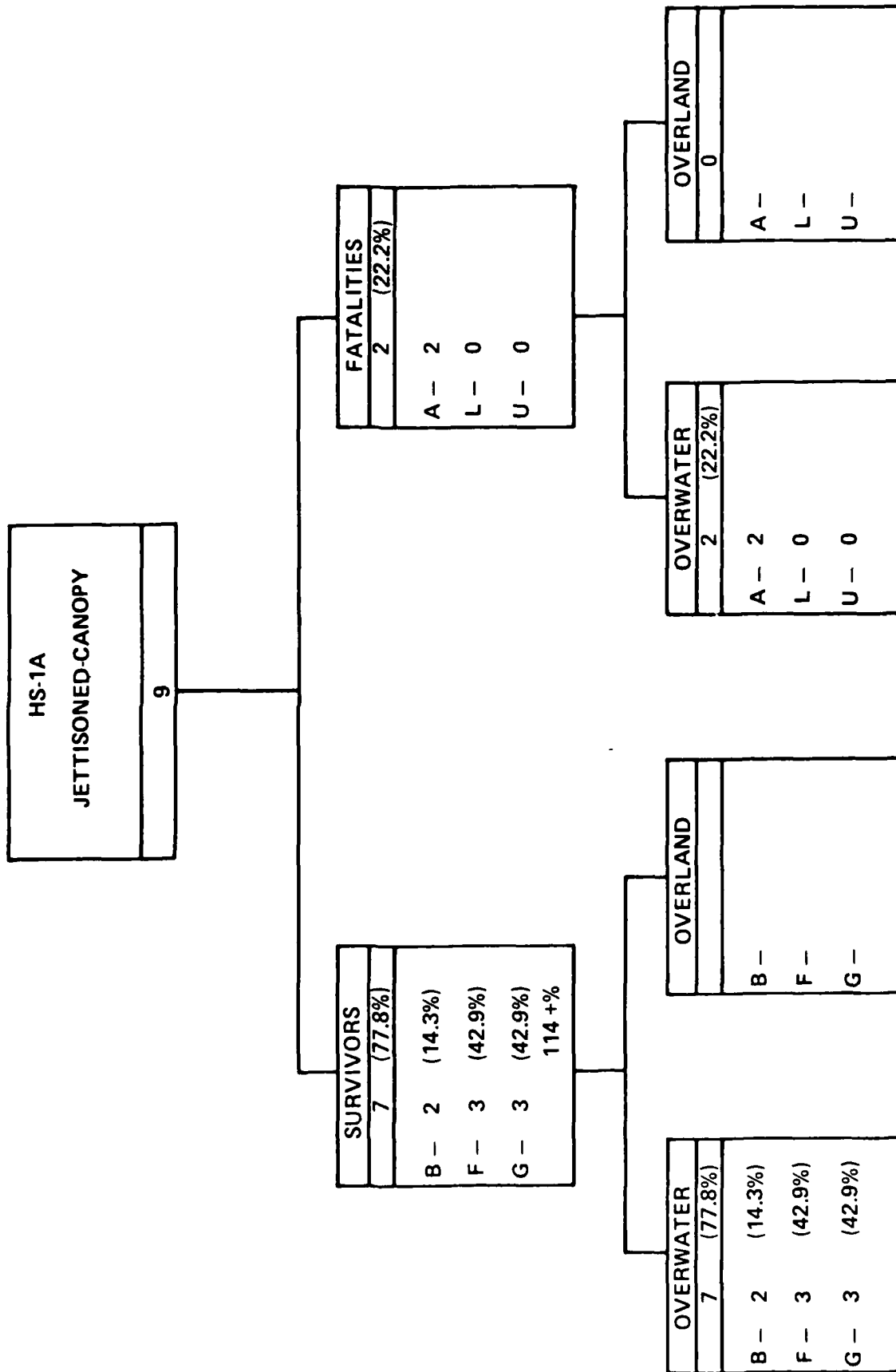
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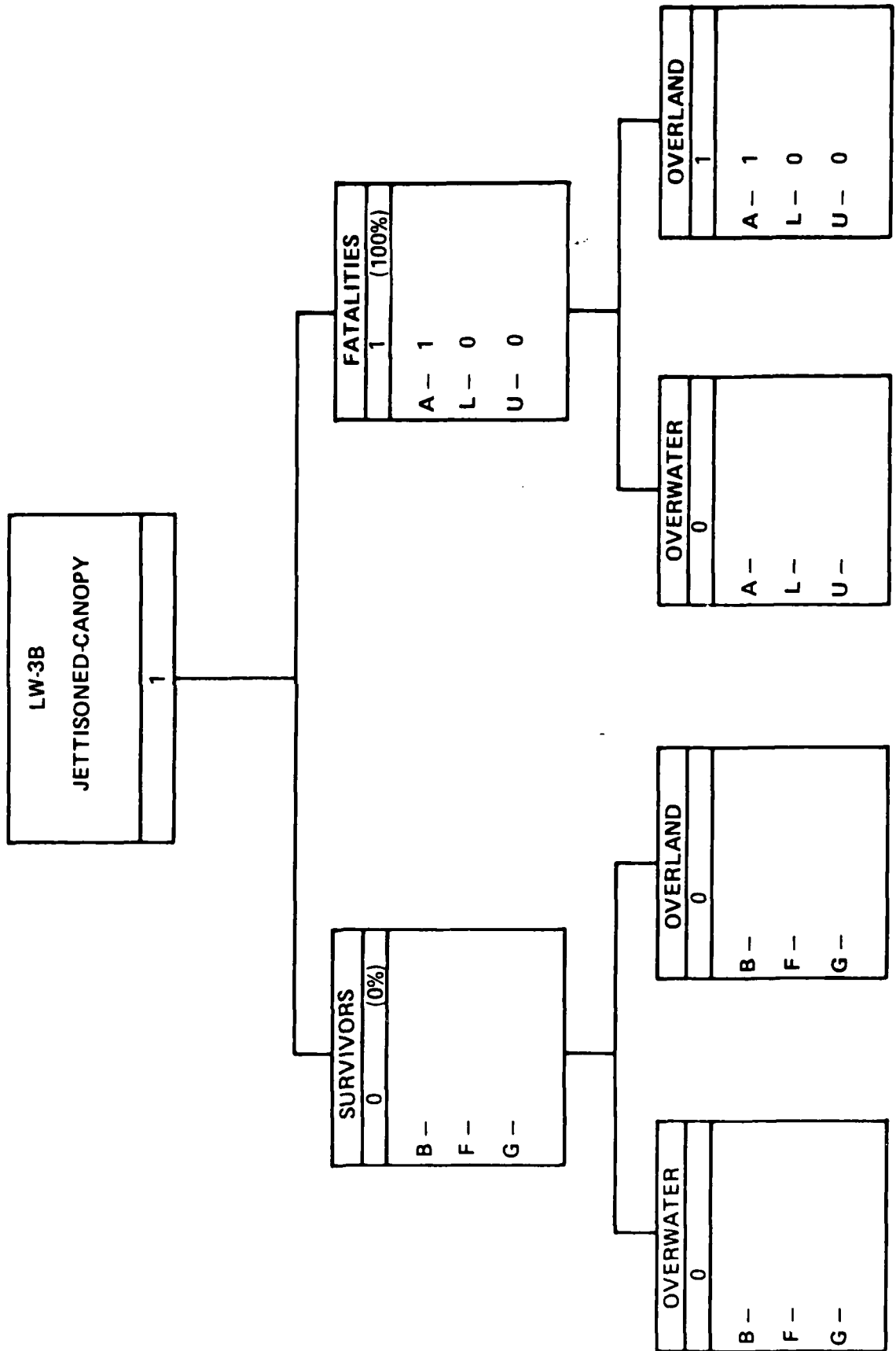
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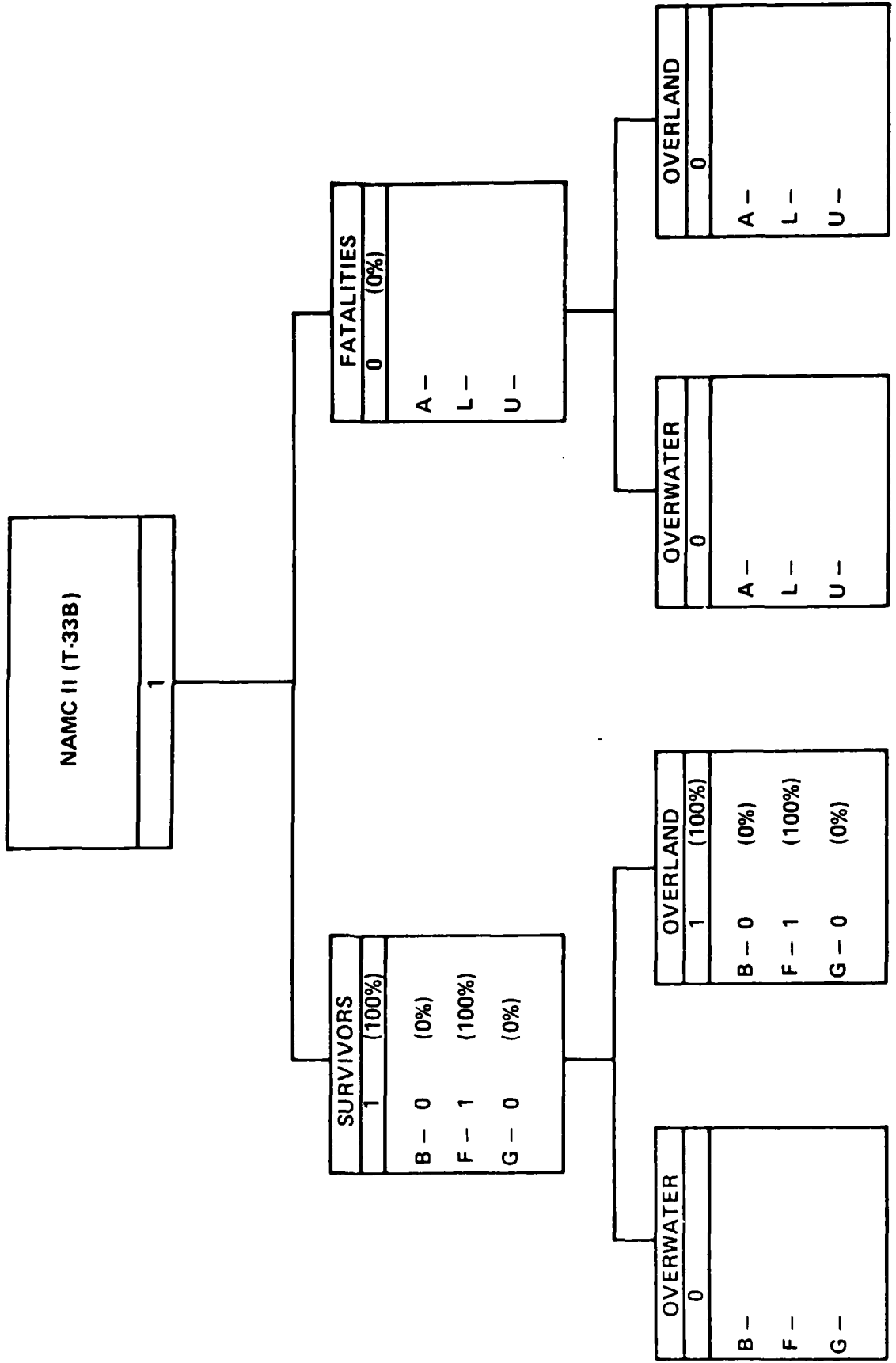
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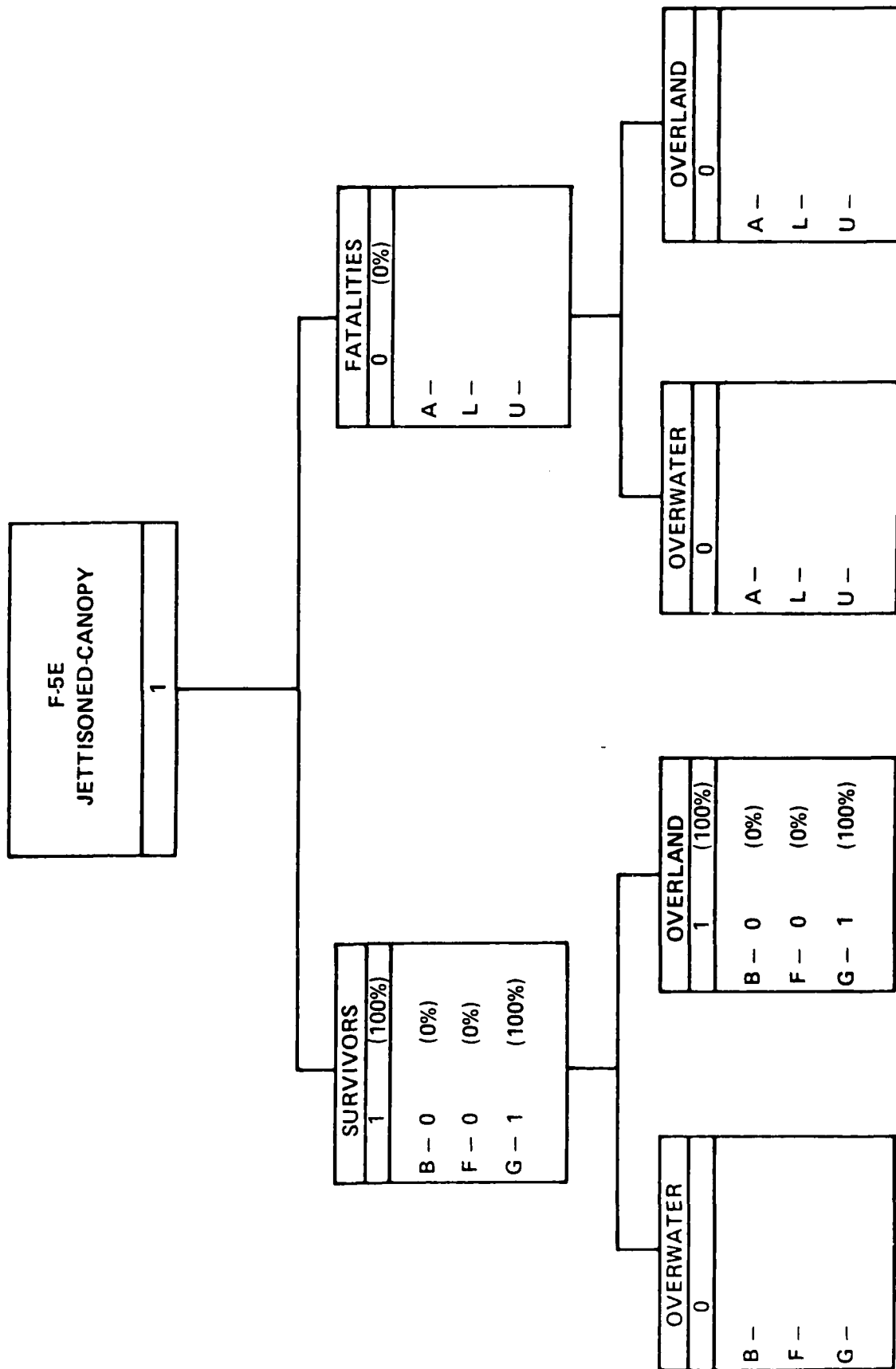
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**EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT**  
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**(1 JAN 1969 - 31 DEC 1979)**  
**THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS**

## THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	RATE
ESCAPAC 1C-2	1	0/0	0%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1E-1	2	0/2	100%	5	2/0	40.0%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	23	4/3	30.4%	17	3/0	17.6%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5/0</b>	<b>22.7%</b>
MK A5	2	0/1	50.0%	16	4/0	25.0%
MK GRU5	43	5/3	18.6%	29	7/1	27.6%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
MK L5	0	—	—	6	2/0	33.3%
MK Z5	0	—	—	6	0/0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13/1</b>	<b>24.1%</b>
MK A7	1	0/0	0%	6	0/0	0%
MK F7	0	—	—	1	0/0	0%
MK GRU7	18	1/5	33.3%	20	6/0	30.0%
MK GRUEA7	14	0/2	14.3%	3	0/0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6/0</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	0	—	—	2	1/0	50.0%
LW-3B	5	1/0	20.0%	16	5/0	31.3%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1/0</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6/0</b>	<b>33.3%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>30/1</b>	<b>24.2%</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>41/17</b>	<b>24.5%</b>			

## THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJOR INJURIES	RATE
ESCAPAC 1C-2	1	1	100%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1E-1	2	0	0%	5	0	0%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	23	2	8.7%	17	5	29.4%
SUBTOTAL	26	3	11.5%	22	5	22.7%
MK A5	2	1	50.0%	16	7	43.8%
MK GRU5	43	7	16.3%	29	10	34.5%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	1	1	100%
MK L5	0	—	—	6	2	33.3%
MK Z5	0	—	—	6	1	16.7%
SUBTOTAL	45	8	17.8%	58	21	36.2%
MK A7	1	1	100%	6	4	66.7%
MK F7	0	—	—	1	1	100%
MK GRU7	18	2	11.1%	20	5	25.0%
MK GRUEA7	14	3	21.4%	3	0	0%
SUBTOTAL	33	6	18.2%	30	10	33.3%
LS-1/LS-1A	0	—	—	2	1	50.0%
LW-3B	5	2	40.0%	16	2	12.5%
SUBTOTAL	5	2	40.0%	18	3	16.7%
TOTALS	109	19	17.4%	128	39	30.5%
OVERALL TOTALS	237	51	21.5%			

## THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJURIES	RATE	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJURIES	RATE
ESCAPAC 1C-2	1	0	0%	0	—	—
ESCAPAC 1E-1	2	0	0%	5	0	0%
ESCAPAC 1G-2	23	5	21.7%	17	2	11.8%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
MK A5	2	0	0%	16	2	12.5%
MK GRU5	43	20	46.5%	29	8	27.6%
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	1	0	0%
MK L5	0	—	—	6	1	16.7%
MK Z5	0	—	—	6	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
MK A7	1	0	0%	6	0	0%
MK F7	0	—	—	1	0	0%
MK GRU7	18	6	33.3%	20	4	20.0%
MK GRUEA7	14	7	50.0%	3	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	0	—	—	2	0	0%
LW-3B	5	0	0%	16	9	56.3%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>27.0%</b>			

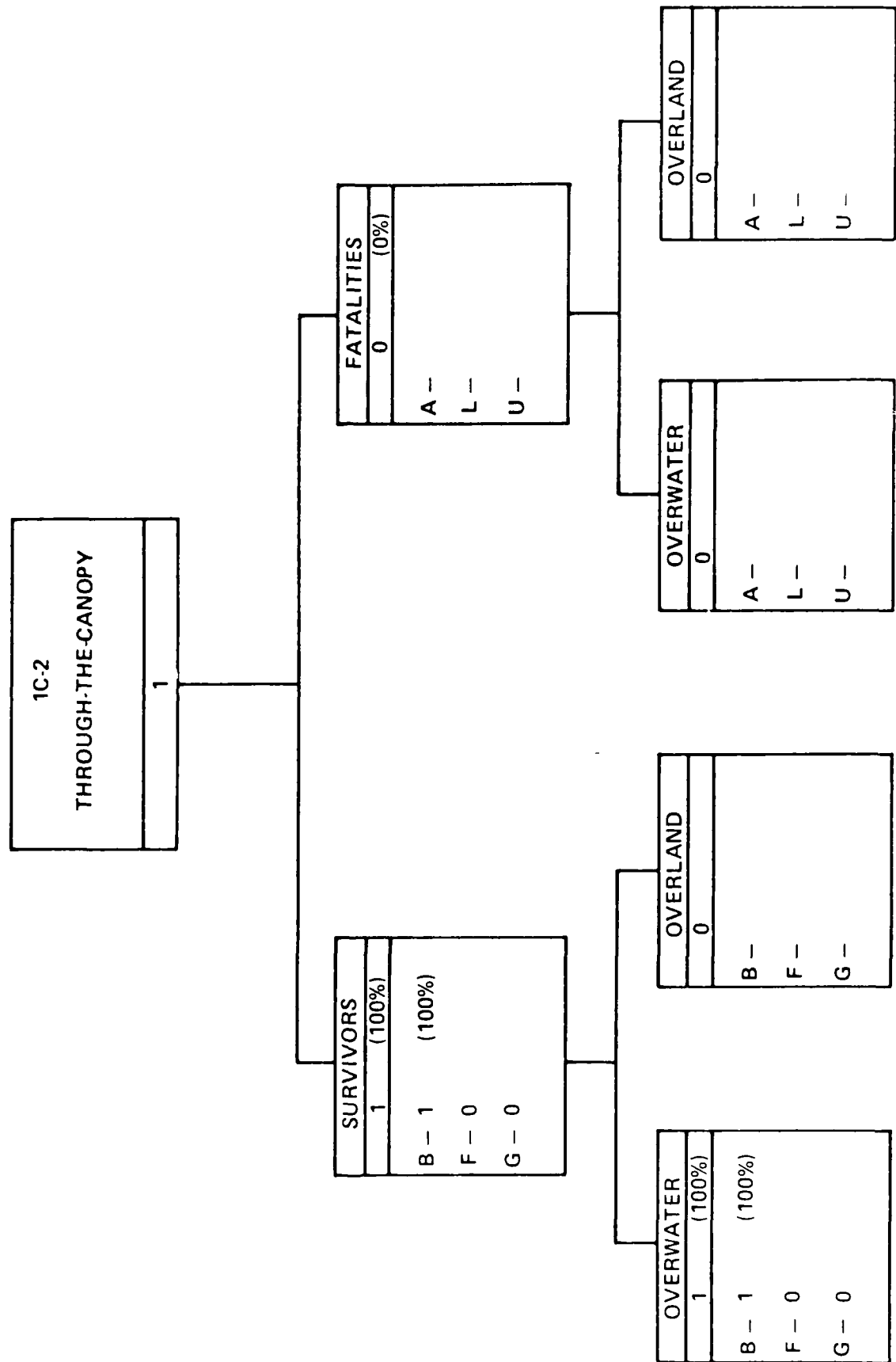
# THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS

1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 79

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER					OVERLAND				
	TOTAL EJECTEES	A/L,U	RATE %			TOTAL EJECTEES	A/L,U	RATES (%)		
			B	F	G			B	F	G
ESCAPAC 1C-2	1	0	100	—	—	0	—	—	—	—
ESCAPAC 1E-1	2	100	—	—	—	5	40.0	0	0	60.0
ESCAPAC 1G-2	23	30.4	8.7	21.7	39.2	17	17.6	29.4	11.8	41.2
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>45.5</b>
MK A5	2	50.0	50.0	—	—	16	25.0	43.8	12.5	18.7
MK GRU5	43	18.6	16.3	46.5	18.6	29	27.6	34.5	27.6	10.3
MK GRUEA5	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	100	—	—
MK L5	0	—	—	—	—	6	33.3	33.3	16.7	16.7
MK Z5	0	—	—	—	—	6	0	16.7	0	83.3
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>32.8</b>
MK A7	1	0	100	—	—	6	0	66.7	0	33.3
MK F7	0	—	—	—	—	1	0	100	—	—
MK GRU7	18	33.3	11.1	33.3	22.3	20	30.0	25.0	20.0	25.0
MK GRUEA7	14	14.3	21.4	50.0	14.3	3	0	0	0	100
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>46.7</b>
LS-1/LS-1A	0	—	—	—	—	2	50.0	50.0	—	—
LW-3B	5	20.0	40.0	0	40.0	16	31.3	12.5	56.3	—
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>—</b>
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<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>					

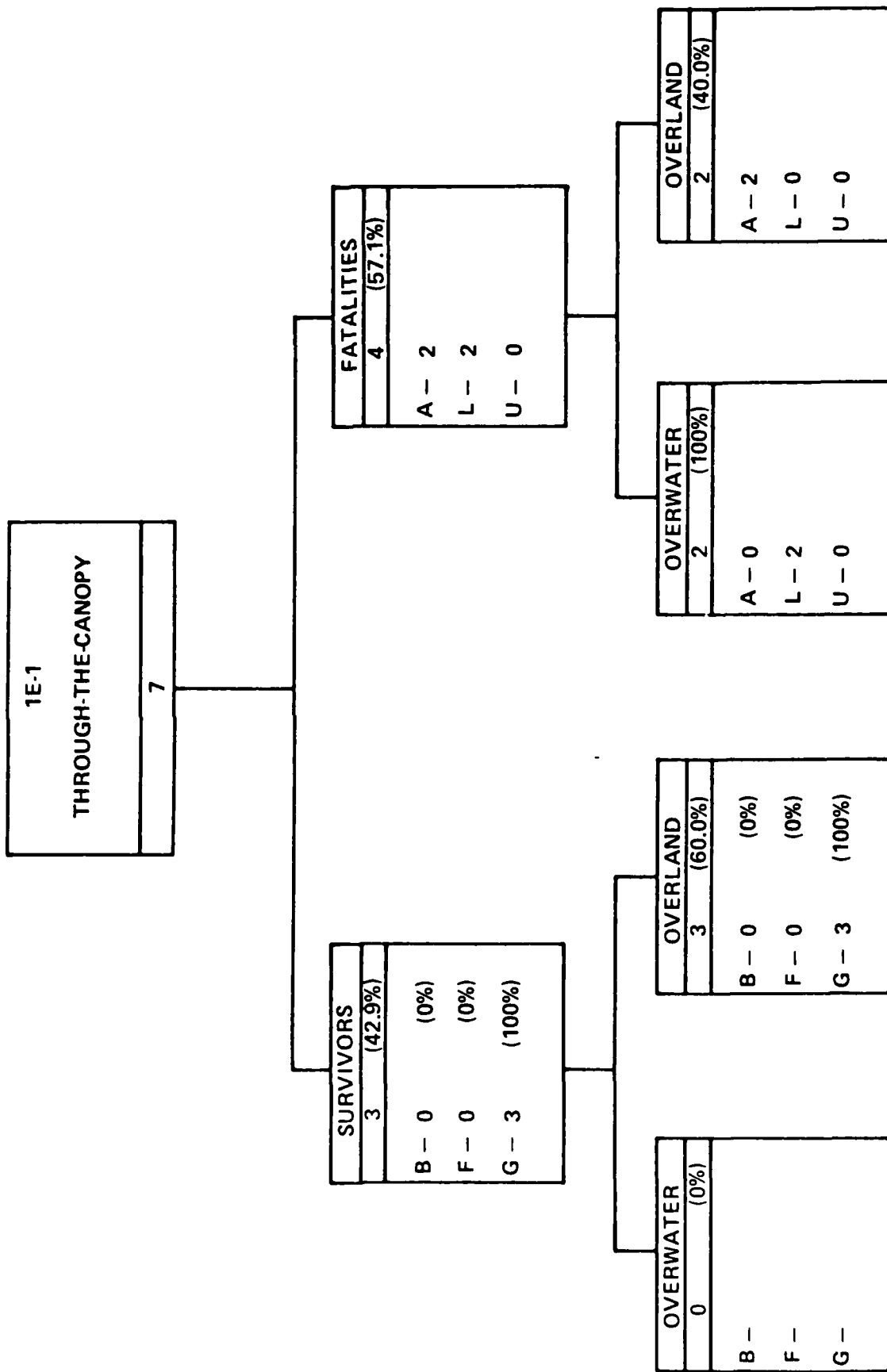
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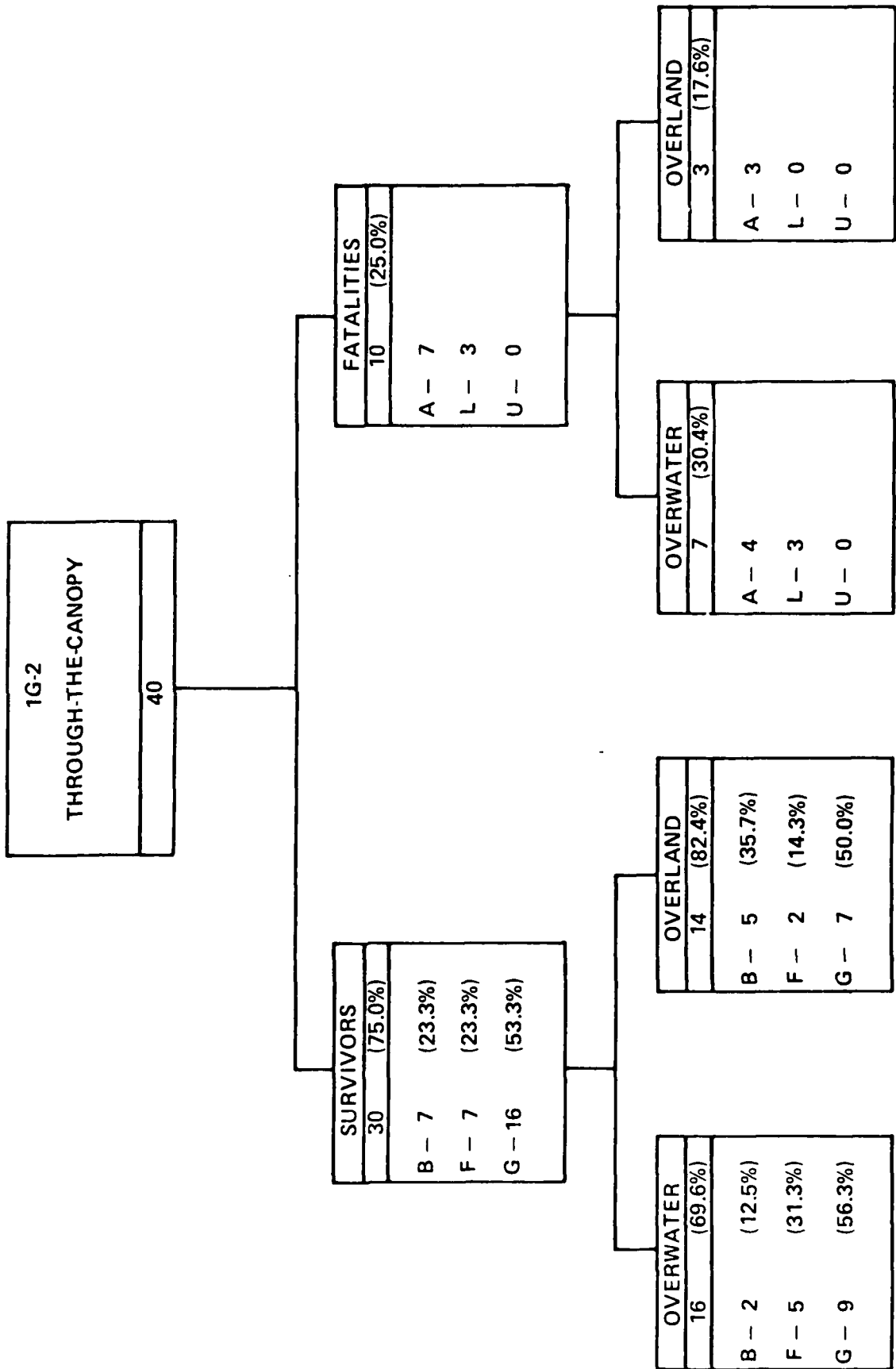
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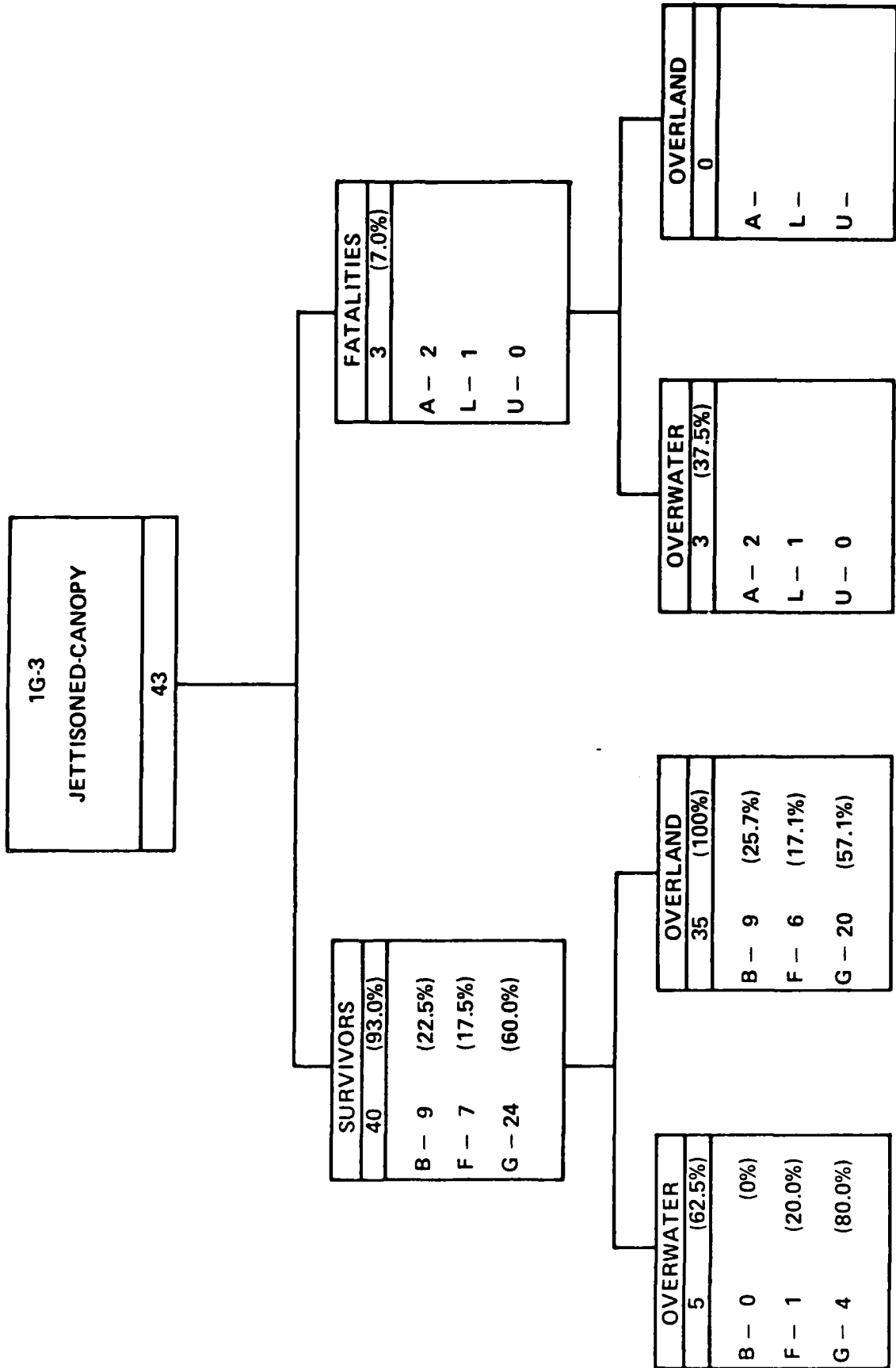
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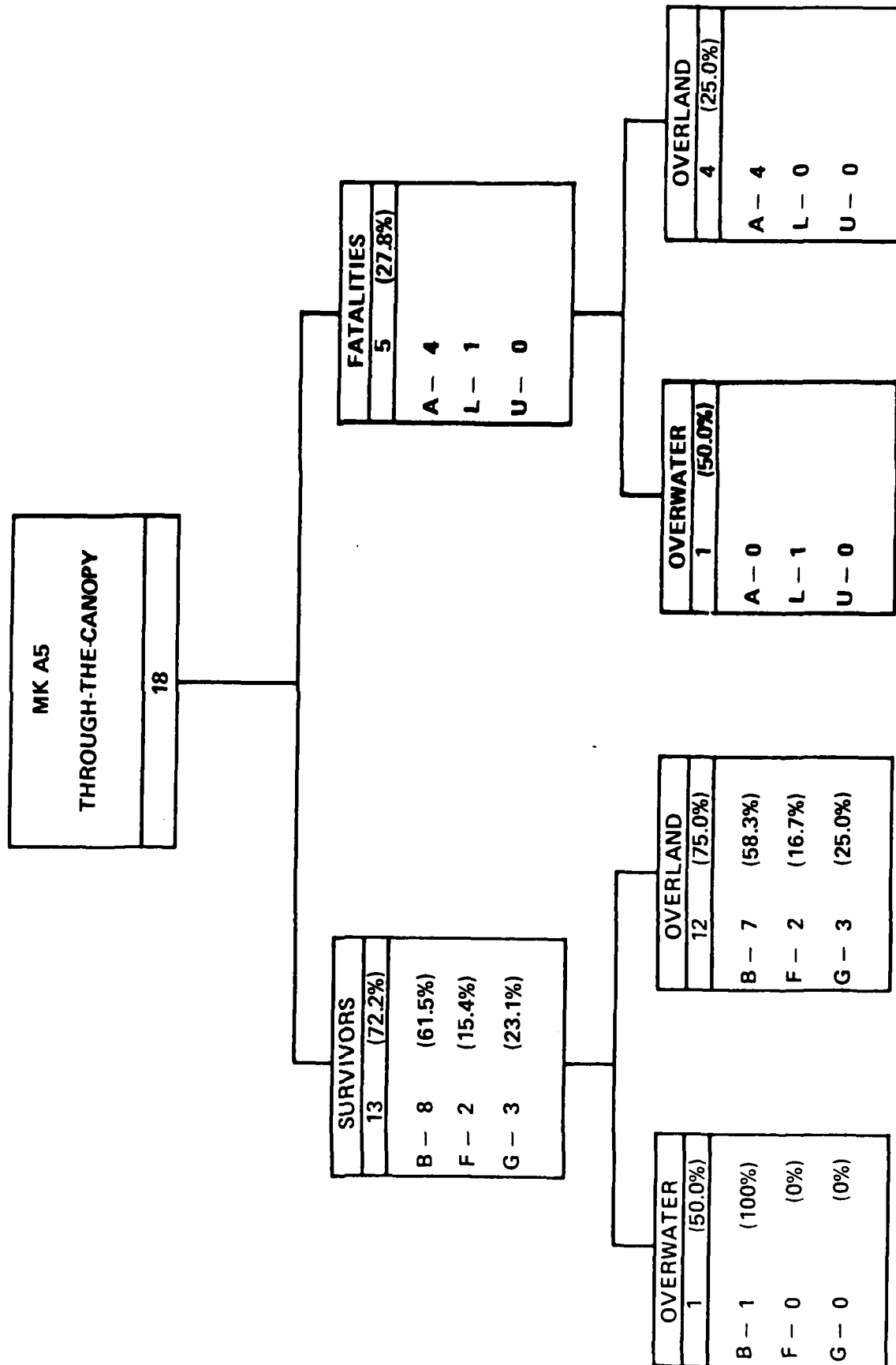
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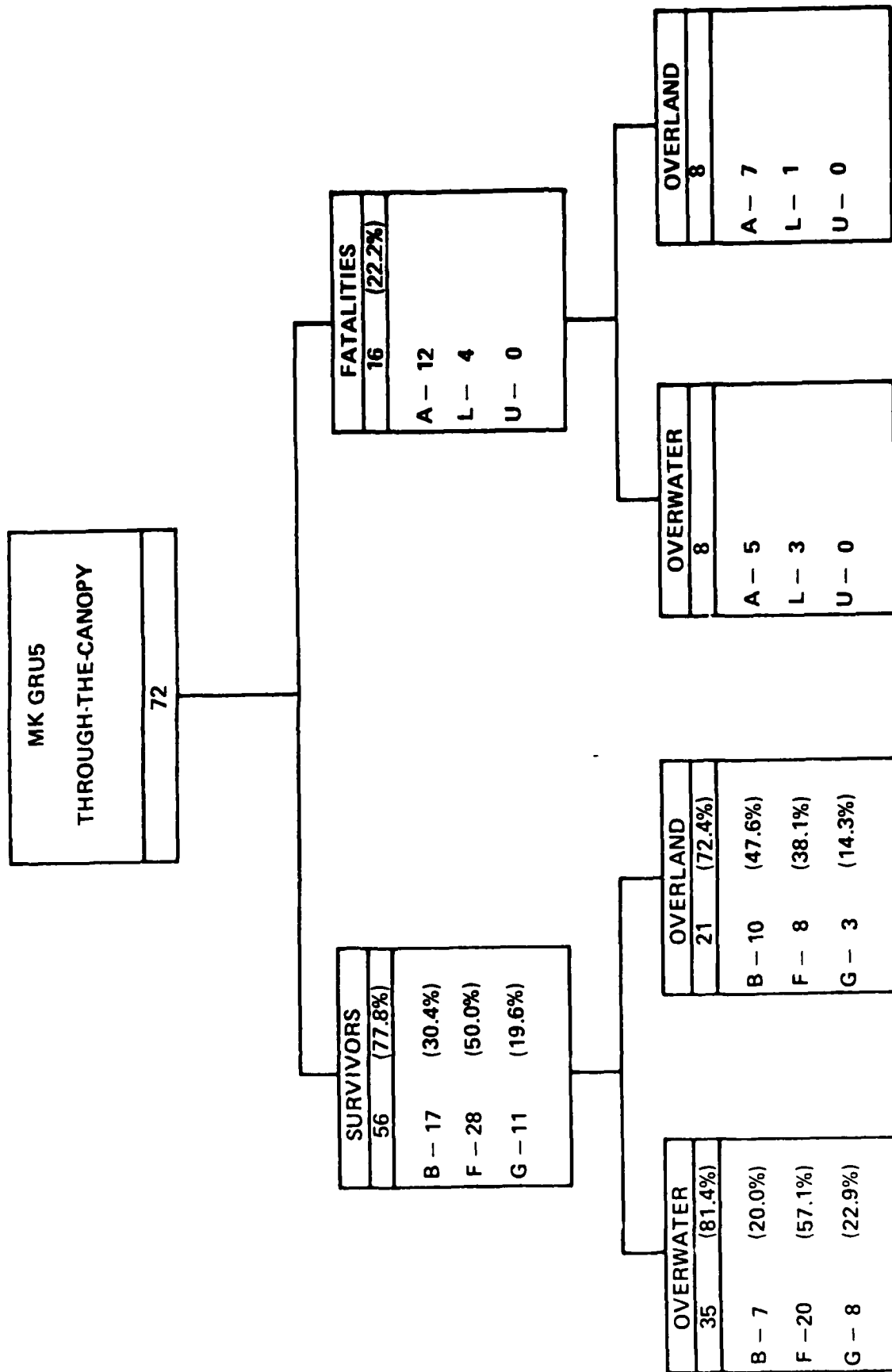
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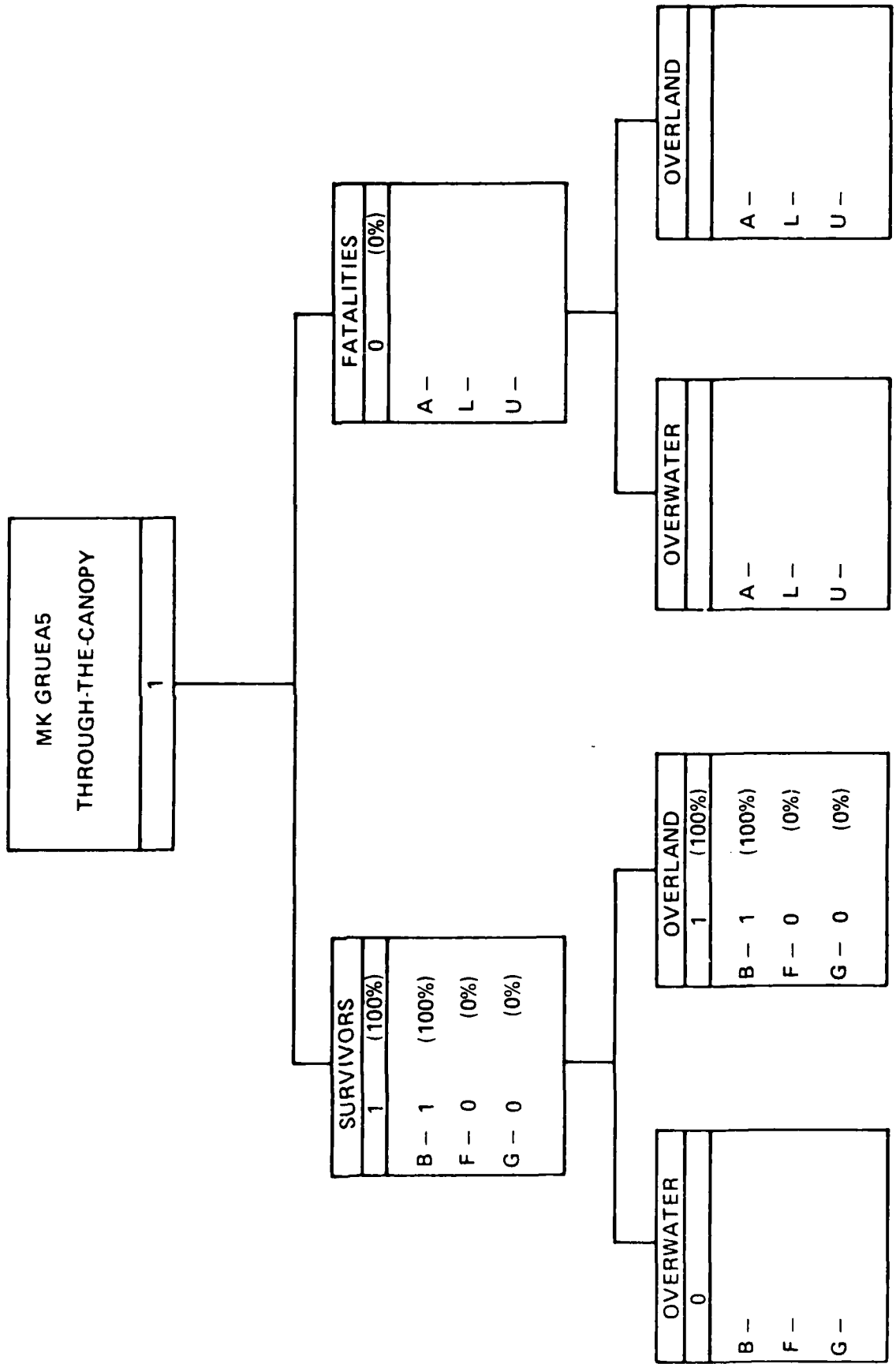
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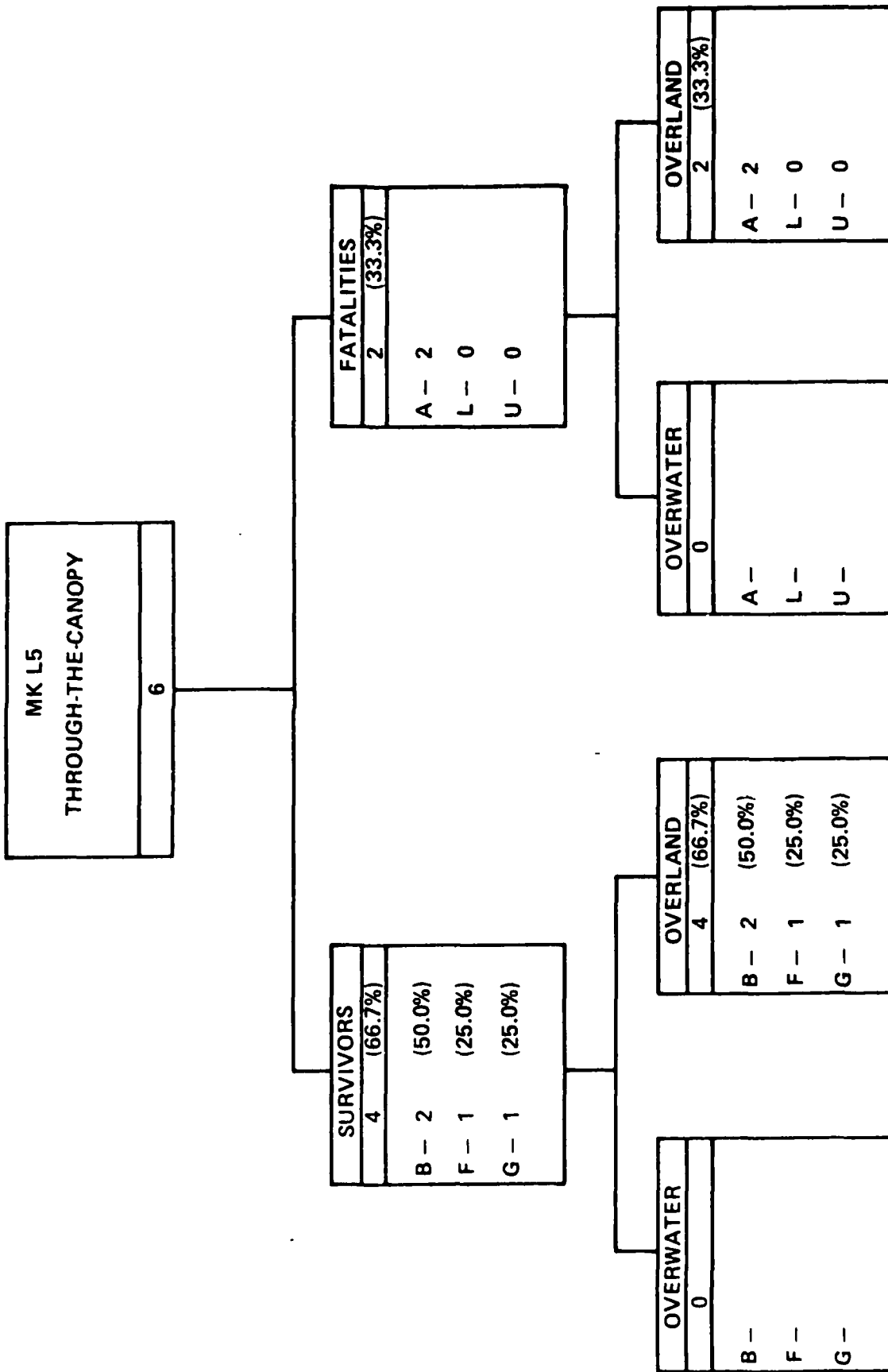
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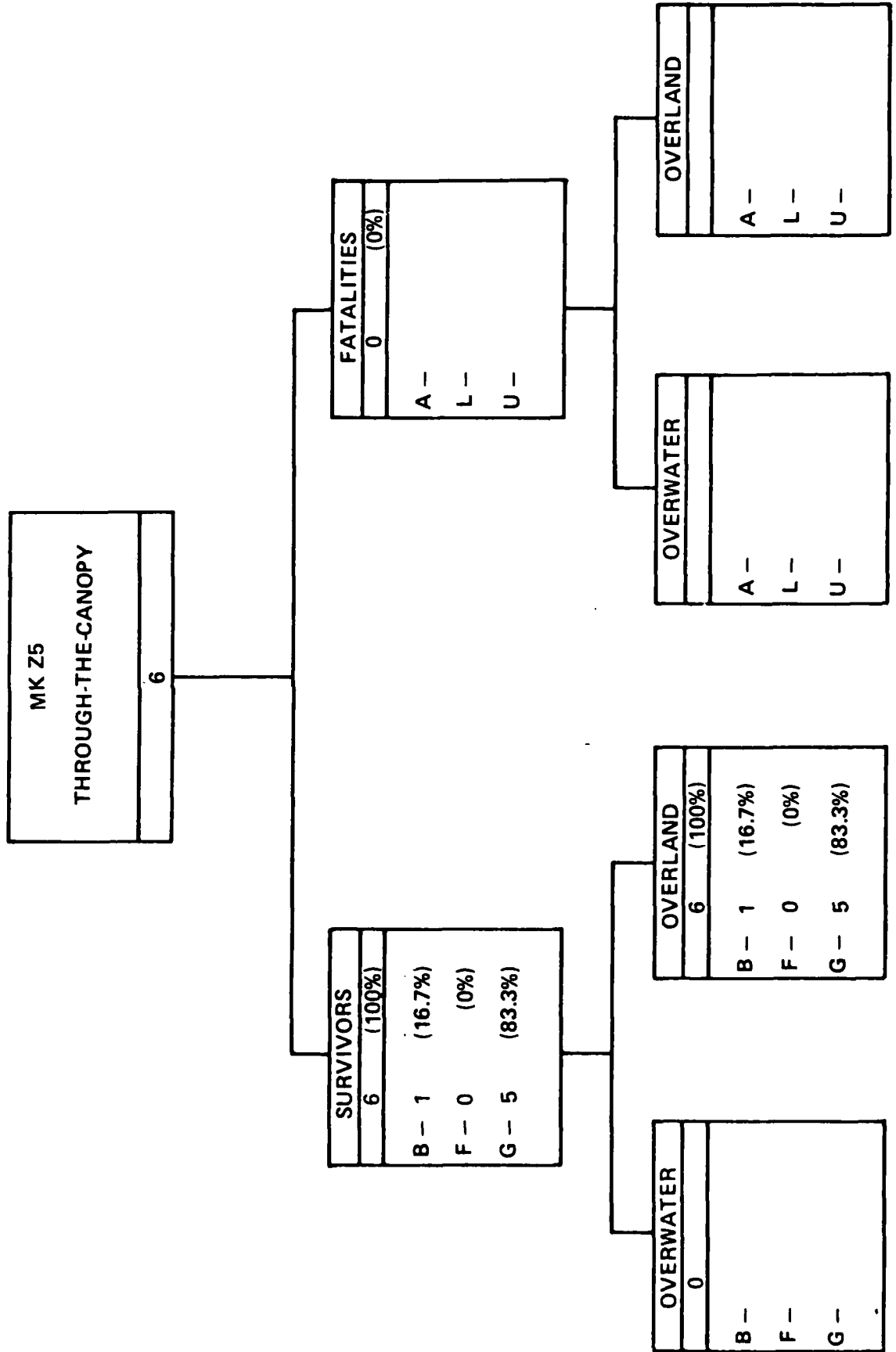
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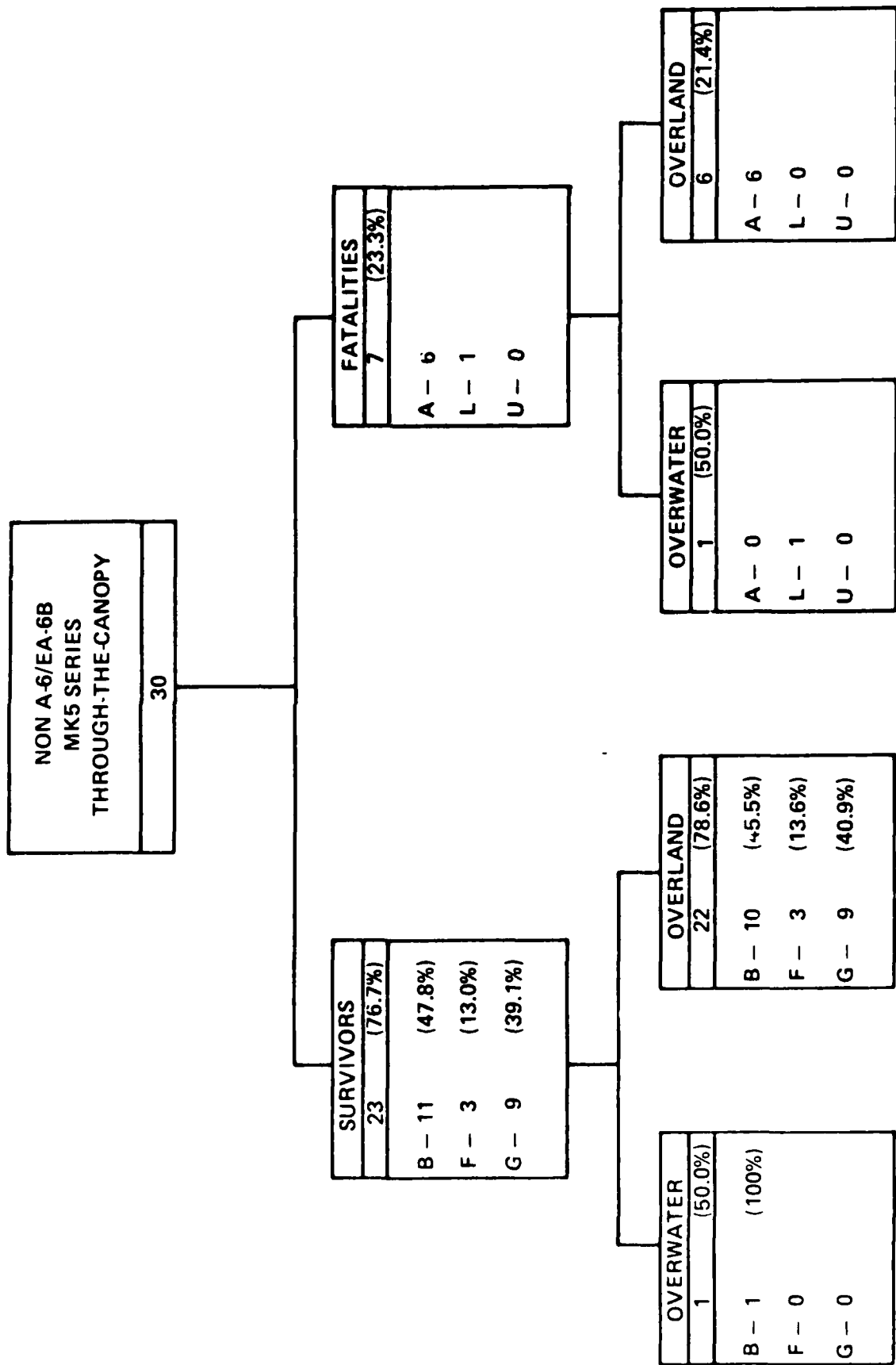
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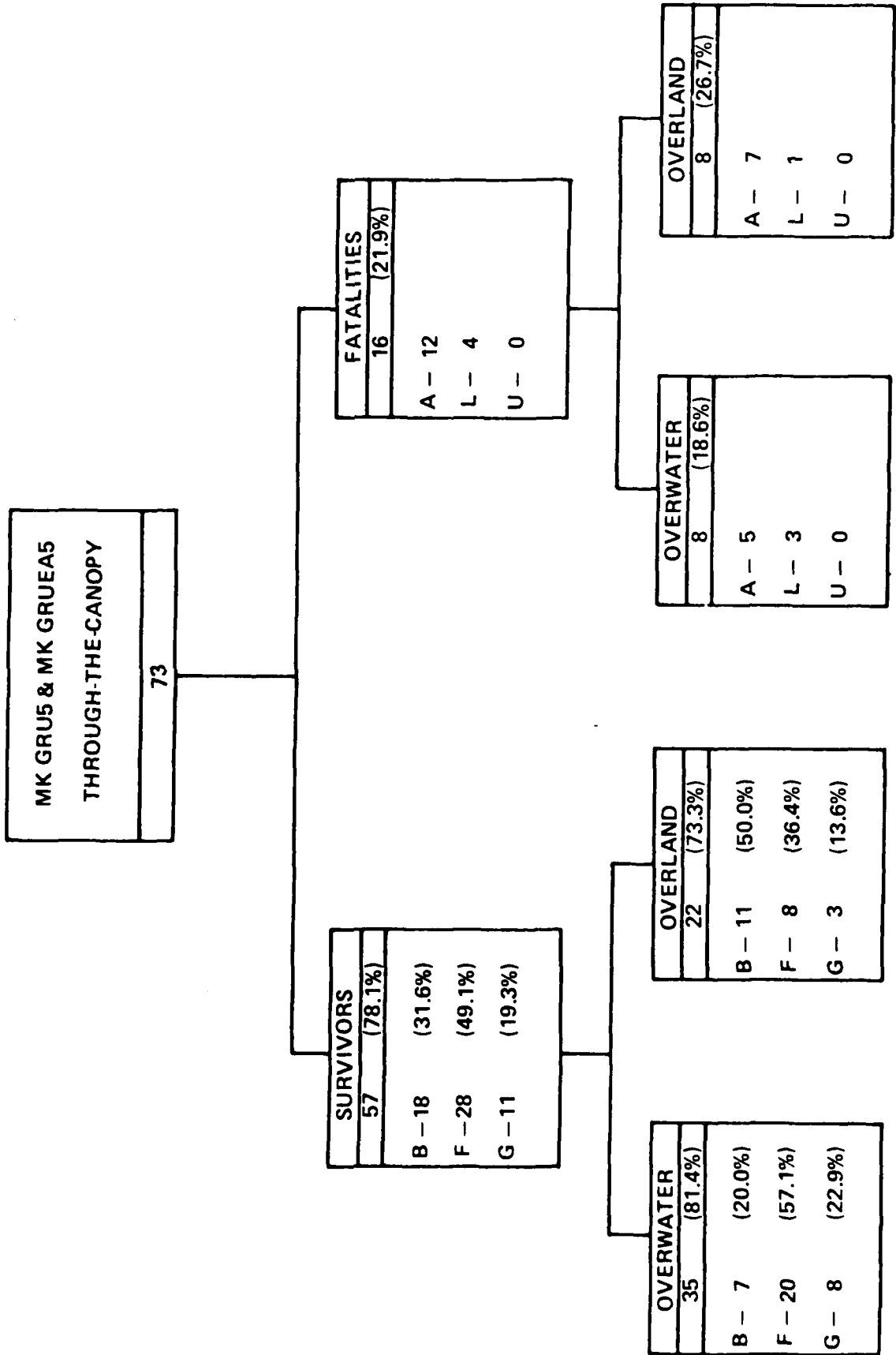
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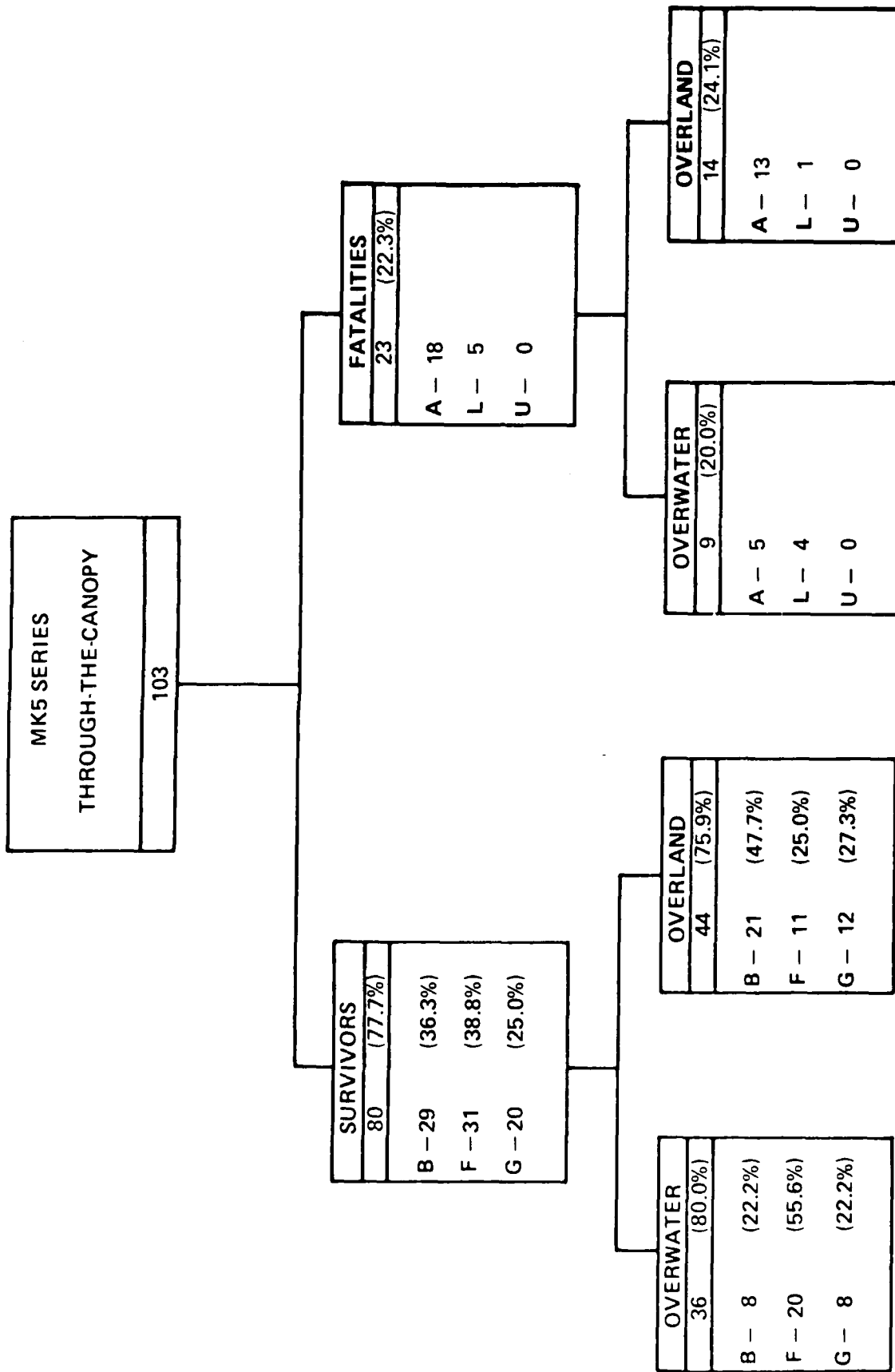
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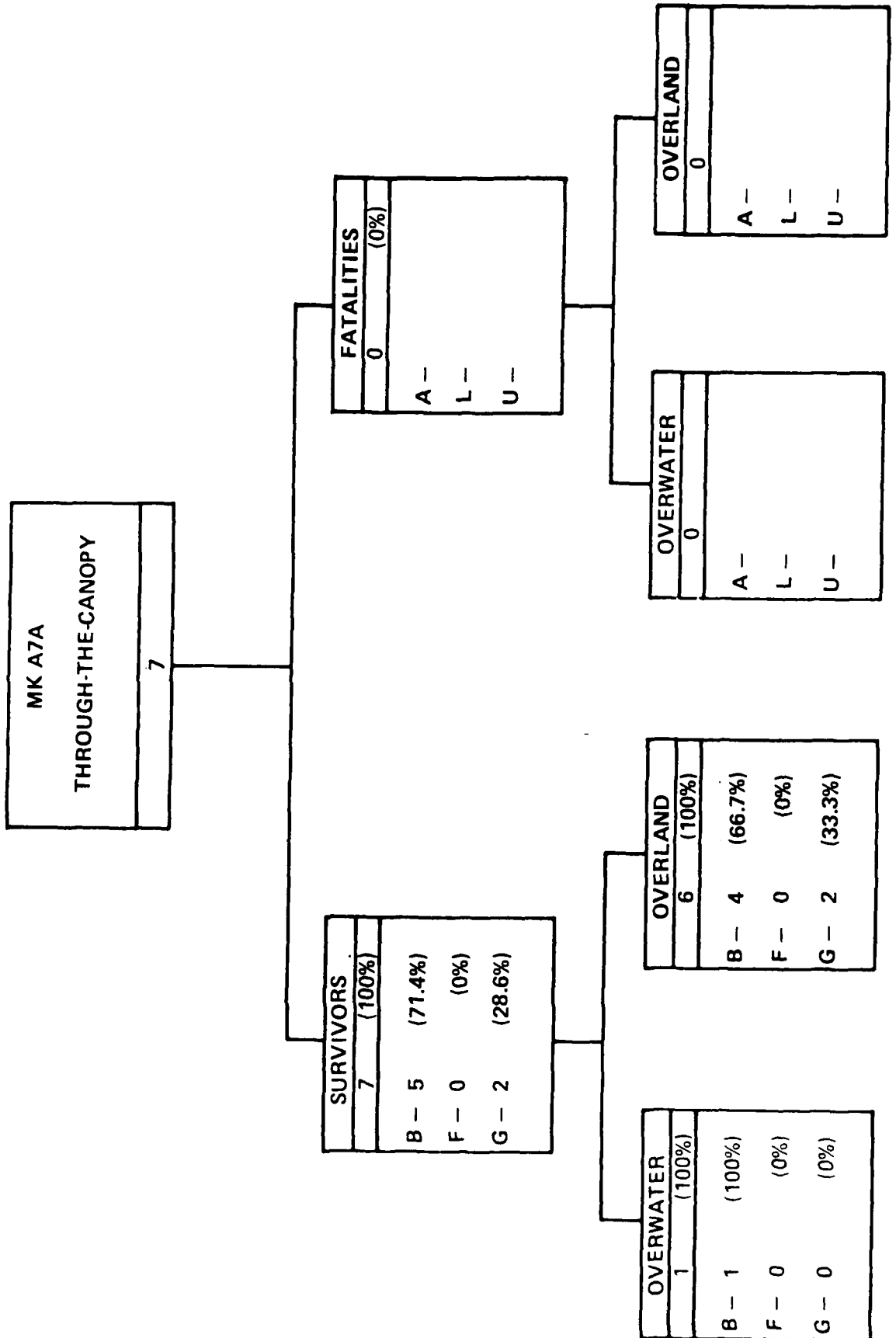
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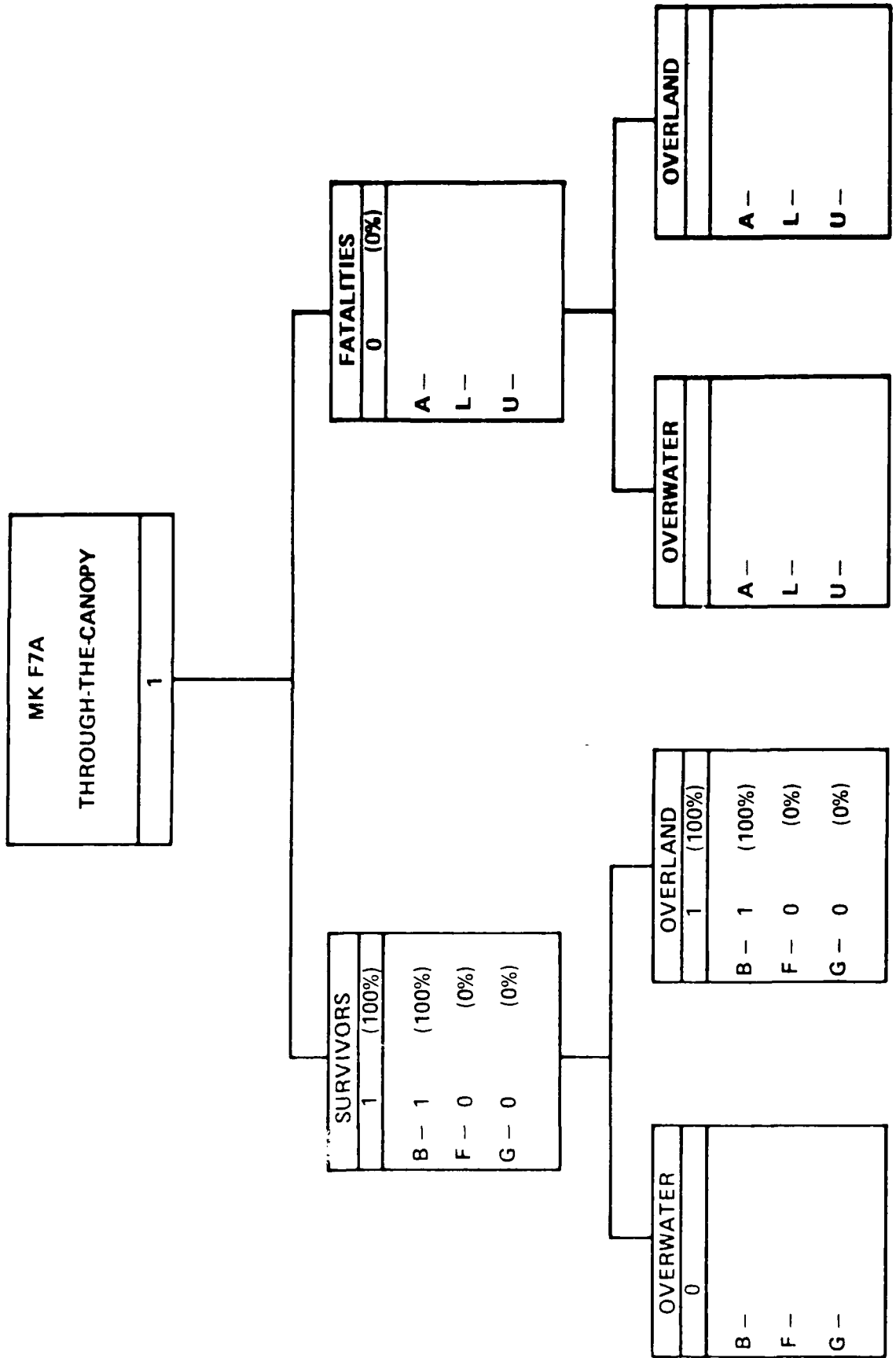
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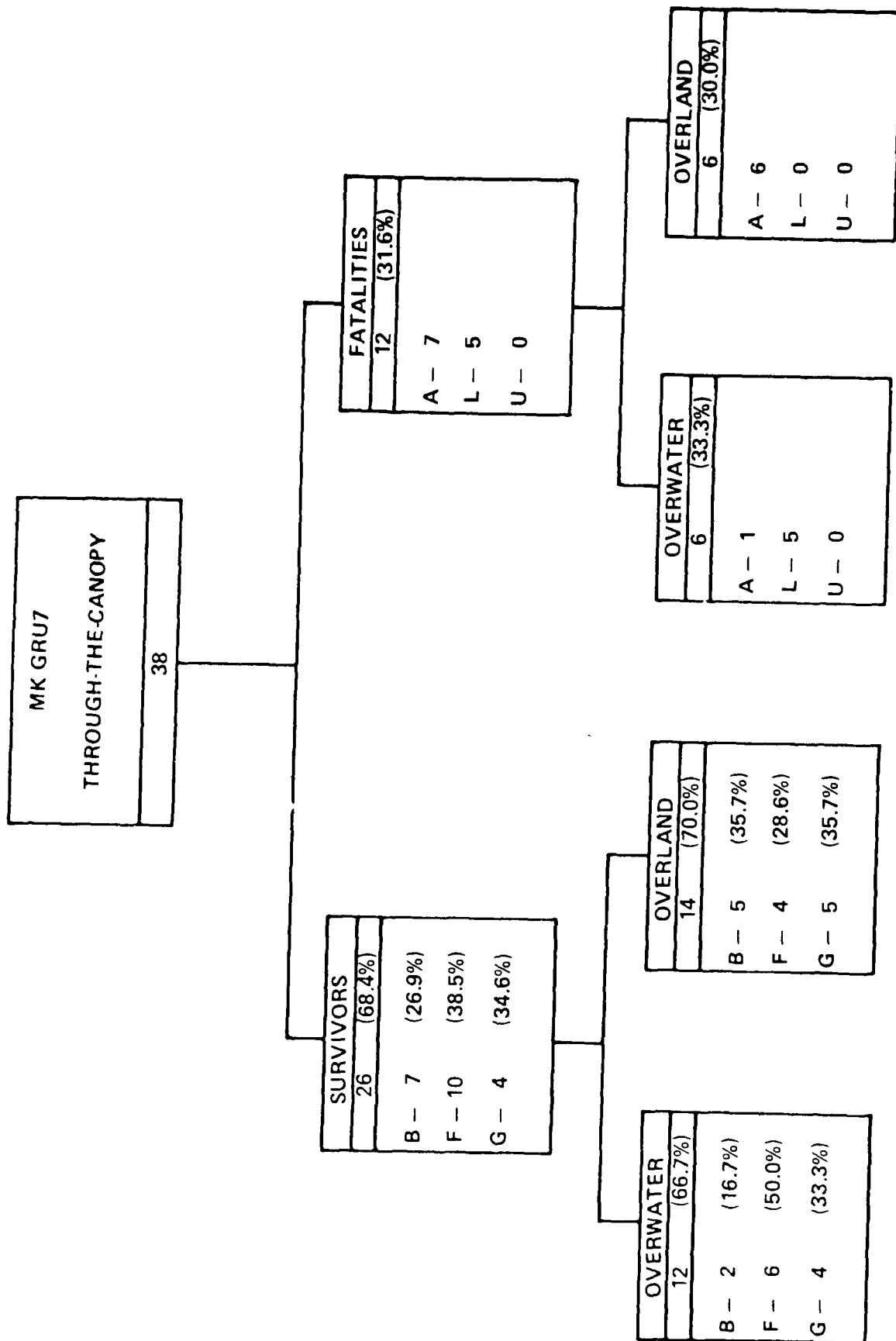
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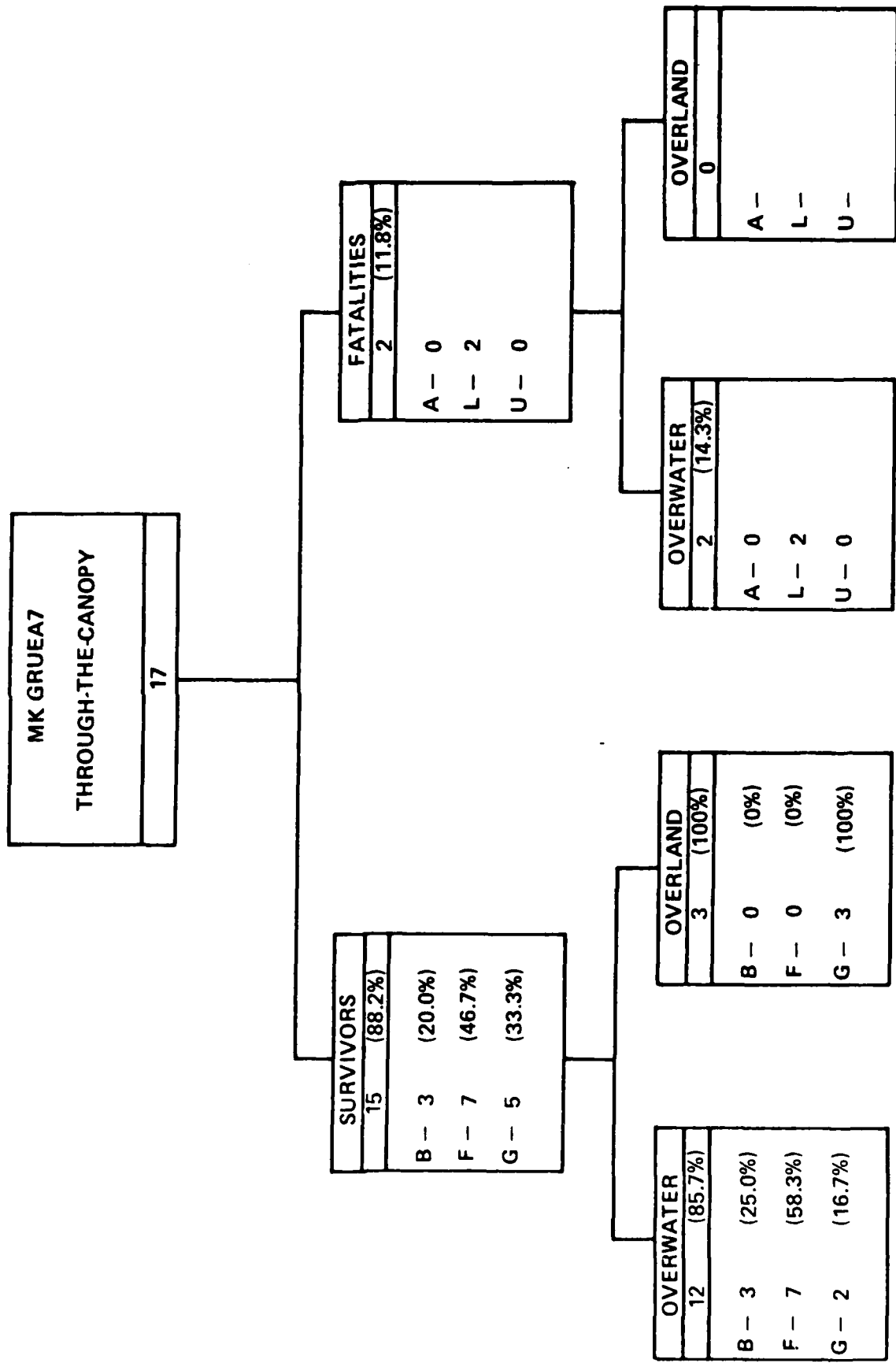
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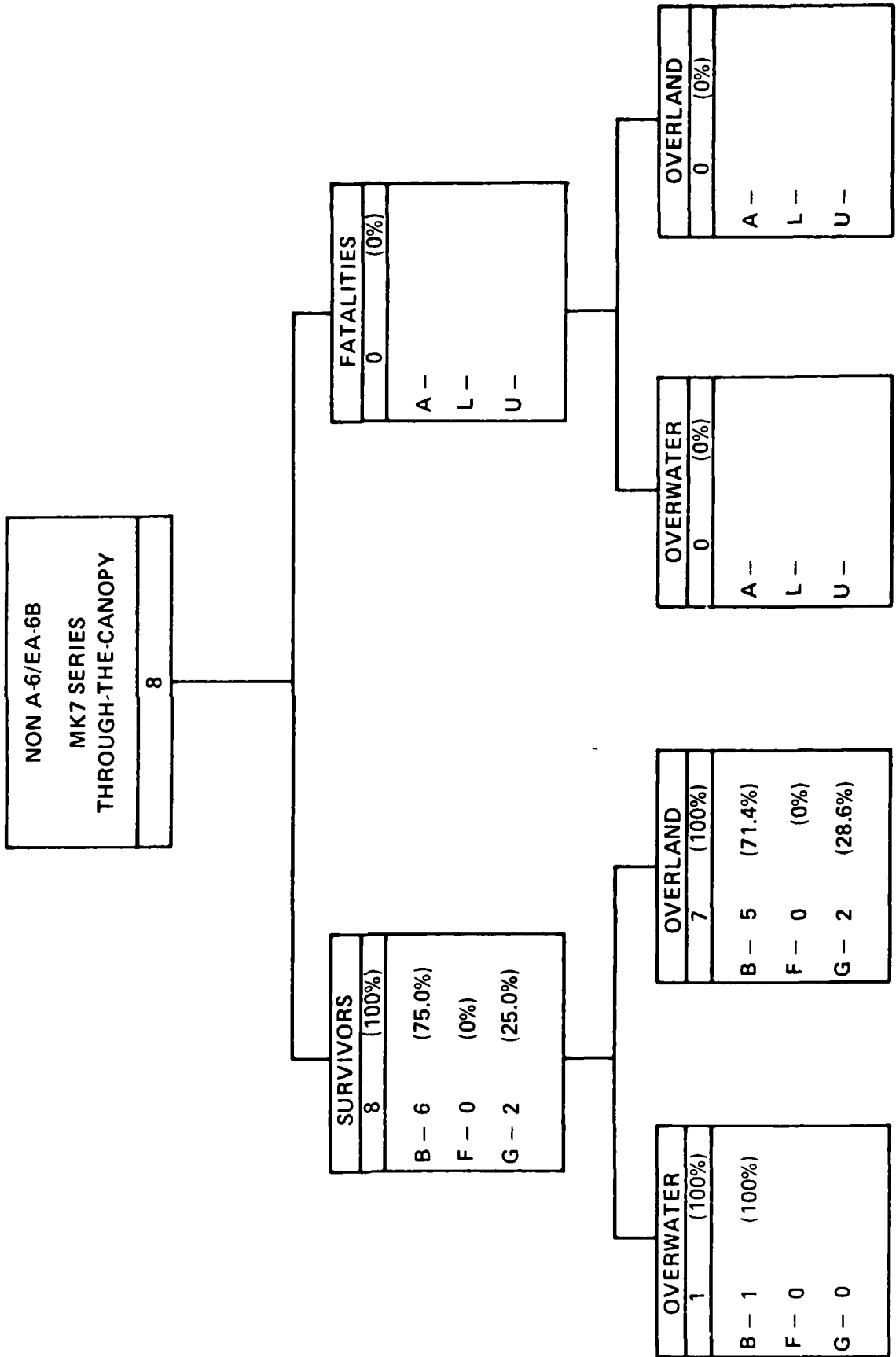
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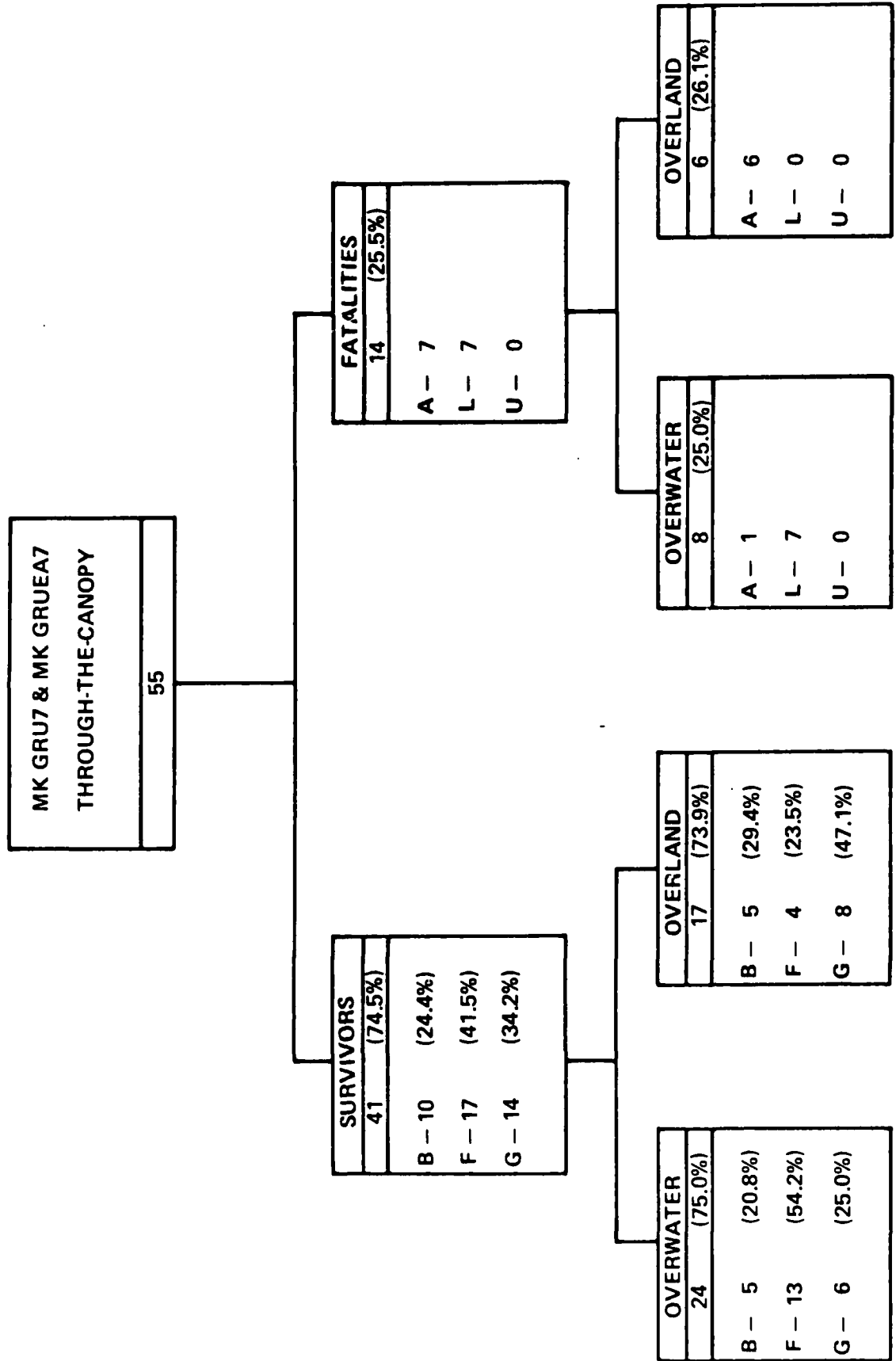
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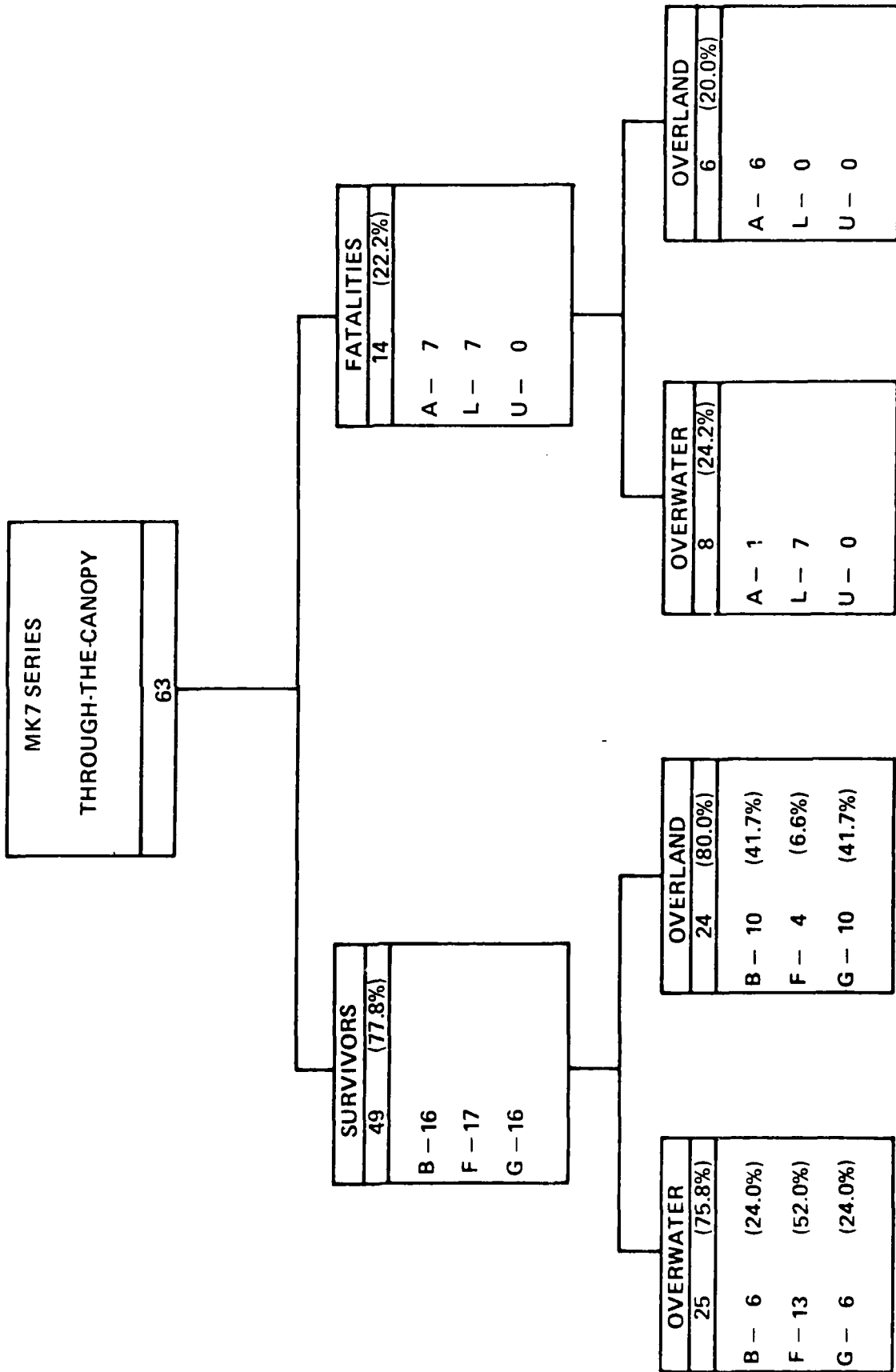
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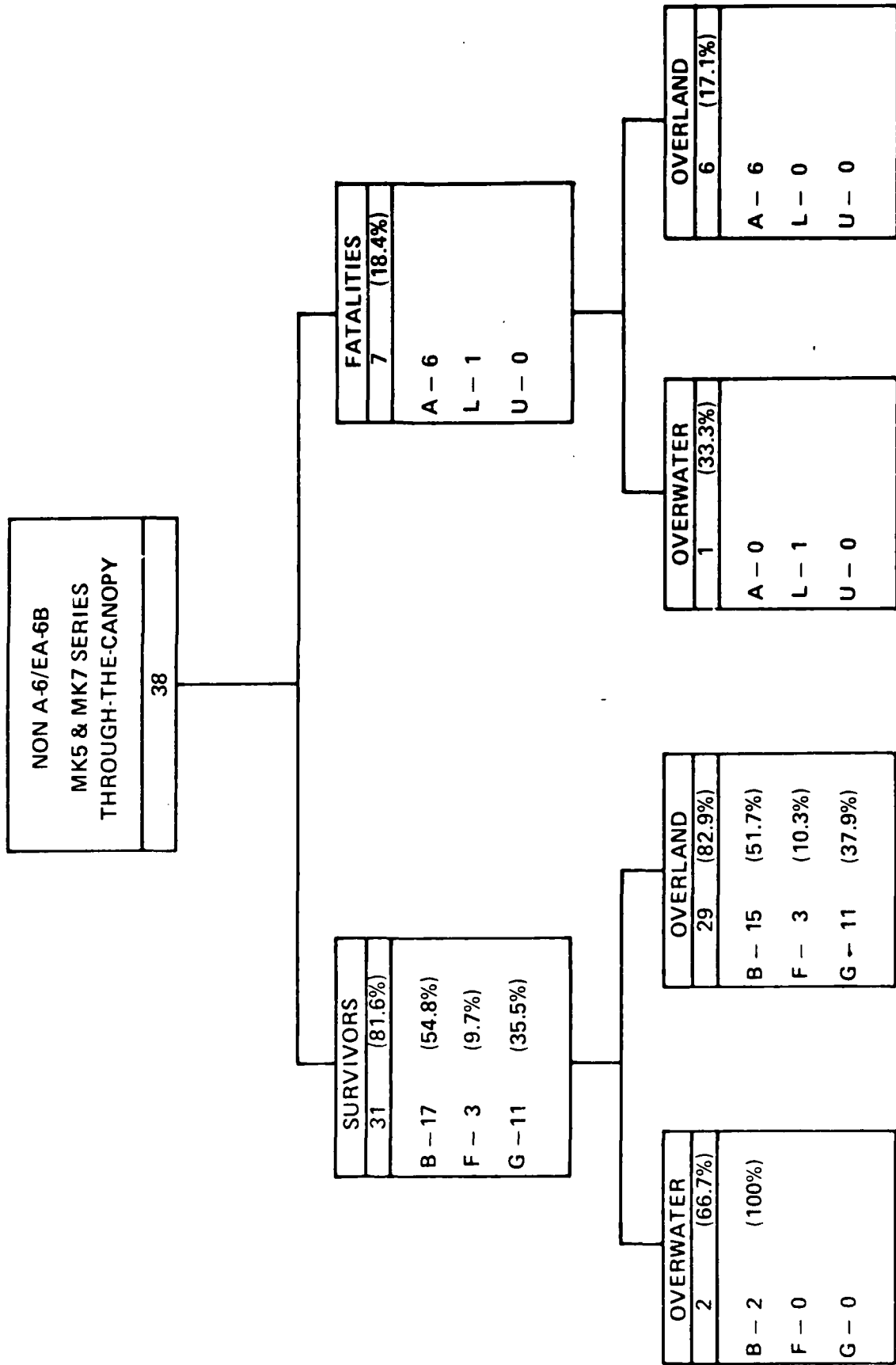
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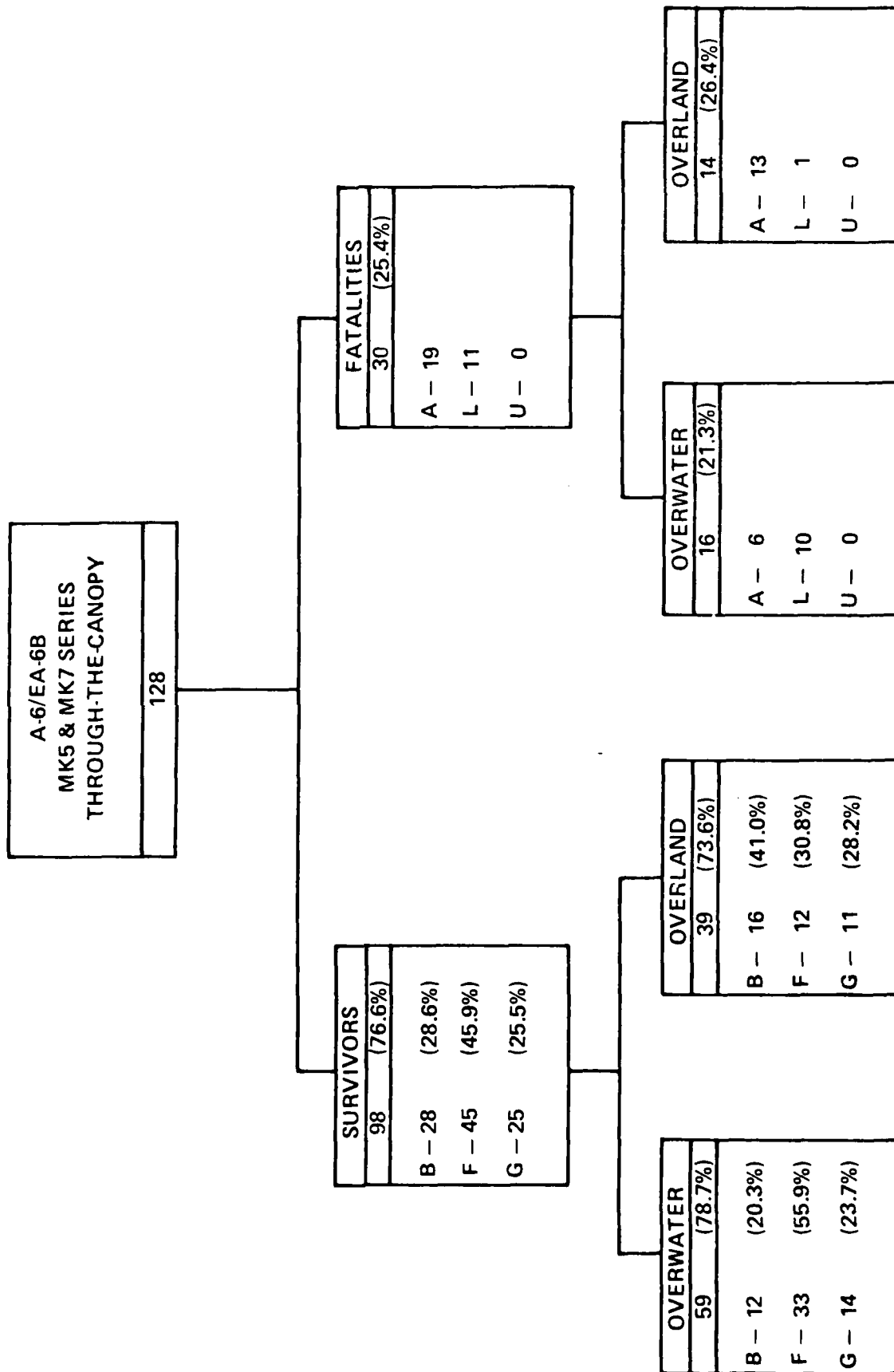
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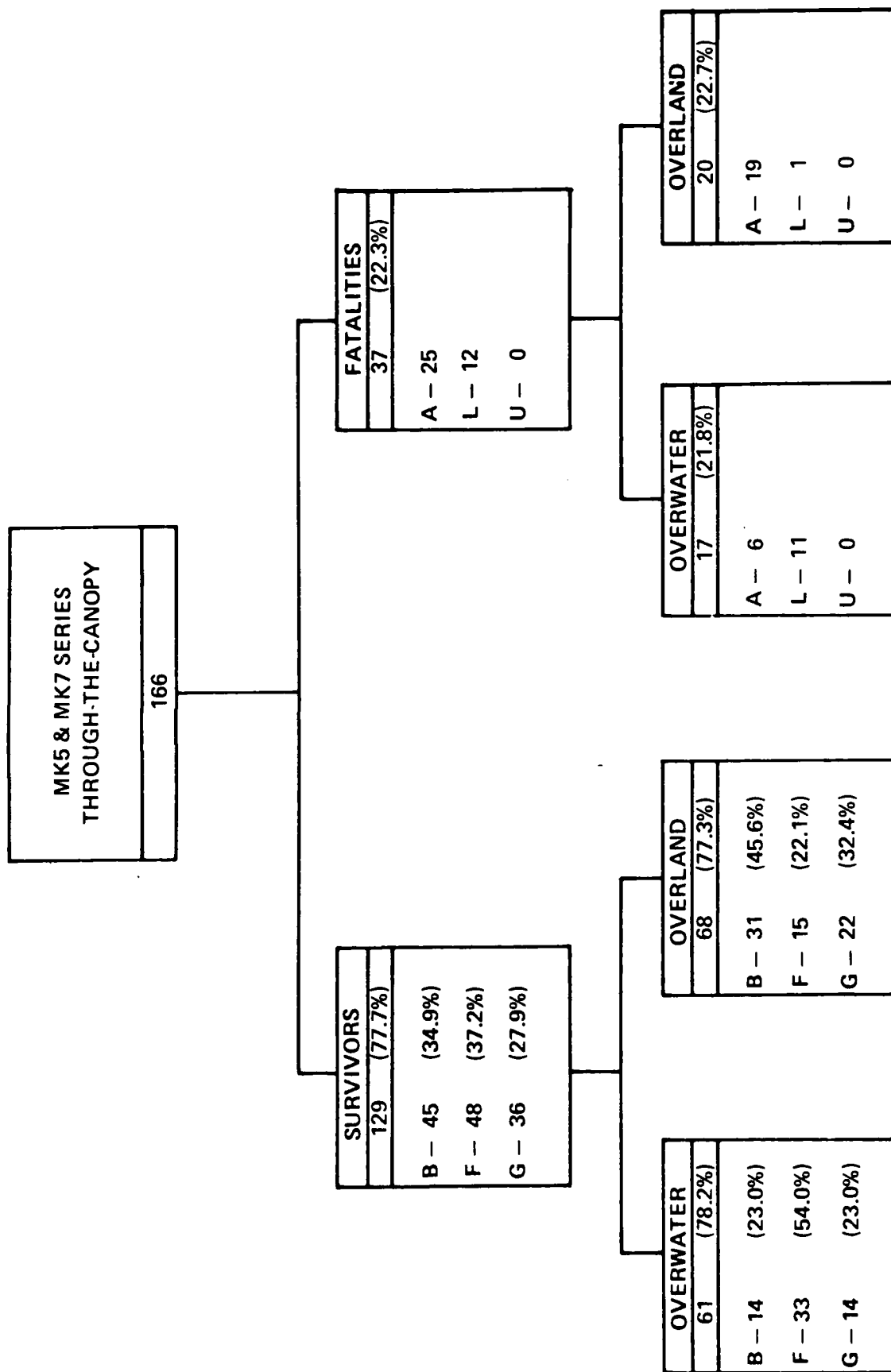
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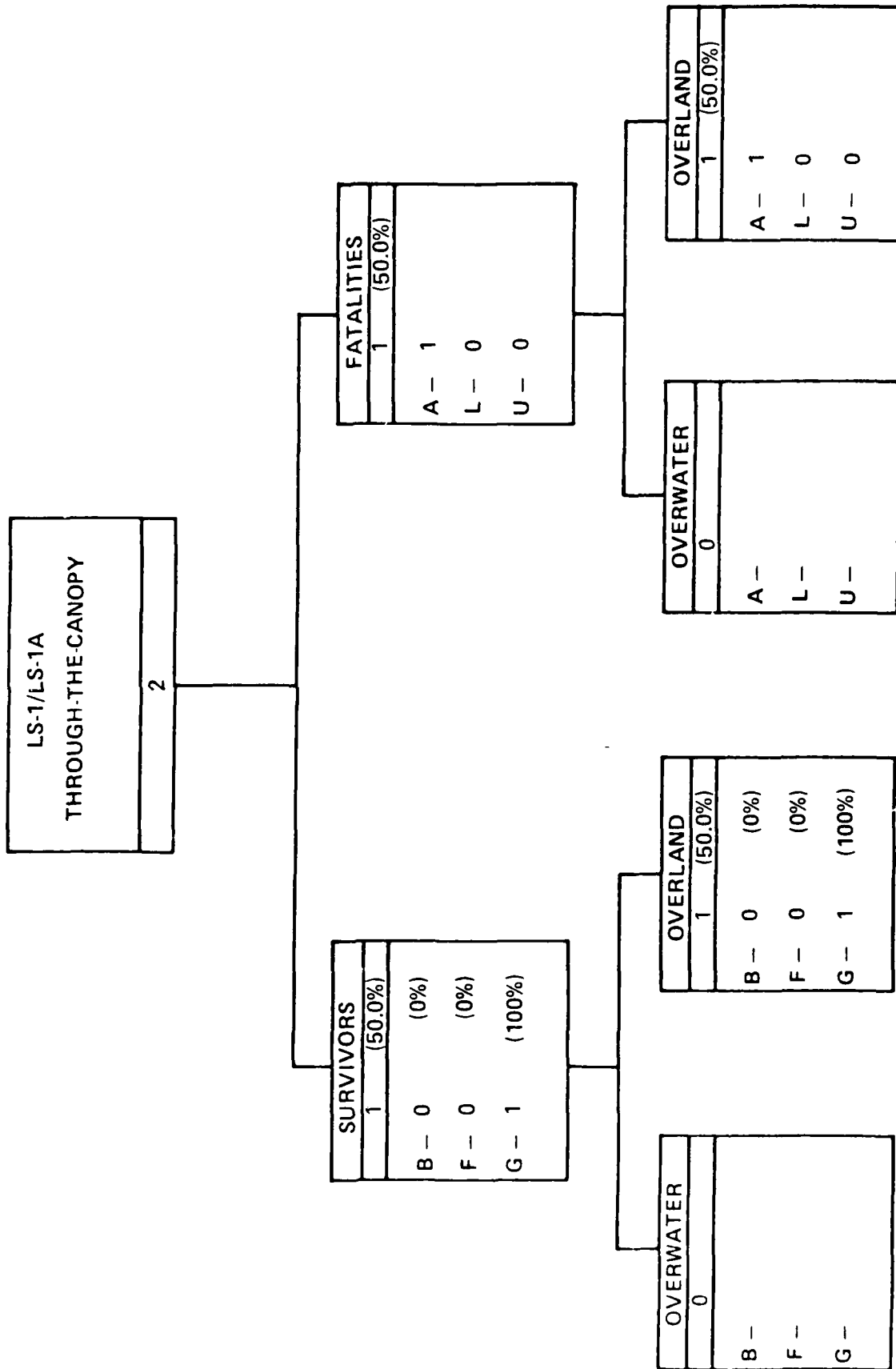
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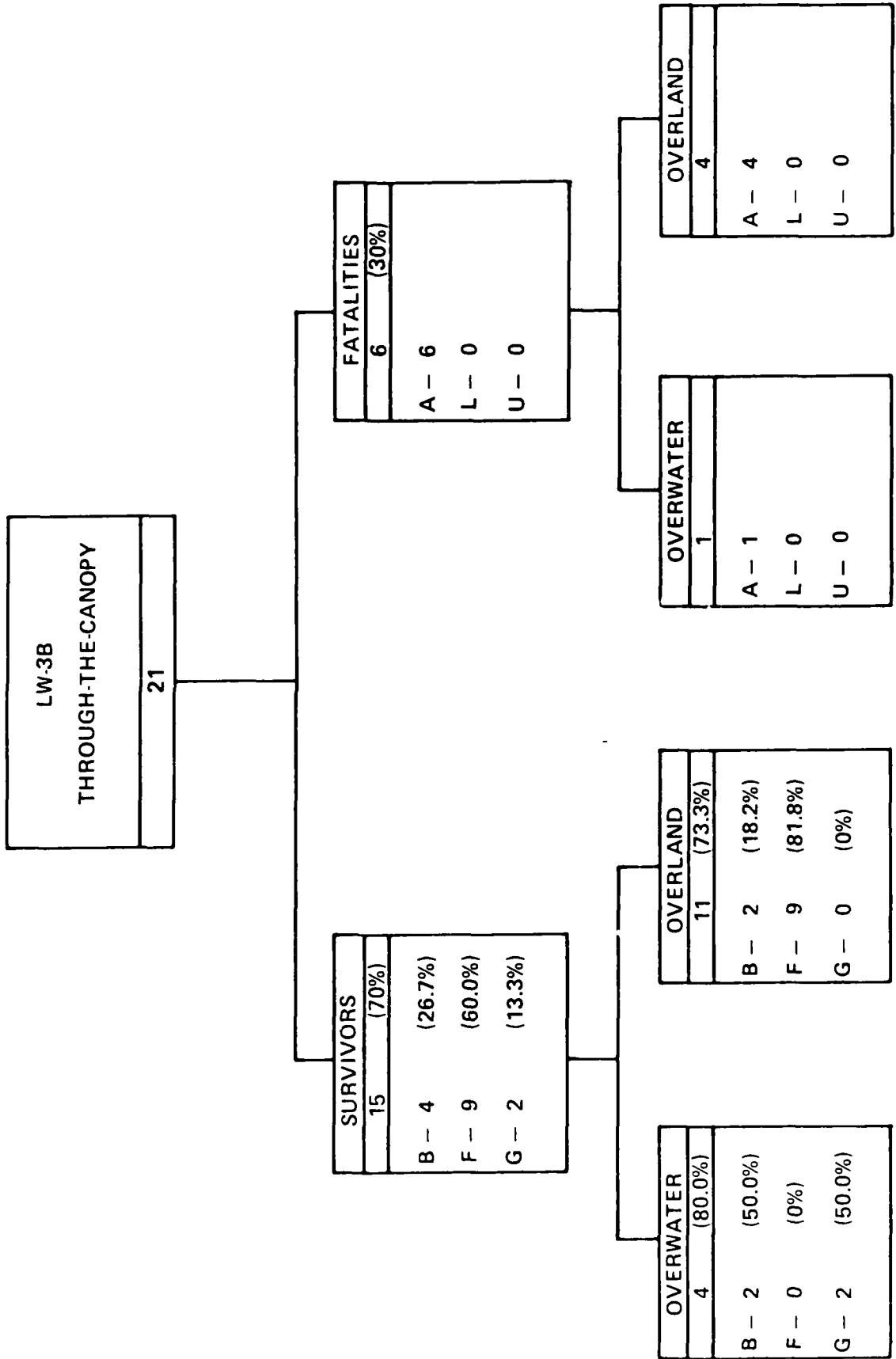
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**U.S. NAVY**  
**EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT**  
**AND**  
**INADVERTENT EJECTIONS**  
**(1 JAN 1969 - 31 DEC 1979)**  
**CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL) EJECTIONS**

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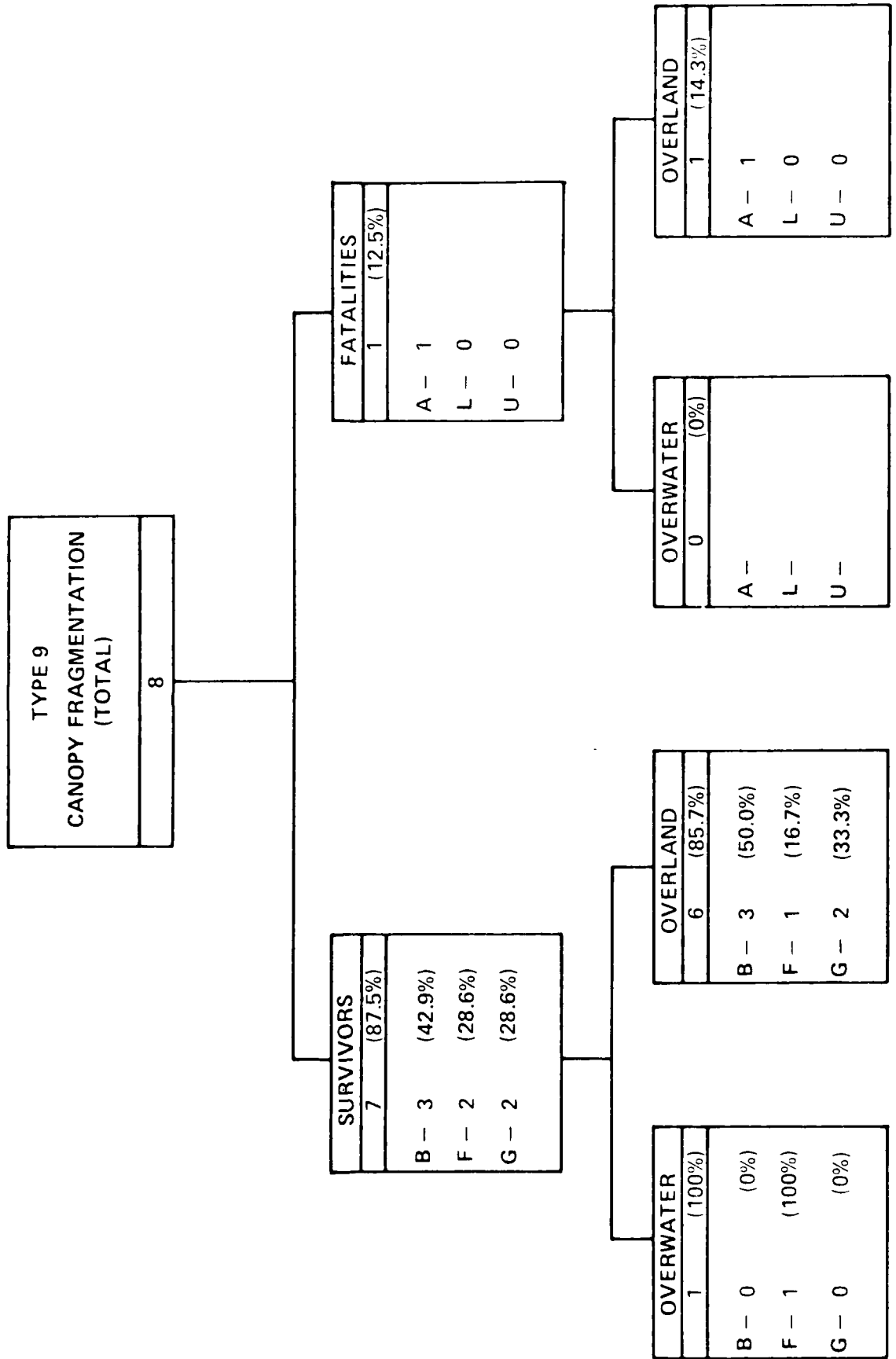
EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER		OVERLAND	
	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)
TYPE 9	1	0/0	7	1/0
S111S-3AV8	2	0/0	5	0/0
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	3	0/0	12	1/0
		15	1/0	(6.7%)

EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJ INJ	(RATE)	TOTAL EJECTEES	MAJ INJ	(RATE)
TYPE 9	1	0	(0%)	7	3	(42.9%)
S111S-3AV8	2	0	(0%)	5	1	(20%)
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	3	0	(0%)	12	4	(25%)
		15		4	(26.7%)	

EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER			OVERLAND		
	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJ	(RATE)	TOTAL EJECTEES	MINOR INJ	(RATE)
TYPE 9	1	1	(100%)	7	1	(14.3%)
S111S-3AV8	2	0	(0%)	5	1	(20%)
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	3	1	(33.3%)	12	2	(16.7%)
		15		3	(20%)	

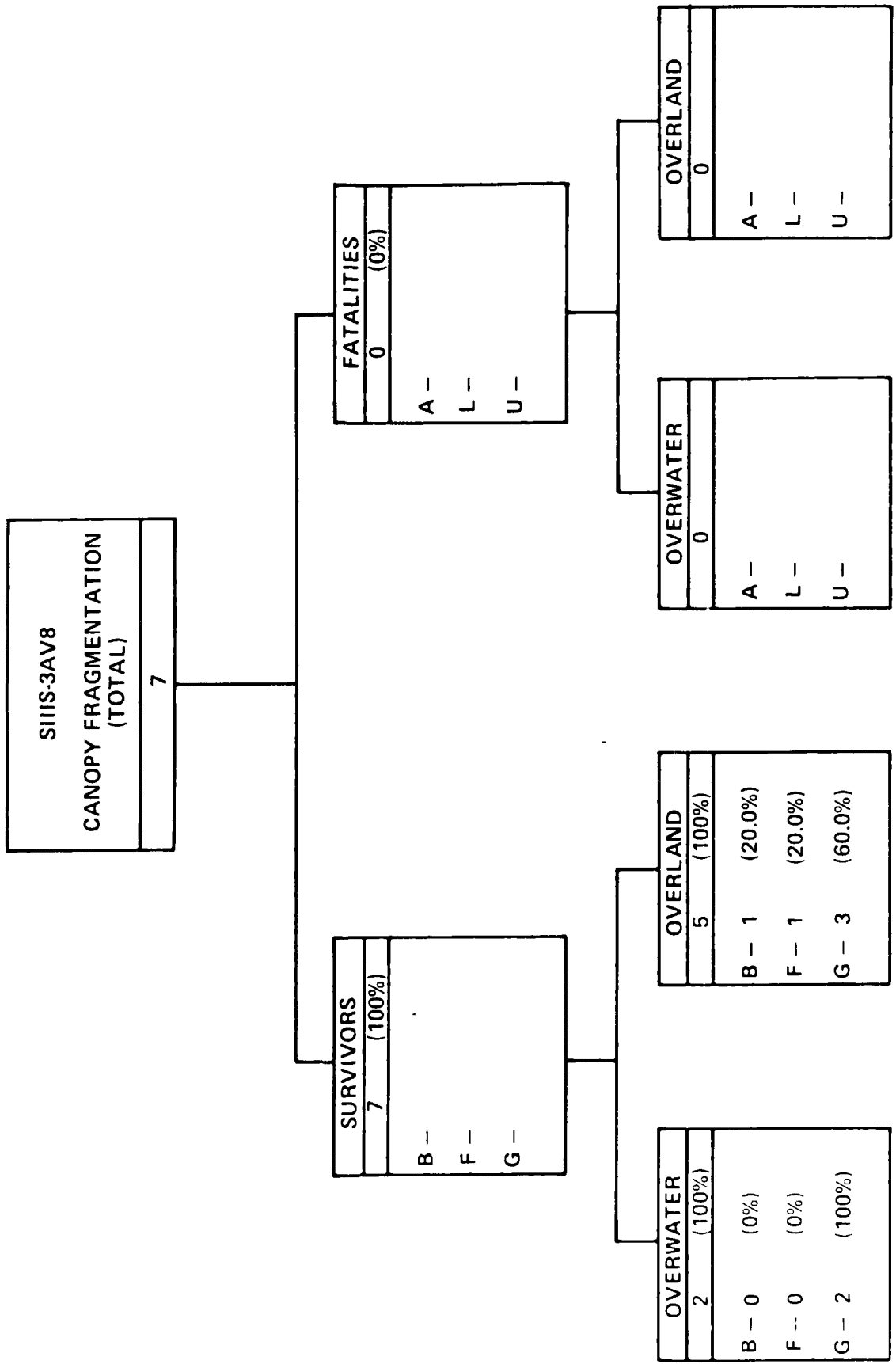
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**U.S. NAVY  
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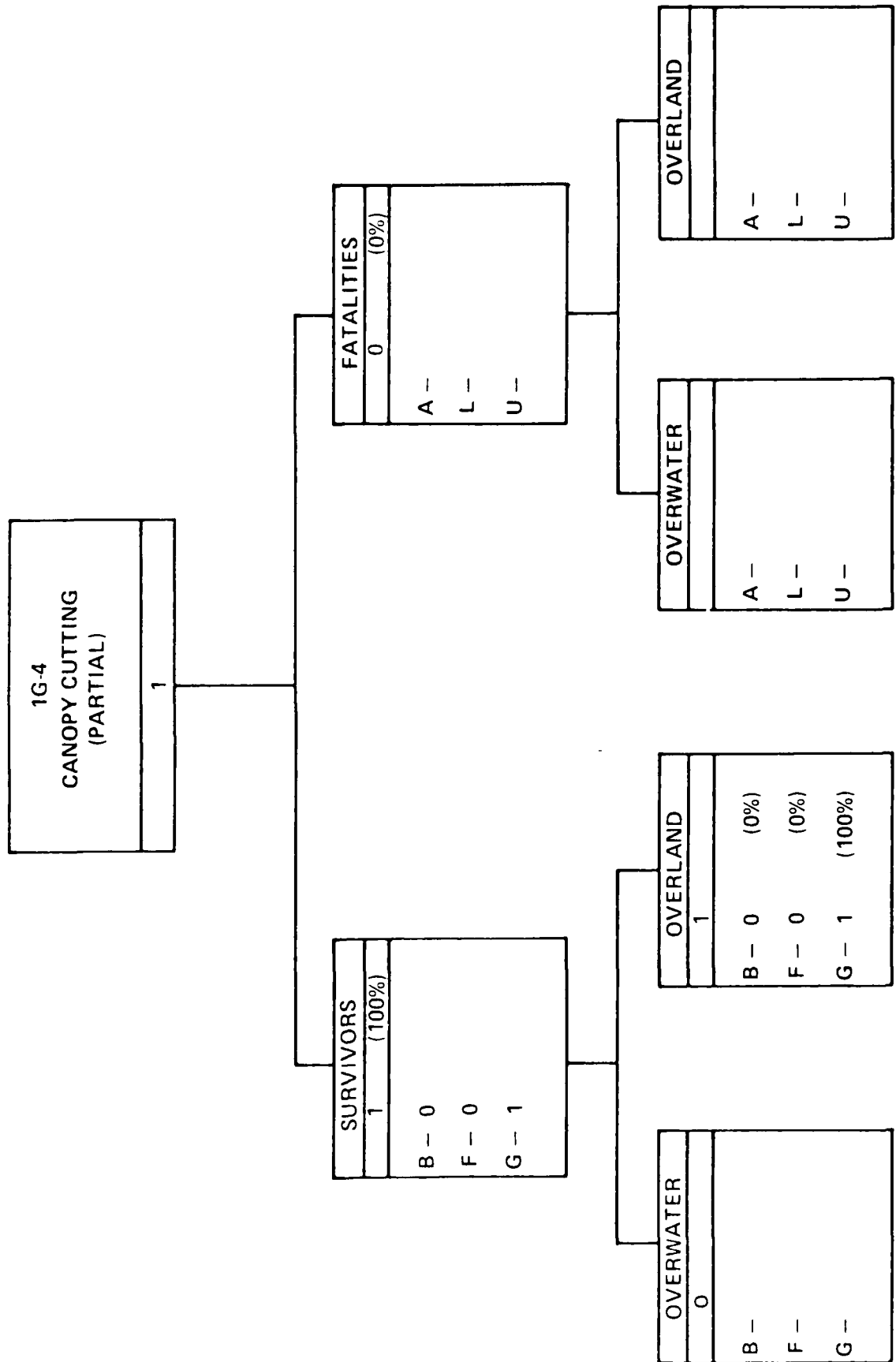
EJECTION SEAT	OVERWATER		OVERLAND	
	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)	TOTAL EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L,U)
ESCAPAC 1G-4	1	0/0	0	0/0
		1	0/0	(0.0%)

**NO MAJOR INJURIES**

**NO MINOR INJURIES**

# NAVY EJECTIONS (ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT AND INADVERTENT)

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979



# U.S. NAVY FATALITIES TYPES 2,3&6 EJECTIONS

TYPE EJECTION	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)
JETTISONED CANOPY	17	13	76.5%	33	19	57.6%	50	32	64.0%
THROUGH - THE - CANOPY	4	2	50.0%	-	-	-	4	2	50.0%
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL)									
CANOPY CUTTING (PARTIAL)									
TOTALS	21	15	71.4%	33	19	57.6%	54	34	63.0%

# U.S. NAVY FATALITIES TYPES 1,2,3,5&6 EJECTIONS

TYPE EJECTION	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)
JETTISONED CANOPY	542	79	14.6%	592	96	16.2%	1134	175	15.4%
THROUGH - THE - CANOPY	113	29	25.7%	128	31	24.2%	241	60	24.9%
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL)	3	0	0%	12	2	16.7%	15	1	6.7%
CANOPY CUTTING (PARTIAL)				1	0	0%	1	0	0%
TOTALS	658	108	16.4%	733	128	17.5%	1391	236	17.0%

# EJECTION ENVELOPE ACCOMPLISHED AND INADVERTENT EJECTIONS ( BY CANOPY REMOVAL SYSTEM )

	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	TOTAL	FATAL	%	TOTAL	FATAL	%	TOTAL	FATAL	%
JETTISONED — CANOPY ENVELOPE	486	32	6.6	493	24	4.9	979	56	5.7
— IN									
— OUT	31	28	90.3	58	53	91.4	89	81	91.0
— POS	8	6	75.0	8	0	00.0	16	6	37.5
THROUGH — THE — CANOPY ENVELOPE	91	11	21.1	103	9	8.7	194	20	10.3
— IN									
— OUT	16	15	93.8	24	22	91.7	40	37	92.5
— POS	2	1	50.0	1	0	00.0	3	1	33.3
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION	3	0	00.0	11	0	00.0	14	0	00.0
— IN									
— OUT	0	—	00.0	1	1	100.0	1	1	100.0
— POS	0	—	00.0	0	—	00.0	0	0	00.0
CANOPY CUT	—	—		1	—	00.0	1	0	00.0
— IN									
— OUT	—	—		0	—	00.0	0	—	00.0
— POS	—	—		0	—	00.0	0	—	00.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>93</b>		<b>700</b>	<b>109</b>		<b>1337</b>	<b>202</b>	

# U.S. NAVY FATALITIES TYPES 4,7,8,0 & BLANK EJECTIONS

TYPE EJECTION	OVERWATER			OVERLAND			ALL		
	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)	EJECTEES	FATAL (A/L, U)	(RATE)
JETTISONED CANOPY	137	137	100%	191	133	69.6%	328	270	82.3%
THROUGH - THE - CANOPY	29	28	96.6%	51	35	68.6%	80	63	78.8%
CANOPY FRAGMENTATION (TOTAL)	6	5	83.3%	9	6	66.7%	15	11	73.3%
CANOPY CUTTING (PARTIAL)	-			2	2	100%	2	2	100%
TOTALS	172	170	98.8%	253	176	69.6%	425	346	81.4%

**DETAILED DISCUSSION**

**CONCERNING VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION**

**FRACTURES ASSOCIATED WITH EJECTION**

## **EJECTION ASSOCIATED VERTEBRAL INJURIES**

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- VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES
- PARAVERTEBRAL MUSCULAR STRAINS/SPRAINS

# EJECTION FORCES

$$F_{\text{CATAPULT}} = p \cdot A_{\text{(CATAPULT PISTON)}} = m_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}} \cdot a_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}}$$

$$= \frac{W_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}}}{g} \cdot a_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}}$$

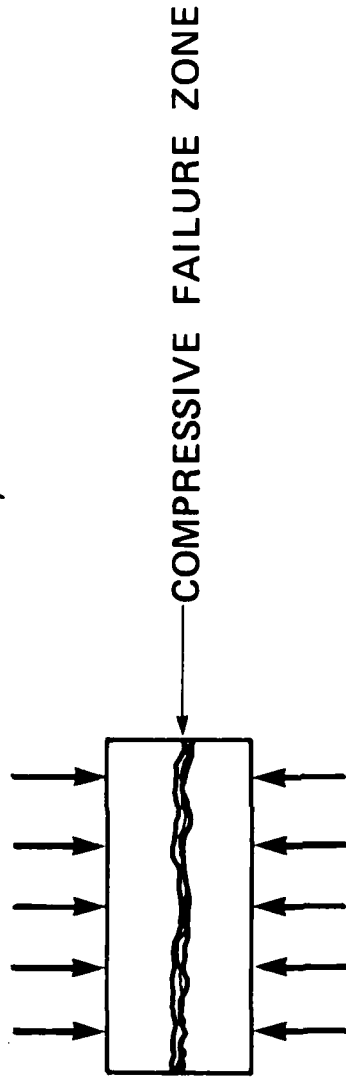
$$a_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}} = p \cdot \frac{A_{\text{(CATAPULT PISTON)}} \cdot g}{W_{\text{(SEAT + EJECTEE)}}$$

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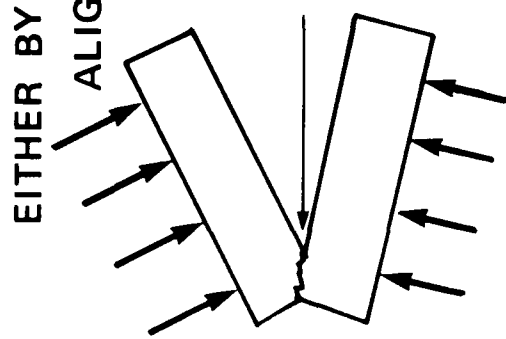
- p IS PRESSURE INSIDE CATAPULT (PSF)
- g IS GRAVITY CONSTANT (32.2 FT/SEC<sup>2</sup>)
- A IS CATAPULT PISTON AREA (FT<sup>2</sup>)
- m IS EJECTED MASS (LBS-SEC<sup>2</sup>/FT)
- W IS EJECTED WEIGHT (LBS)
- a IS ACCELERATION (FT/SEC<sup>2</sup>)

# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

- IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF MATERIAL COMPRESSIVE FAILURE IS OVERSTRESS. THIS MAY BE GENERAL, I.E.:



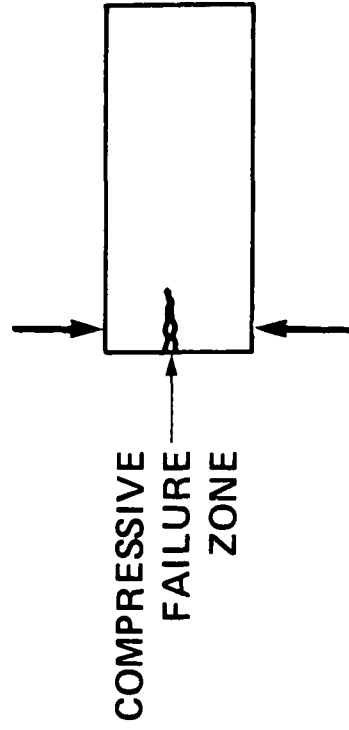
OR IT MAY BE LOCALIZED (CONCENTRATED IN SMALL AREA)



ALIGNMENT

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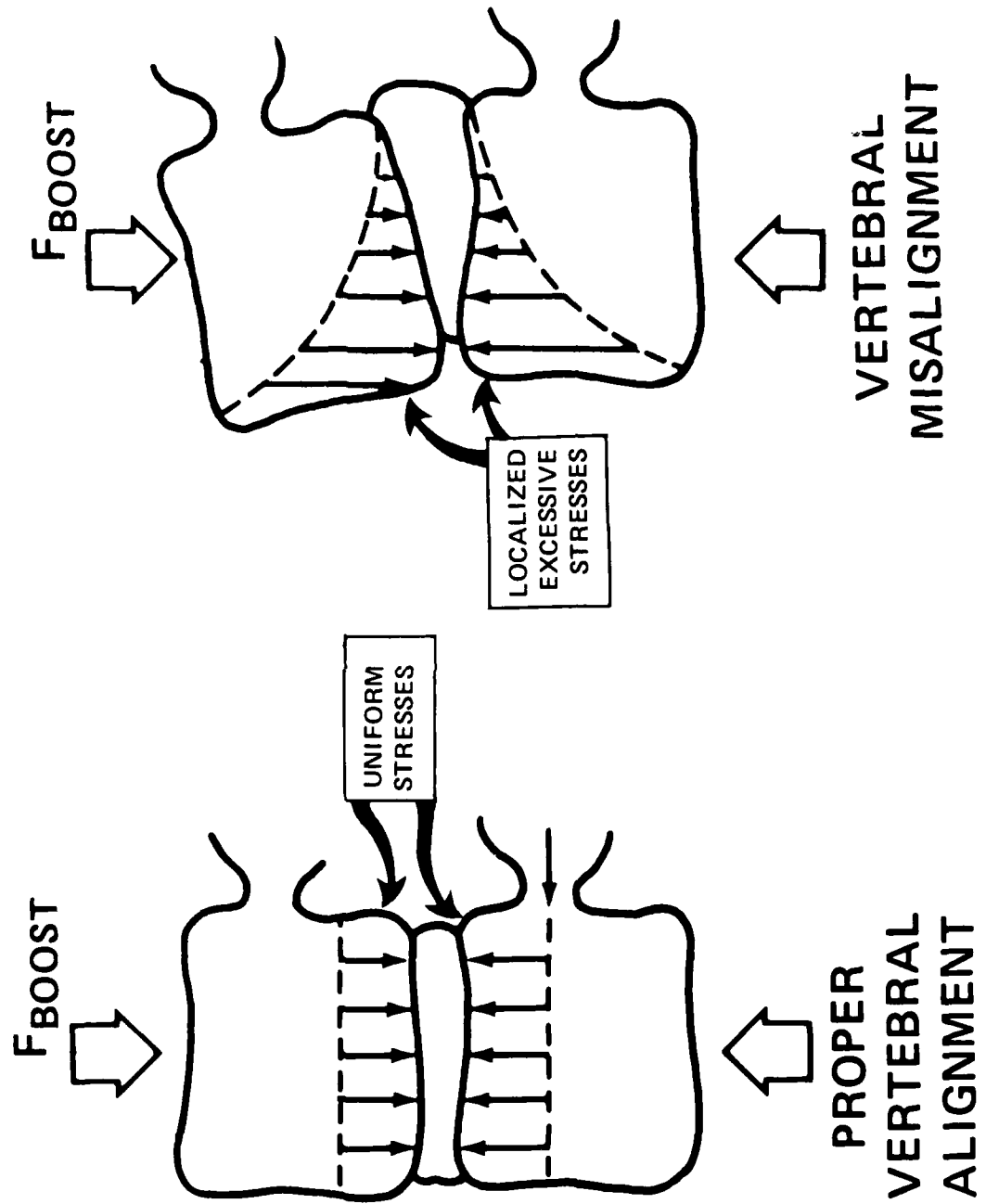
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# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

## EFFECT OF VERTEBRAL ALIGNMENT



- USE OF MARTIN-BAKER MK 5 SERIES EJECTION SEATS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE IN VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE AND PARAVERTEBRAL MUSCLE STRAIN/SPRAIN INCIDENCE RATES.
- ANALYSES REVEALED PREDOMINANT CAUSE FOR INCREASED INCIDENCE RATES WAS CONCURRENT CHANGE TO EJECTING THROUGH THE CANOPY FROM EJECTING FOLLOWING CANOPY JETTISONING.
- SUBSEQUENT ANALYSES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT INTRODUCTION OF POWERED HAUL BACK INERTIA REELS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES VERTEBRAL INJURY INCIDENCE RATES BOTH FOR JETTISONED CANOPY AND FOR THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS.

# APPENDIX D

## SEATS INCLUDED BY

### A. NAVY STANDARD WITH NAMC TYPE II CATAPULT

1. F4D-1
2. FJ-3, -3D, -3M, -4, -4B
3. F3H-2, -2M, -2N
4. F9F-5, -6, -8, -8B, -8P, -8T
5. F11F-1
6. F2H-4
7. A4D-1

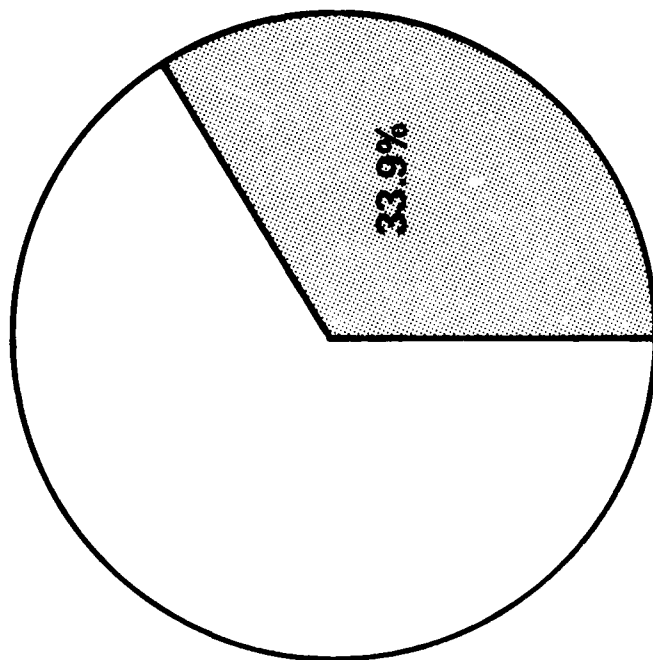
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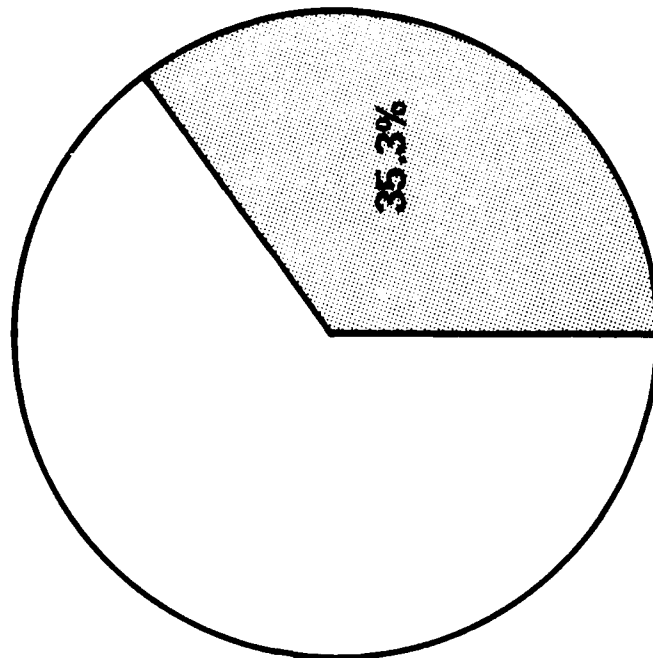
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|----|------------|-------|
| 1. | F9F-8T     | MK A5 |
| 2. | F8U SERIES | MK F5 |
| 3. | F4H        | MK H5 |
| 4. | F3H-2      | MK M5 |
| 5. | FJ-4B      | MK N5 |
| 6. | F4D-1      | MK P5 |
| 7. | F11F-1     | MK X5 |
| 8. | F9F-8B     | MK Z5 |

# RATE OF VERTEBRAL INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS

(BASED ON SURVIVORS DURING THE PERIOD 1 SEPTEMBER 1958 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1961)



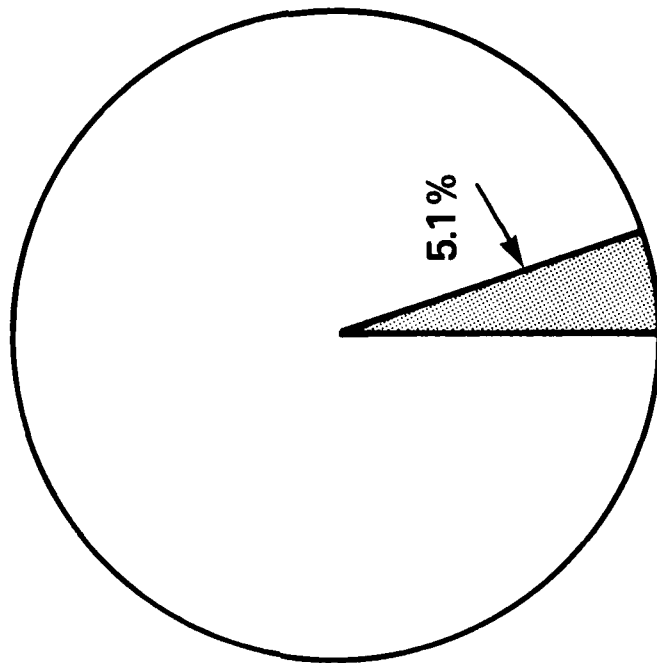
MARTIN-BAKER EJECTION SEATS  
 (18 VERTEBRAL INJURIES/  
 56 THROUGH-THE-CANOPY  
 EJECTIONS)



NAVY STANDARD EJECTION SEATS  
 (NAMC II)  
 (6 VERTEBRAL INJURIES/  
 17 THROUGH-THE-CANOPY  
 EJECTIONS)

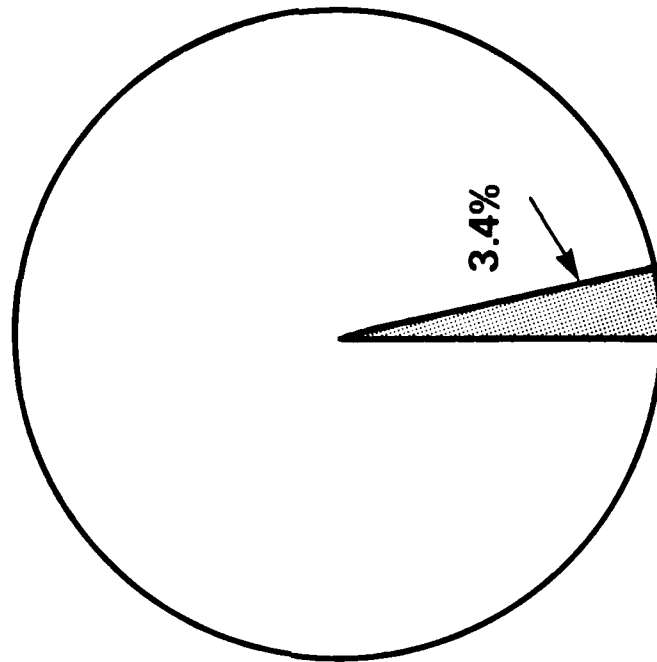
# VERTEBRAL INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING CANOPY JETTISONED EJECTIONS

[BASED ON SURVIVORS DURING THE PERIOD  
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MARTIN-BAKER EJECTION SEATS

(2 VERTEBRAL INJURIES  
DURING 39 EJECTIONS)

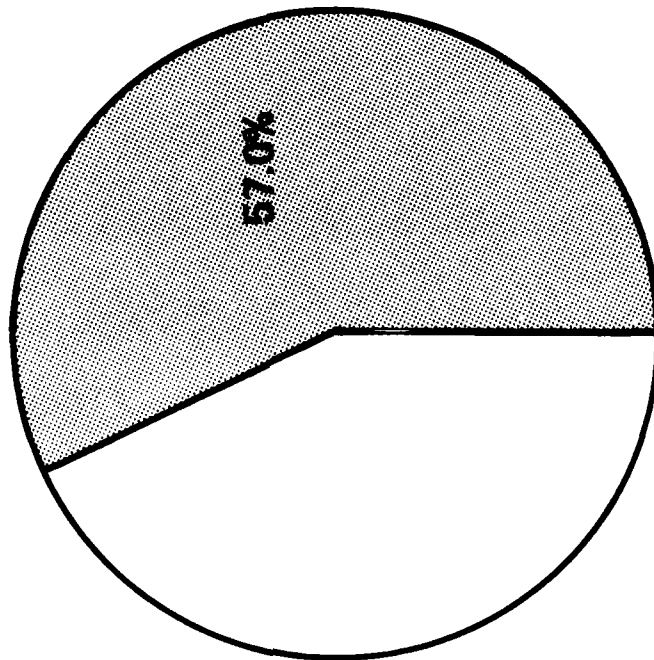


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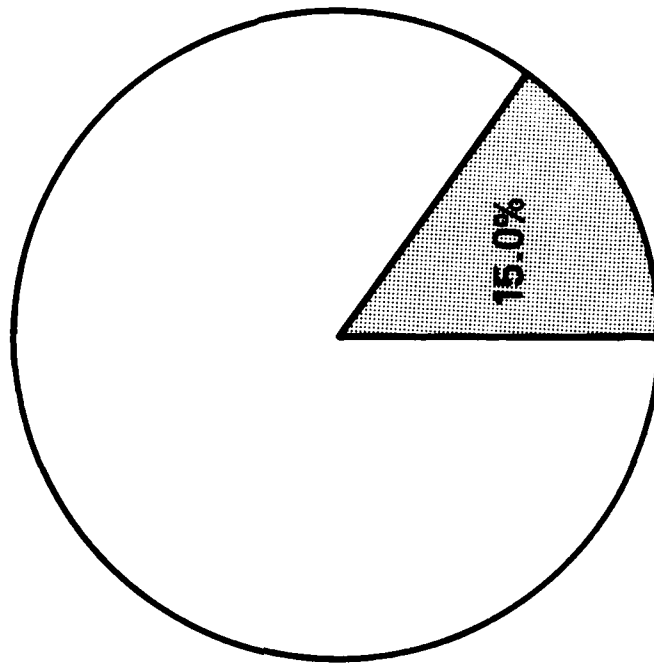
(4 VERTEBRAL INJURIES  
DURING 117 EJECTIONS)

# THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTION RATES

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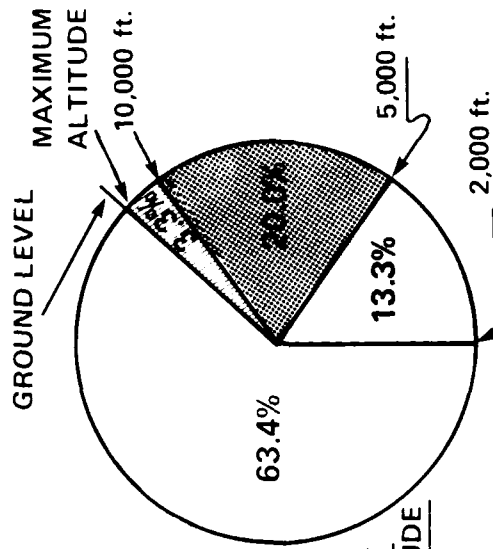
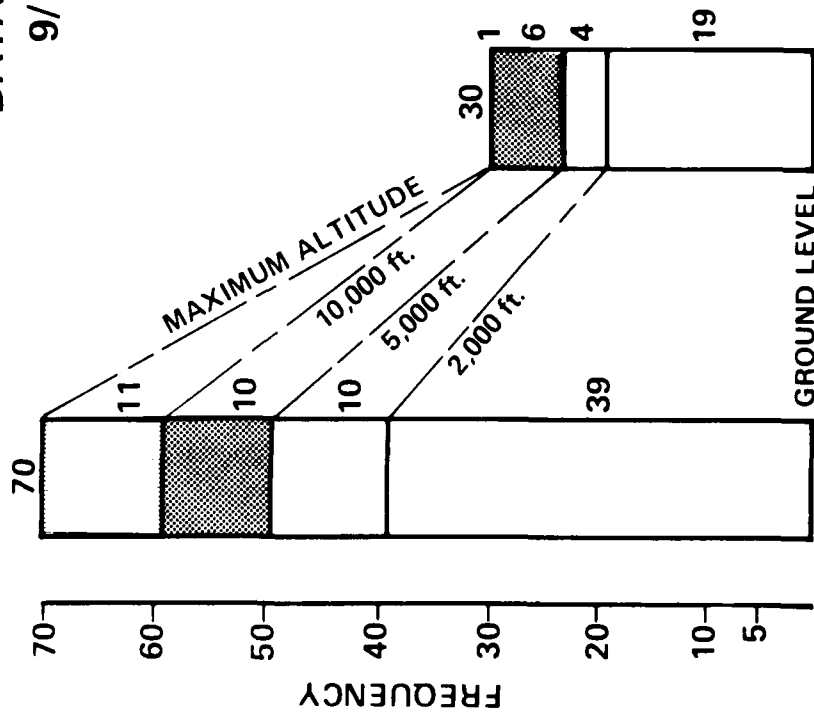
MARTIN-BAKER EJECTION SEAT  
(65 THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS  
OUT OF 114 EJECTIONS TOTAL)



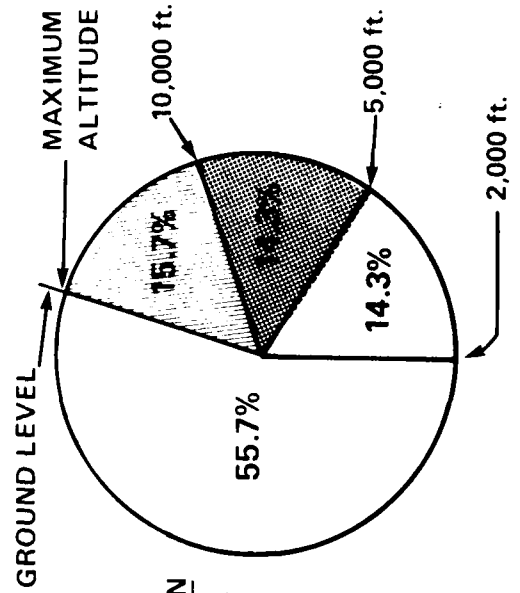
NAVY STANDARD EJECTION SEATS  
(NAMC II)  
(22 THROUGH-THE-CANOPY  
EJECTIONS OUT OF 148 EJECTIONS  
TOTAL)

# U.S. NAVY MARTIN-BAKER SEAT USAGE VERTEBRAL INJURIES & THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS VS. EJECTION ALTITUDE

DATA COVERS PERIOD  
9/1/58 - 3/31/63



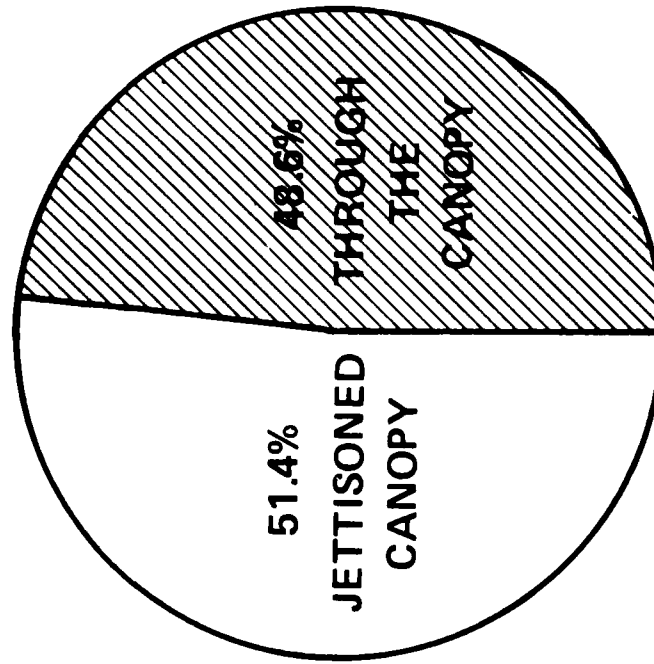
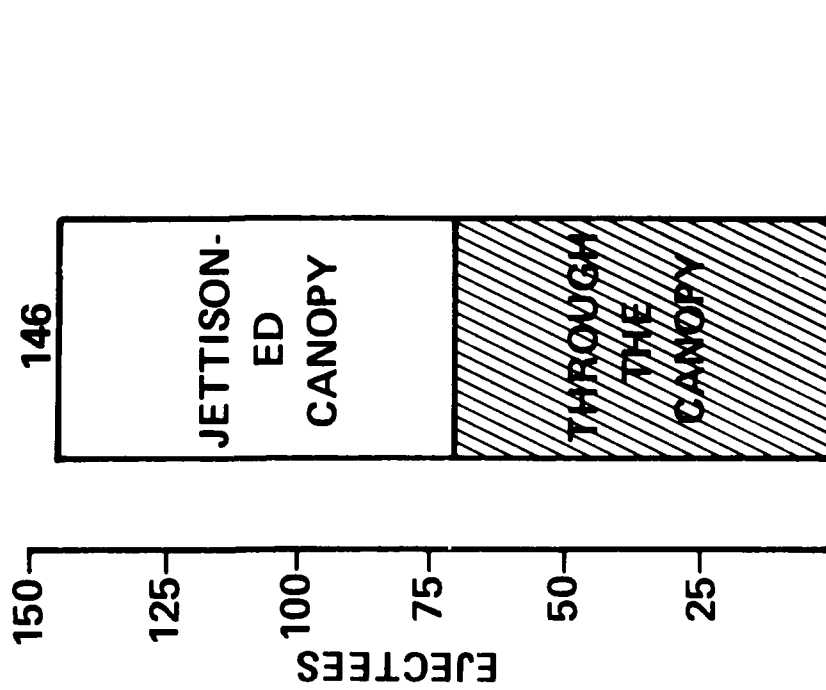
PERCENTAGE  
EJECTIONEES  
SUSTAINING  
VERTEBRAL INJURY  
BY EJECTION ALTITUDE



DISTRIBUTION  
OF EJECTIONEES  
BY EJECTION  
ALTITUDE

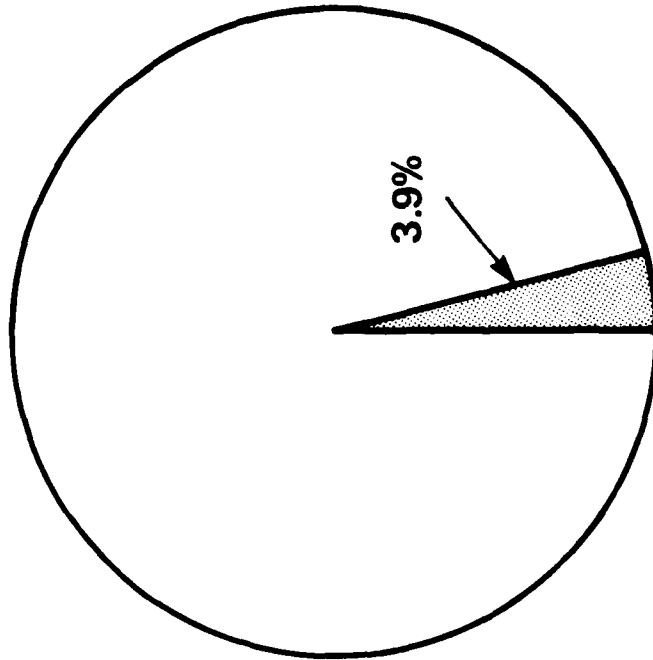
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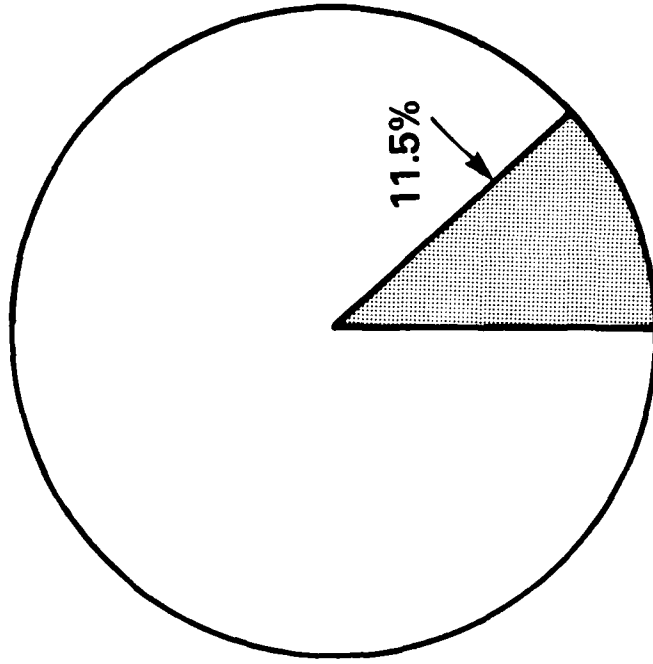


**REPORTED CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES  
OF VERTEBRAL INJURIES SUSTAINED  
DURING EJECTION WITH MARTIN-BAKER EJECTION SEATS**

**(BASED ON VERTEBRAL INJURIES DURING THE PERIOD  
1 SEPTEMBER 1958 THROUGH 13 APRIL 1962)**



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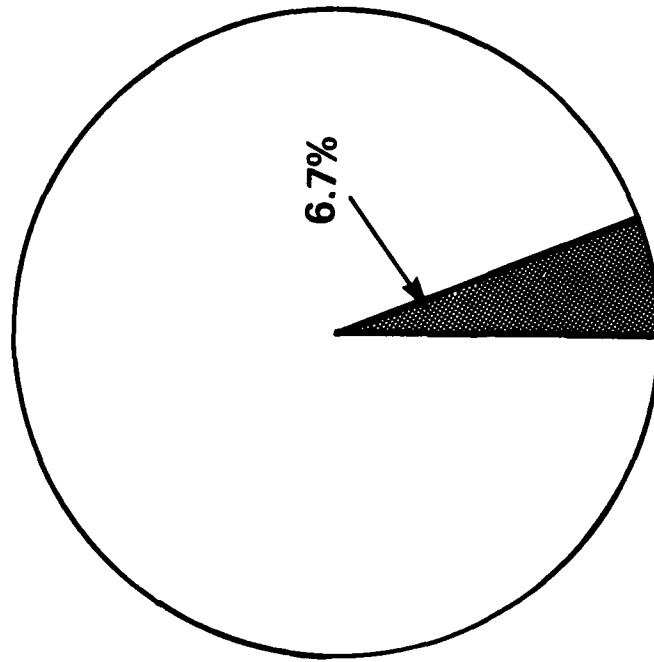


**POOR POSITION**

**THESE INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED DURING  
THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTIONS**

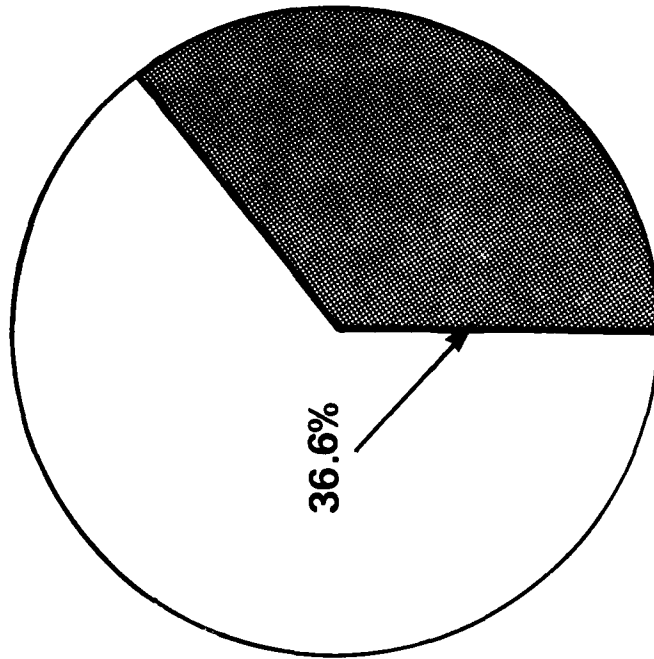
# U.S. NAVY MARTIN-BAKER SEAT USAGE COMPARISON OF VERTEBRAL INJURY RATES BY EJECTION METHOD

(DATA COVERS PERIOD 9/1/58 - 3/31/63 SURVIVORS ONLY)



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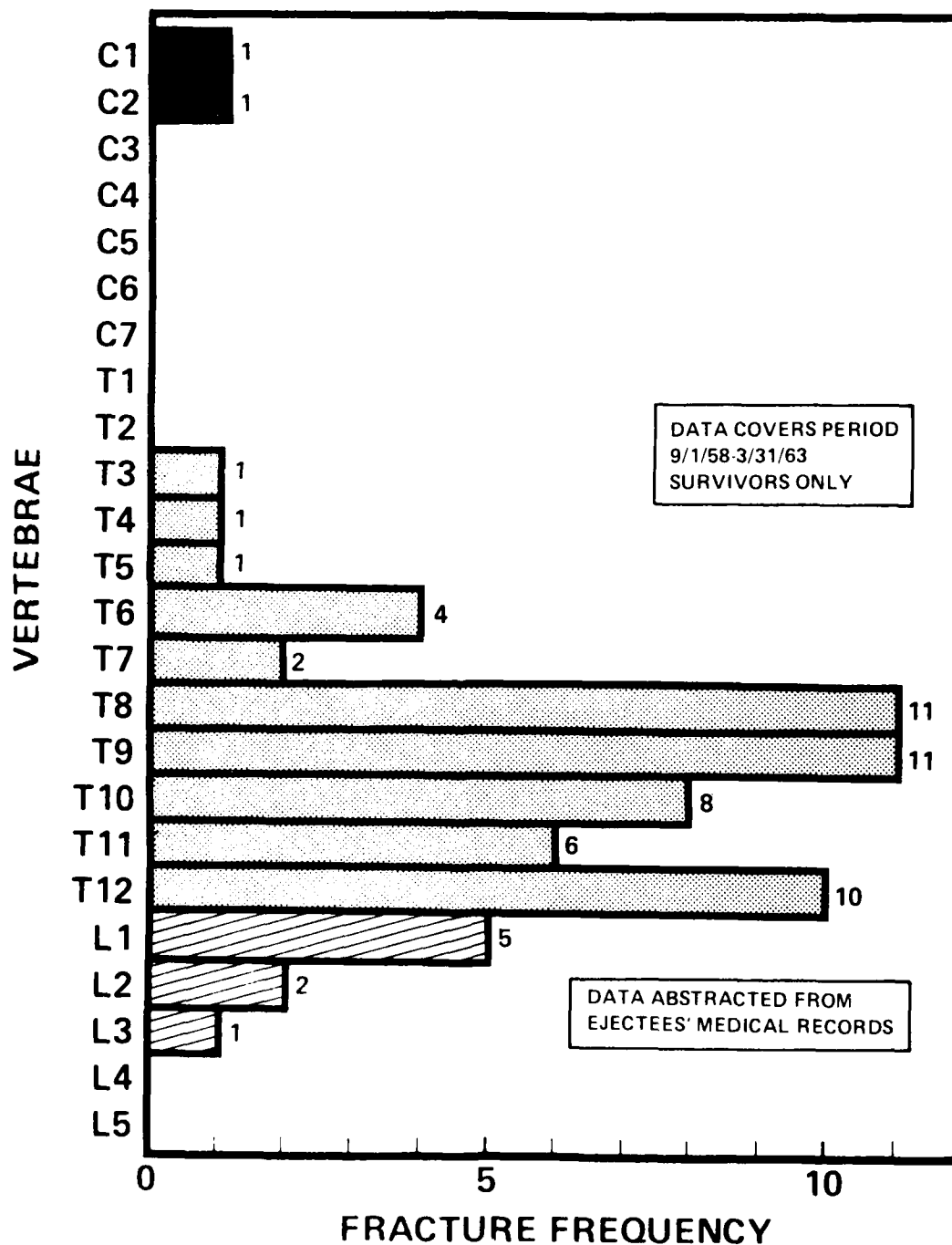
VERTEBRAL INJURY RATE REPRESENTED  
BY CROSS-HATCHED AREAS



THROUGH-THE-CANOPY

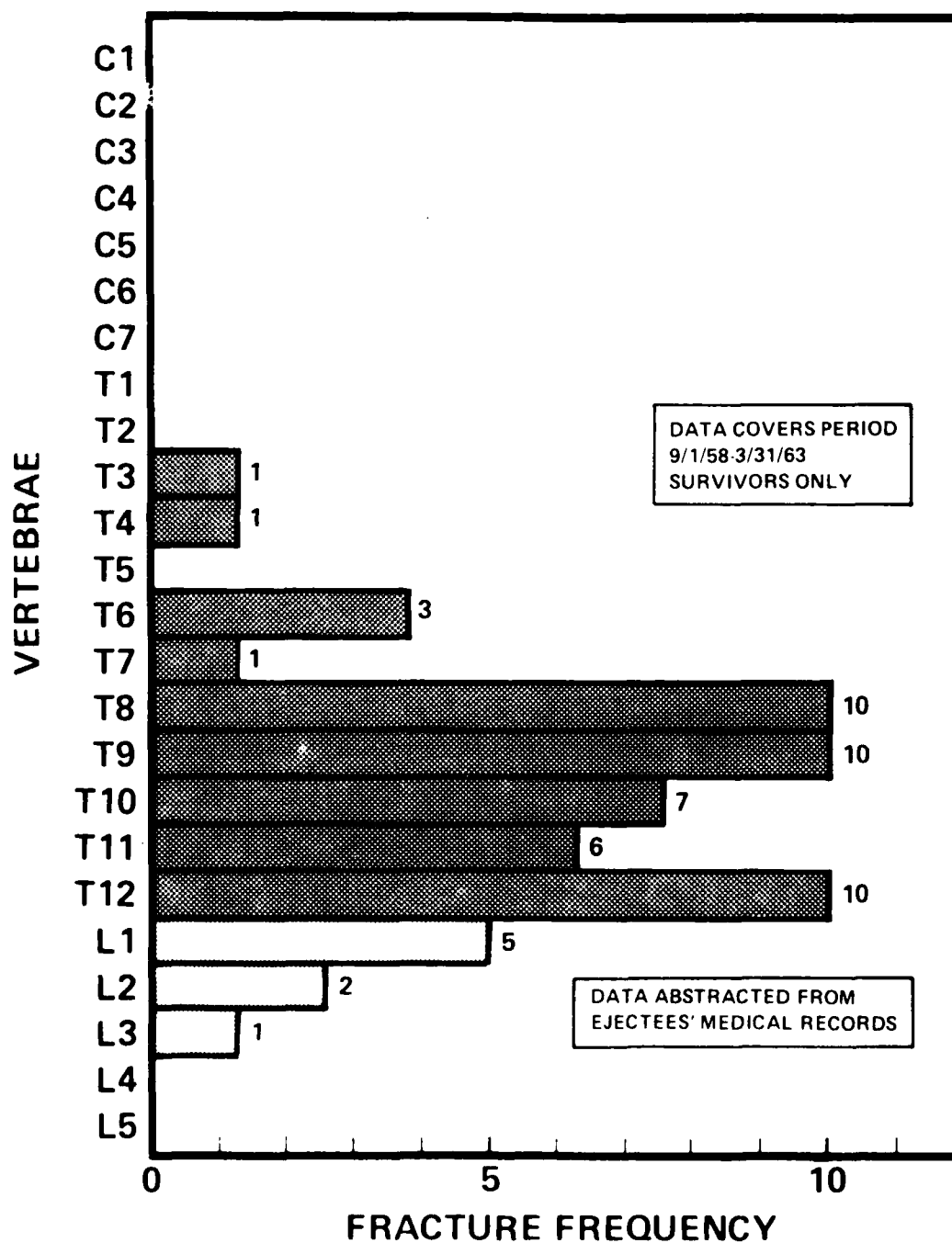
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U.S. NAVY MARTIN-BAKER SEAT USAGE



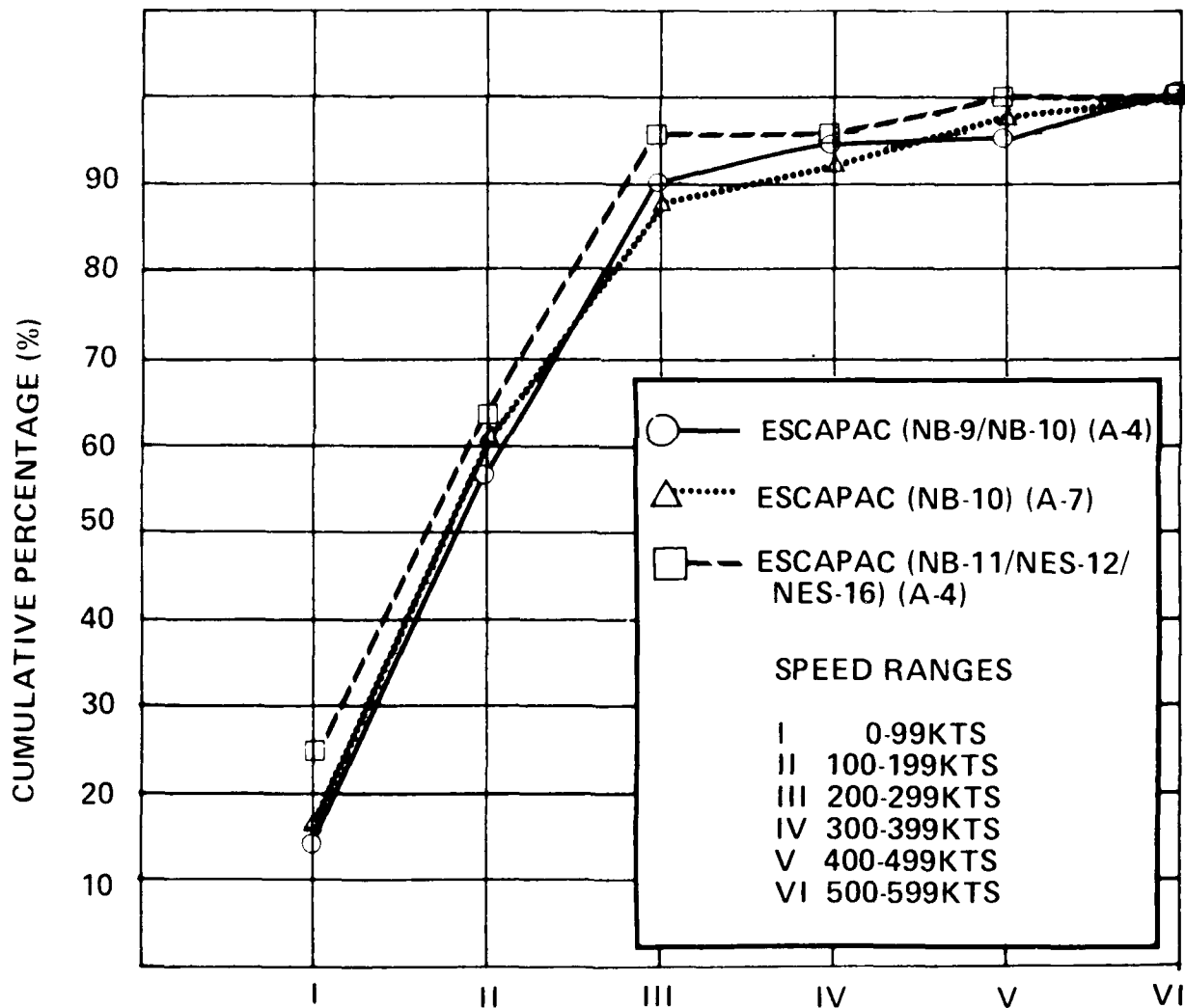
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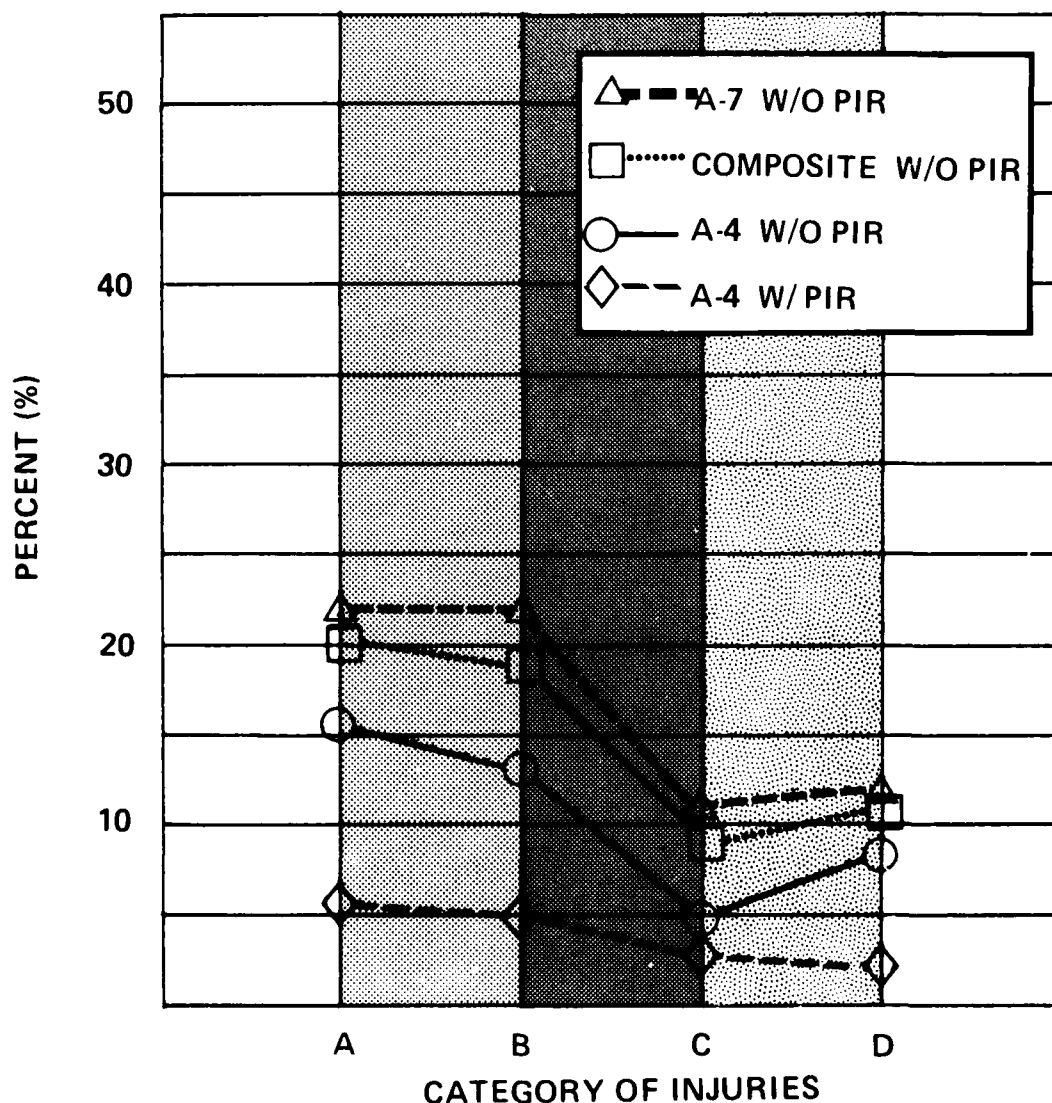
# CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF PERCENTAGE EJECTEES UNINJURED VS AIRSPEED RANGE

JAN 1969 THROUGH JUL 1974



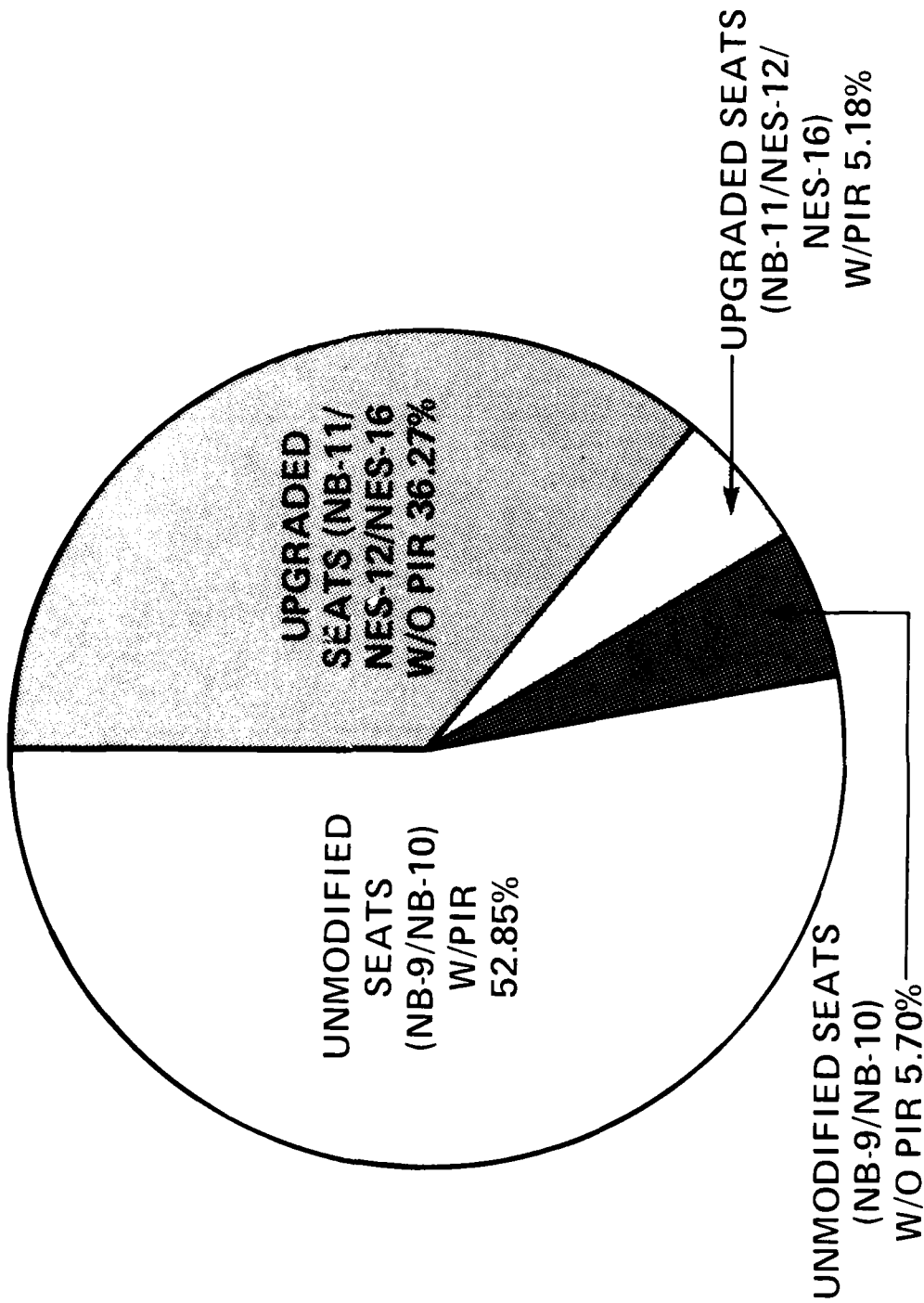
# TYPE NECK INJURY VS TYPE INERTIA REEL BY TYPE ESCAPAC SEAT A-4/A-7

JAN 1969 THROUGH JUL 1974



- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A. ALL NECK & VERTEBRAL       | C. VERTEBRAL          |
| B. ALL NECK LESS TRANSECTIONS | D. NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN |

**A-4 AIRCRAFT  
ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS  
EJECTION DISTRIBUTION BY PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE**



# DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR NECK AND VERTEBRAL INJURIES AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL NUMBER OF EJECTEES

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

AIRCRAFT MODEL A-5	AIRCRAFT MODEL A-4	AIRCRAFT MODEL A-7	AIRCRAFT MODELS A-4/A-7
<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NES 15A</p> <p>TRANSECTION 20%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 80%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 5 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 10</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE: NB 11/NES 12/ NES 16</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURES 1.23%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 2.47%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 11%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 13 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 81</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE: NB 10</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURES 2.08%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 6.25%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 12.5%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 30 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 144</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 9 NB 10</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURES 1.17%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 4.89%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 7.42%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 34 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 198</p>
<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NB 7E</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 11.54%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 88.46%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 5 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 10</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE: NB 9/NB 10</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 89%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 11%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 4 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 112</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE: NB 10</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURES 2.08%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 6.25%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 12.5%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 30 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 144</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 9 NB 10</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURES 1.17%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 4.89%</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 7.42%</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES: 34 TOTAL EJECTIONS: 198</p>

UPGRADED  
EJECTION  
SEATS

UNUPGRADED  
EJECTION  
SEATS

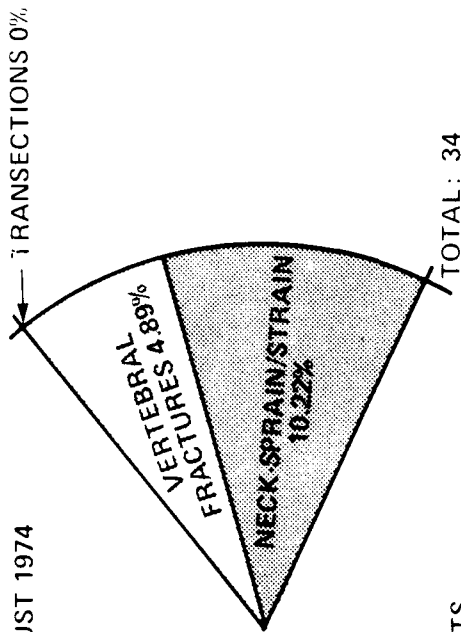
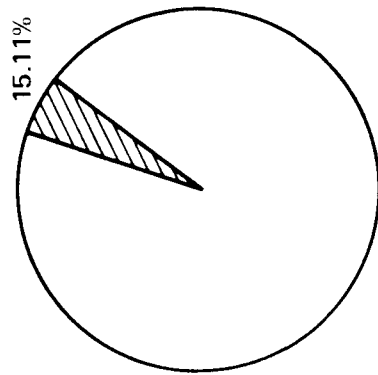
# INJURY DISTRIBUTIONS OF TYPES OF MAJOR NECK AND VERTEBRAL INJURIES AS PERCENT OF TOTAL MAJOR INJURIES

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

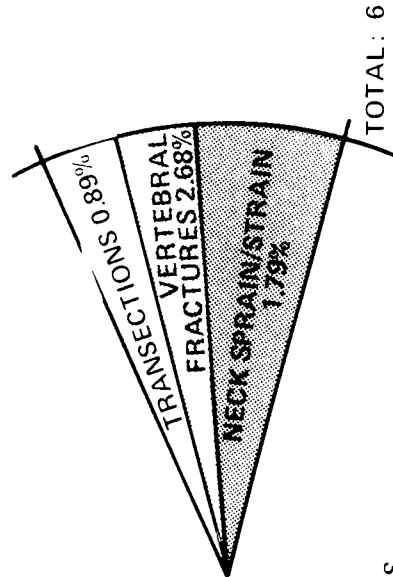
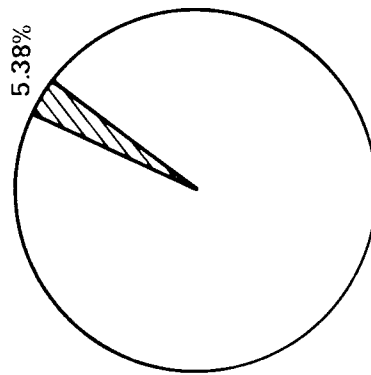
AIRCRAFT MODEL A-5	AIRCRAFT MODEL A-4	AIRCRAFT MODEL A-7	AIRCRAFT MODEL A 4/A-7
<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NB 15A</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 60%</p> <p>TRANSECTIONS 40</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 5 TOTAL EJECTIONS 10</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 11 NB 17 TRANSECTIONS 7 69</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 62.5%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURE 15.38</p> <p>CERVICAL FRACTURE 15.38</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 13 TOTAL EJECTIONS 81</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NB 10</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 60%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 30</p> <p>CER FRA 10</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 80 TOTAL EJECTIONS 144</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 9 NB 11</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 55.85%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 36.29</p> <p>CER FRA 7.86</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 44 TOTAL EJECTIONS 258</p>
<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NB 7</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 75%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 25</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 4 TOTAL EJECTIONS 26</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 9 NB 10 ALL VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 75</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 25%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 75</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 4 TOTAL EJECTIONS 112</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPE NB 10</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 60%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 30</p> <p>CER FRA 10</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 80 TOTAL EJECTIONS 144</p>	<p>PARACHUTE TYPES NB 9 NB 11</p> <p>NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN 55.85%</p> <p>OTHER VERTEBRAL FRACTURES 36.29</p> <p>CER FRA 7.86</p> <p>TOTAL INJURIES 44 TOTAL EJECTIONS 258</p>

# MAJOR NECK AND VERTEBRAL INJURY RATES ASCRIBABLE TO EJECTION FORCES AND/OR PARACHUTE OPENING FORCES VS USE OF POWERED INERTIA REELS

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974



TOTAL: 225  
 ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS  
 NOT EQUIPPED WITH POWERED INERTIA REELS



TOTAL: 112  
 ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS  
 EQUIPPED WITH POWERED INERTIA REELS

**TABLE IX**  
**GROSS REPORTED MAJOR NECK AND**  
**VERTEBRAL INJURIES VS**  
**USE OF POWERED INERTIA REEL ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

	<u>A-4 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-7 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4 &amp; A-7 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4 W/PIR</u>
EJECTIONS	81	144	225	112
INJURIES	13	31	44	6
TRANSECTIONS	2	0	2	1
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	11	31	42	5
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES	4	15	19	3
NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	7	16	23	2

NOTE: (1) PIR = POWERED INERTIA REEL  
(2) A-4 W/PIR ARE A-4F, A-4M, TA-4F, AND TA-4J

**TABLE X**  
**GROSS INJURY RATES FOR MAJOR NECK AND**  
**VERTEBRAL INJURIES VS**  
**USE OF POWERED REEL ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

	<u>A-4 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-7 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4 &amp; A-7 W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4 W/PIR</u>
INJURY RATES (A)	16.05%	21.53%	19.56%	5.36%
TRANSECTION RATES	2.47%	0%	0.89%	0.89%
VERTEBRAL FRACTURE AND NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN RATES (B)	13.58%	21.53%	18.67%	4.46%
VERTEBRAL FRACTURE RATES (C)	4.94%	10.42%	8.44%	2.68%
NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN RATES (D)	8.64%	11.11%	10.22%	1.79%

NOTE: (1) PIR = POWERED INERTIA REEL

(2) A-4 W/PIR ARE A-4F, A-4M, TA-4F, AND TA-4J

(3) PARENTHETICAL LETTERS (A), (B), (C), AND (D)  
 ARE FOR ASSISTANCE IN REFERRING TO THE  
 FOLLOWING GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION (FIGURE 10)

**TABLE XI**  
**MAJOR NECK AND VERTEBRAL INJURIES**  
**ASCRIbable TO EJECTION AND/OR PARACHUTE OPENING FORCES**  
**VS USE OF POWERED INERTIA REEL**

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

	<u>A-4</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-4 &amp; A-7</u>	<u>A-4</u>
	<u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>W/PIR</u>
EJECTION	81	144	225	112
INJURIES	10	25	35	6
TRANSECTIONS	1	0	1	0
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	9	25	34	5
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES	2	9	11	3
NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	7	16	23	2

NOTE: (1) PIR = POWERED INERTIA REEL  
(2) A-4 W/PIR ARE A-4F, A-4M, TA-4F, AND TA-4J  
(3) FIGURES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED TO REMOVE  
ALL GROUND IMPACT VERTEBRAL FRACTURES,  
MAN-SEAT COLLISION INJURIES, AND EPC EN-  
TANGLEMENT TRANSECTION

**TABLE XII**  
**MAJOR NECK AND VERTEBRAL INJURY RATES ASCRIBABLE TO EJECTION**  
**AND/OR PARACHUTE OPENING FORCES**  
**VS USE OF POWERED INERTIA REEL**

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1974

	<u>A-4</u> <u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-7</u> <u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4 &amp; A-7</u> <u>W/O PIR</u>	<u>A-4</u> <u>W/PIR</u>
INJURIES	12.35%	17.36%	15.56%	5.38%
TRANSECTIONS	1.23%	0%	0.44%	0%
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	11.11%	17.36%	15.11%	4.64%
VERTEBRAL FRACTURES	2.47%	6.25%	4.89%	2.68%
NECK SPRAIN/STRAIN	8.64%	11.11%	10.22%	1.79%

NOTE: (1) PIR = POWERED INERTIA REEL  
(2) A-4 W/PIR ARE A-4F, A-4M, TA-4F, AND TA-4J  
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MAN-SEAT COLLISION INJURIES, AND EPC EN-  
TANGLEMENT TRANSECTION

# ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS (A-4 AND A-7 AIRCRAFT)

## VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE DISTRIBUTION

JANUARY 1969 THROUGH AUGUST 1974

5 OCTOBER 1974

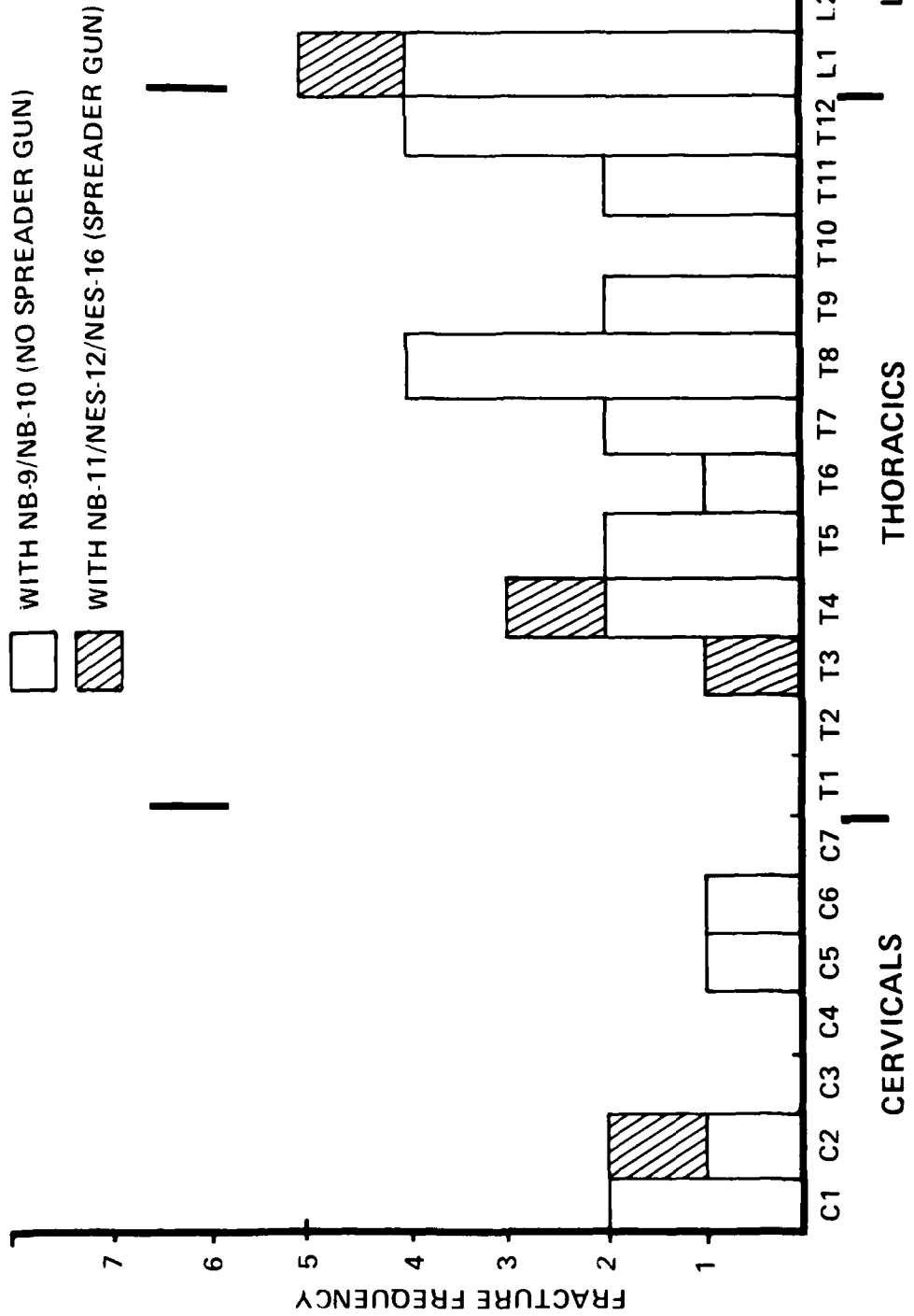


TABLE XIII

A-4 AIRCRAFT ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS  
EJECTION DISTRIBUTION BY PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE

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	<u>NB-11/NES-12/NES-16</u> (UPGRADED SEATS)	<u>NB-9/NB-10</u> (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
W/O PIR	70	11
W/PIR	10	102

TABLE XIV

**A-4 AIRCRAFT  
 ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS  
 EJECTEE INJURY TYPE DISTRIBUTION  
 BY PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE**

	<u>NB-11/NES-12/NES-16</u> (UPGRADED SEATS)	<u>NB-9/NB-10</u> (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
<u>W/O PIR</u>	TRANSECTIONS: 2 CERVICAL FX.: 1 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 3 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 7  TOTAL EJECTEES: 70	TRANSECTIONS: 0 CERVICAL FX.: 0 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 0 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 1  TOTAL EJECTEES: 11
<u>W/PIR</u>	TRANSECTIONS: 0 CERVICAL FX.: 0 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 0 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 2  TOTAL EJECTEES: 10	TRANSECTIONS: 1 CERVICAL FX.: 0 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 3 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 0  TOTAL EJECTEES: 102

**TABLE XV**  
**A-4 AIRCRAFT ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**EJECTEE INJURY RATE DISTRIBUTION BY PARACHUTE TYPE**  
**AND INERTIA REEL TYPE**

	<u>NB-11/NES-12/NES-16</u> (UPGRADED SEATS)	<u>NB-9/NB-10</u> (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
W/O P/R	TRANSECTIONS: 2.86% CERVICAL FX.: 1.43% CERVICAL & OTHER: 0% THORACIC & LUMBAR: 4.29% STRAIN/SPRAIN: 10.00%  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 70	TRANSECTIONS: 0% CERVICAL FX.: 1.29% CERVICAL & OTHER: 0.65% THORACIC & LUMBAR: 6.45% STRAIN/SPRAIN: 9.68%  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 11
W/P/R	TRANSECTIONS: 0% CERVICAL FX.: 0% CERVICAL & OTHER: 0% THORACIC & LUMBAR: 0% STRAIN/SPRAIN: 20.00%  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 10	TRANSECTIONS: 0.98% CERVICAL FX.: 0% CERVICAL & OTHER: 0% THORACIC & LUMBAR: 2.94% STRAIN/SPRAIN: 0%  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 102

**TABLE XVI**  
**A-4 AIRCRAFT TYPES OF ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**VS PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE**

	<u>NB-11/NES-12/NES-16</u> (UPGRADED SEATS)	<u>NB-9/NB-10</u> (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
W/O PIR	ESCAPAC IA-1*	ESCAPAC I*
W/PIR	( ESCAPAC IF-3 ) ( ESCAPAC IG-3 )	ESCAPAC IC-3*

**NOTE:**

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THESE EJECTION SEATS IS PROVIDED IN APPENDIX G (1)

\* COMPARISON OF THE MAJOR ASPECTS OF THESE EJECTION SEATS ALSO IS PROVIDED IN APPENDIX G (2) AND (3)

**TABLE XVII**  
**A-4 AND A-7 AIRCRAFT**  
**TYPES OF ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**VS PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE**

	A-4 AIRCRAFT		A-7 AIRCRAFT
	NB-11/NES-12/NES-16 (UPGRADED SEATS)	NB-9/NB-10 (UNMODIFIED SEATS)	NB-10 (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
W/O PIR	ESCAPAC IA-1*	ESCAPAC I*	ESCAPAC IC-2*
W/PIR	ESCAPAC IF-3 ESCAPAC IG-3	ESCAPAC IC-3*	(NONE)

**NOTE:**

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THESE EJECTION SEATS IS PROVIDED IN APPENDIX G (1)

\* COMPARISON OF THE MAJOR ASPECTS OF THESE EJECTION SEATS ALSO IS PROVIDED IN APPENDIX G (2) AND (3)

**COMPARISON OF ESCAPAC I, ESCAPAC IA-1 (A-4A/B/C/E/L AIRCRAFT), ESCAPAC IC-3 (A-4F/M, TA-4F/J AIRCRAFT) AND ESCAPAC IC-2 (A-7 AIRCRAFT)**

DESIGN ASPECT	ESCAPAC IA-1	A-4 ESCAPAC I	ESCAPAC IC-3	A-7 ESCAPAC IC-2
PARACHUTE TYPE	NB-11/NES-12 (BALLISTIC SPREADER GUN) W/MK5 & ZDL	NB-9 W/Mk5 & ZDL	NB-10/NB-10-2 <sup>1/</sup>	NB-10/NB-10-2 <sup>1/</sup>
SURVIVAL KIT	PK-2	PK-2	RSSK-8A	RSSK-8A
INERTIA REEL TYPE	NON-PIR	NON-PIR	PIR	NON-PIR
ROCKET CATAPULT	RAPEC I	RAPEC I	P/N 2174-522	P/N 2174-520
SYSTEM STABILIZATION	SNUBBER/DART	(NONE)	DART	DART
MAN-SEAT SEPARATION	BLADDERS	BLADDERS	BLADDERS	BLADDERS

<sup>1/</sup> SEE ESCAPAC IC PARACHUTE SUBSYSTEM TIMING, APPENDIX G

<sup>2/</sup> ABBREVIATIONS:

ZDL = ZERO DELAY LANYARD

Mk5 = 2.0 SEC. DELAY CARTRIDGE

PIR = BALLISTIC POWERED INERTIA REEL

**TABLE XVIII**  
**ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**EJECTION DISTRIBUTION BY PARACHUTE TYPE**  
**AND INERTIA REEL TYPE AND AIRCRAFT**

	A-4 AIRCRAFT		A-7 AIRCRAFT
	NB-11/NES-12/NES-16 (UPGRADED SEATS)	NB-9/NB-10 (UNMODIFIED SEATS)	NB-10 (UNMODIFIED SEATS)
W/O PIR	70	11	144
W/PIR	10	102	0

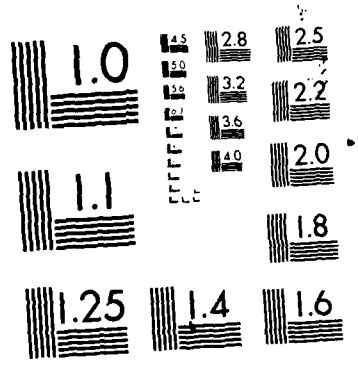
**TABLE XIX**  
**ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**EJECTEE INJURY TYPE DISTRIBUTION**  
**BY PARACHUTE TYPE AND INERTIA REEL TYPE AND AIRCRAFT**

A-4 AIRCRAFT		A-7 AIRCRAFT	
<u>NB-11/NES-12/NES-16</u> UPGRADED SEATS	<u>NB-9/NB-10</u> UNMODIFIED SEATS	<u>NB-10</u> UNMODIFIED SEATS	
TRANSECTIONS: 2 CERVICAL FX.: 1 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 3 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 7  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 70	TRANSECTIONS: 0 CERVICAL FX.: 0 CERVICAL & OTHER: 0 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 3 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 0  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 11	TRANSECTIONS: 0 CERVICAL FX.: 2 CERVICAL & OTHER: 1 THORACIC & LUMBAR: 10 STRAIN/SPRAIN: 14  TOTAL EJECTIONS: 144	(NO PIR IN A-7)
W/O PIR	W/PIR		
TOTAL EJECTIONS: 10	TOTAL EJECTIONS: 102		

**TABLE XX**  
**ESCAPAC SERIES EJECTION SEATS**  
**EJECTEE INJURY TYPE RATES BY PARACHUTE TYPE**  
**AND INERTIA REEL TYPE AND AIRCRAFT**

A-4 AIRCRAFT		A-7 AIRCRAFT	
NB-11/NES-12/NES-16 UPGRADED SEATS	NB-9/NB-10 UNMODIFIED SEATS	NB-10	
TRANSECTIONS: CERVICAL FX.: CERVICAL & OTHER: THORACIC & LUMBAR: STRAIN/SPRAIN:	2.86% 1.43% 0 4.29% 10.00%	TRANSECTIONS: CERVICAL FX.: CERVICAL & OTHER: THORACIC & LUMBAR: STRAIN/SPRAIN:	0 1.39% 0.69% 6.94% 9.72%
TOTAL EJECTIONS:	70	TOTAL EJECTIONS:	144
TRANSECTIONS: CERVICAL FX.: CERVICAL & OTHER: THORACIC & LUMBAR: STRAIN/SPRAIN:	0 0 0 0 20.00%	TRANSECTIONS: CERVICAL FX.: CERVICAL & OTHER: THORACIC & LUMBAR: STRAIN/SPRAIN:	0 (NONE) (NO EJECTIONS)
TOTAL EJECTIONS:	10	TOTAL EJECTIONS:	102
W/C PIR			
W/PIR			





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**TABLE XXI**  
**EFFECT UPON INJURY RATES OF INCORPORATING**  
**BALLISTIC POWERED INERTIA REEL**  
**IN ESCAPAC IC CONFIGURATION EJECTION SEATS**

	EXCAPAC IC-2	ESCAPAC IS-3	EFFECT OF ADDING PIR
TOTAL EJECTIONS	144	102	N/A
<u>INJURY TYPES</u>			
TRANSECTIONS:			
CERVICAL FX.:	0	0.98%	+0.98%
CERVICAL & OTHER FX.:	1.39%	0	-1.39%
THORACIC & LUMBAR FX.:	0.69%	0	-0.69%
NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN:	6.94%	2.94%	-4.00%
	9.72%	0	-9.72%
ALL CERVICAL FX.:	2.08%	0	-2.08%
ALL VERTEBRAL FX.:	9.02%	2.94%	-6.08%

**TABLE XXII**  
**EFFECT UPON INJURY RATES OF INTRODUCING**  
**NON-INERTIA REEL VARIATIONS**  
**IN ESCAPAC EJECTION SEAT CONFIGURATIONS**

	A-7 ESCAPAC IC-2	A-4 ESCAPAC IA-1	EFFECT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
TOTAL EJECTIONS	144	70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PROPULSION</li> <li>• SURVIVAL KIT</li> <li>• SYSTEM STABILIZATION</li> <li>• PARACHUTE SUBSYSTEM</li> </ul>
<u>INJURY TYPES</u>			
TRANSECTIONS:	0	2.86%	+2.86%
CERVICAL FX.:	1.39%	1.43%	+0.04%
CERVICAL & OTHER FX.:	0.69%	0	-0.69%
THORACIC & LUMBAR FX.:	6.94%	4.29%	-2.65%
NECK STRAIN/SPRAIN:	9.72%	10.00%	+0.28%
ALL CERVICAL FX.:	2.08%	1.43%	-0.65%
ALL VERTEBRAL FX.:	9.02%	5.72%	-3.30%

# **CONTINGENCY ANALYSIS OF A-4 ESCAPE DATA**

IN AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE A-4 EJECTION DATA, THE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT, NAVAL WEAPONS ENGINEERING SUPPORT ACTIVITY, WASHINGTON, D. C., SUBJECTED THE DATA TO A 2 X 2 CONTINGENCY TEST.

AS REPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, THIS ANALYSIS FOUND THE FOLLOWING:

- NO INFERENCE CAN BE DRAWN FROM A-4 EJECTION DATA ALONE CONCERNING THE ROLE OF SPREADER GUN OR BALLISTIC POWERED INERTIA REEL IN THE PRODUCTION OR PREVENTION OF NECK INJURIES.
- THE A-7 EJECTION DATA APPEARS TO BE FROM THE SAME POPULATION AS THE EJECTION DATA FOR A-4 WITH THE SPREADER GUN BUT WITHOUT THE POWERED INERTIA REEL.
- THE CONTINGENCY TEST INDICATES THAT THE SPREADER GUN HAS NO EFFECT UPON NECK INJURIES.
- THE A-7 EJECTION DATA APPEARS NOT TO BE FROM THE SAME POPULATION AS THE EJECTION DATA FOR A-4 WITHOUT THE SPREADER GUN BUT WITH THE POWERED INERTIA REEL.
- THE CONTINGENCY TEST INDICATES THAT THE POWERED INERTIA REEL HAS AN EFFECT UPON NECK INJURIES.
- THE SPREADER GUN IS NOT CAUSING NECK INJURIES.
- THE POWERED INERTIA REEL AIDS IN PREVENTING NECK INJURIES.

# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

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## 2 X 2 CONTINGENCY TEST

USED FOR TESTING SAMPLES CLASSIFIED AS TO TWO ATTRIBUTES, I. E., INJURIES VS. NO INJURIES

$$X^2 = \sum (f - F)^2 / F$$

WHERE:

f = OBSERVED FREQUENCY

F = CALCULATED OR EXPECTED FREQUENCY

SO THAT:

THE DEVIATION FROM THE EXPECTED IS MEASURED

NULL HYPOTHESIS: SAMPLES TESTED ARE FROM THE SAME POPULATION:

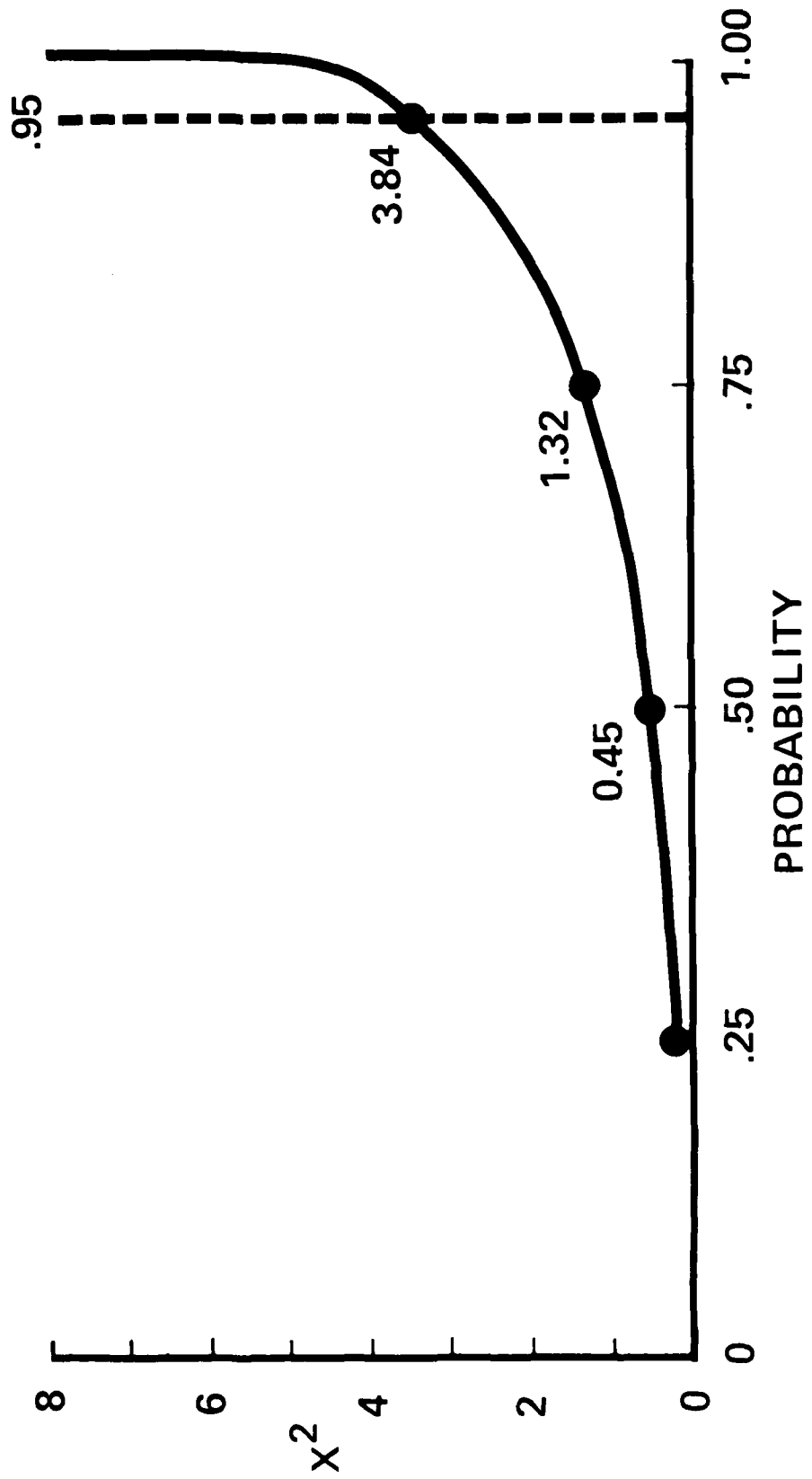
ACCEPT IF  $X^2 < 3.84$

(p < .05)

REJECT IF  $X^2 \geq 3.84$

# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

CUMULATIVE  $\chi^2$  DISTRIBUTION



# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

A-4 DATA (NECK INJURY ONLY)  
 (DATA POINTS ARE THE SAME AS USED FOR CORRELATION ANALYSIS)

	SPREADER GUN	NO SPREADER GUN	TOTAL
POWER INERTIAL REEL	6 <u>1</u> 7	101 <u>1</u> 102	107 <u>2</u> 109
NO POWER INERTIAL REEL	59 <u>8</u> 67	10 <u>1</u> 11	69 <u>9</u> 78
TOTAL	65 <u>9</u> 74	111 <u>2</u> 113	176 <u>11</u> 187
	NO INJURY INJURY TOTAL		
	NO INJURY INJURY TOTAL		
	NO INJURY INJURY TOTAL		

# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

## X<sup>2</sup> RESULTS

		NECK INJURIES	ALL INJURIES
SPREADER VS NO SPREADER	A-4 TOTAL	6.95*	8.85*
	A-4 NO PIR	0.10	0.80
	A-4 PIR	1.17	2.01
PIR VS NO PIR	A-4 TOTAL	6.08*	5.97*
	A-4 SPREADER	0.18	1.05
	A-4 NO SPREADER	0.54	0.0004

NULL HYPOTHESIS: SAMPLES ARE FROM SAME POPULATION

(\*) INDICATES REJECTION; ALL OTHERS ACCEPTED

PIR = POWER INERTIAL REEL

# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

## X<sup>2</sup> RESULTS

		<u>NECK INJURIES</u>	<u>ALL INJURIES</u>
SPREADER VS NO SPREADER	A-4 TOTAL A-4 NO PIR A-4 PIR	6.95* 0.10 1.17	8.86* 0.80 2.01
PIR VS NO PIR	A-4 TOTAL A-4 SPREADER A-4 NO SPREADER	6.08* 0.18 0.54	5.97* 1.05 0.0004
A-7 (NO SPREADER, NO PIR) VS A-4 (SPREADER, NO PIR)		2.21	0.0025
A-7 (NO SPREADER, NO PIR) VS A-4 (NO SPREADER, PIR)		12.86*	10.51*

NULL HYPOTHESIS: SAMPLES ARE FROM SAME POPULATION

(\*) INDICATES REJECTION; ALL OTHERS ACCEPTED

PIR = POWER INERTIAL REEL

# A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST

A-7 DATA (NECK INJURY ONLY)  
 (DATA SAME AS THAT USED FOR CORRELATION ANALYSIS)

	SPREADER GUN	NO SPREADER GUN
POWER INERTIAL REEL	-	-
NO INJURY	-	-
INJURY	-	-
TOTAL	-	-
NO POWER INERTIAL REEL	-	115
NO INJURY	-	21
INJURY	-	<u>136</u>
TOTAL	-	115 21 <u>136</u>

## **A-4 CONTINGENCY TEST**

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### **CONCLUSIONS:**

- (1) NO INFERENCE CAN BE DRAWN FROM A-4 DATA ALONE, I. E.:
  - (A) SPREADER GUN MAY BE CAUSING INJURIES
  - (B) PIR MAY BE PREVENTING INJURIES
- (2) A-7 DATA APPEARS TO BE FROM THE SAME POPULATION AS A-4 (WITH SPREADER BUT NO PIR). THE CONTINGENCY TEST INDICATES THAT THE SPREADER HAS NO EFFECT.
- (3) A-7 DATA APPEARS NOT TO BE FROM THE SAME POPULATION AS A-4 (WITH NO SPREADER, BUT WITH PIR). THE CONTINGENCY TEST INDICATES THAT THE PIR HAS AN EFFECT.
- (4) ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT THE SPREADER GUN IS NOT CAUSING INJURIES, BUT THE PIR IS PREVENTING GUN INJURIES.

## **VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS**

- GIVEN GEOMETRY AND YIELD STRESS OF VERTEBRAE AND CURRENT CATAPULT BOOST ACCELERATIONS, MOST CURRENT EJECTION ASSOCIATED VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES, WITH THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION OF THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THROUGH-THE-CANOOPY EJECTIONS, ARE BELIEVED TO RESULT FROM POOR VERTEBRAL ALIGNMENT.
  
- CAUSES SUGGESTED FOR VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT INCLUDE:
  - PERSONAL EQUIPMENT INFLUENCES
  - NONSTABLE EJECTION PLATFORM
  - INADEQUATE THIGH SUPPORT
  - POOR TORSO RESTRAINT
  - CATAPULT BOOST ACCELERATION VECTOR INDUCED FORWARD TORSO ROTATION
  - POOR SEAT BACK SUPPORT

AS WELL AS MANY OTHER CAUSES FOR UPPER TORSO MOVEMENT

# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS THROUGH--THE--CANOPY EJECTION

PRODUCES MULTIPHASIC ABRUPT CHANGES IN EJECTEE ACCELERATIONS AND RESULTING FORCES IMPOSED UPON VERTEBRAE:

- INITIAL BOOST PHASE
  - INITIAL BODY LOADING, BODY ELEMENTS SHIFT DOWNWARD
  - DUE TO BODY'S "MASS-SPRING-DAMPER SYSTEM" CHARACTERISTICS
  - BODY SEGMENT VELOCITIES ARE NONUNIFORM
  - BODY SEGMENT VELOCITIES LOWER THAN SEAT VELOCITY
- SEAT-CANOPY IMPACT PHASE
  - SEAT DECELERATES RAPIDLY
  - BODY SEGMENTS TEND TO CONTINUE AT UNCHANGING VELOCITY
- CANOPY YIELDING PHASE
  - SEAT MOVEMENT SMALL
    - SEAT VELOCITY DECREASING RAPIDLY
    - CATAPULT INTERNAL PRESSURES RISING RAPIDLY
  - BODY SHIFTS UPWARD WITHIN SEAT AND VELOCITIES DECREASE
    - REDUCES BUTTOCK AND VERTEBRAL LOADING
    - BODY LOADS SHOULDER HARNESS/SHOULDER GIRDLE
      - POSSIBLY REVERSING VERTEBRAL LOADING
    - HEAD CONTACTS CANOPY
      - POSSIBLY REVERSING VERTEBRAL LOADING
      - POSSIBLY INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT

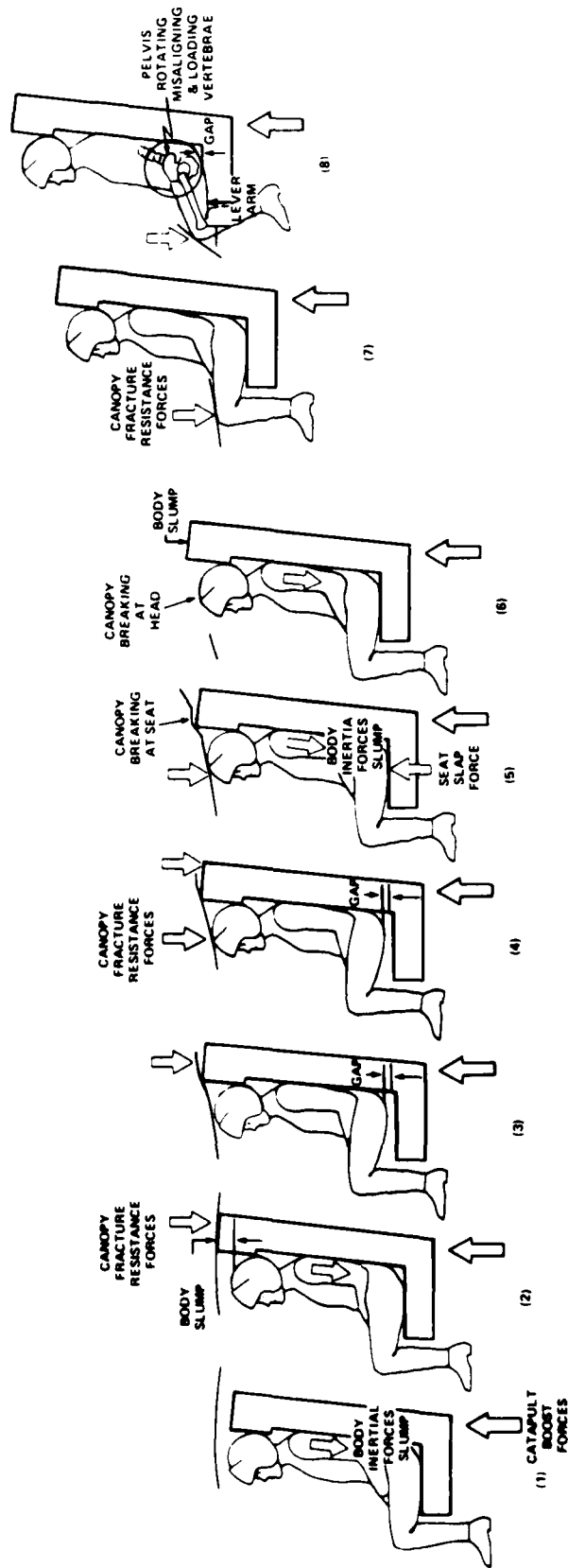
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# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

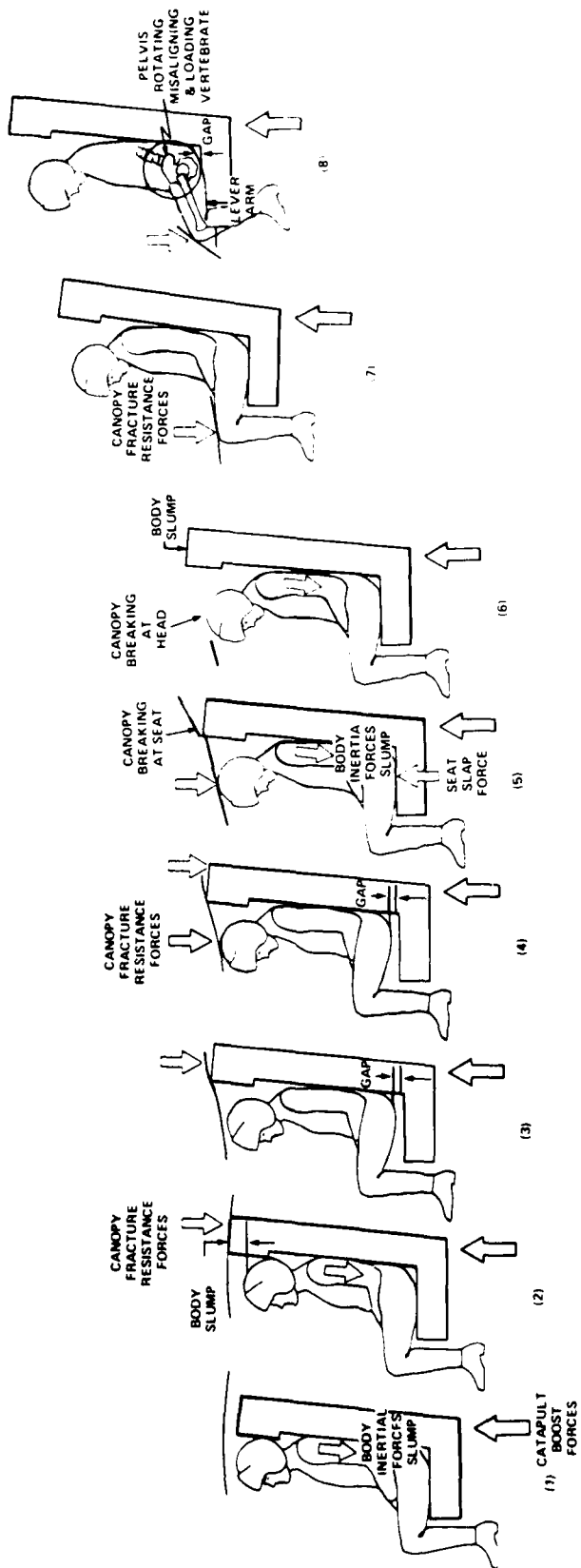
## THROUGH-THE-CANOPY EJECTION (CONT'D)

- CANOPY PENETRATION PHASE
  - SEAT ACCELERATES RAPIDLY DUE TO:
    - HIGHER CATAPULT INTERNAL PRESSURES
    - EFFECTIVE REDUCED EJECTED WEIGHT (TEMPORARY MAN-SEAT SEPARATION DURING CANOPY YIELDING PHASE)
  - SEAT MOVES UPWARD RELATIVE TO BODY
    - SEAT MOVEMENT MAY INDUCE "OVERSHOOT" ACCELERATION IN BODY
    - BODY MOVEMENT MAY BE TEMPORARILY RETARDED BY CANOPY CONTACT WITH HEAD
      - EXACERBATING VERTEBRAL LOADINGS
      - EXACERBATING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT
- SEAT CLEAR PHASE

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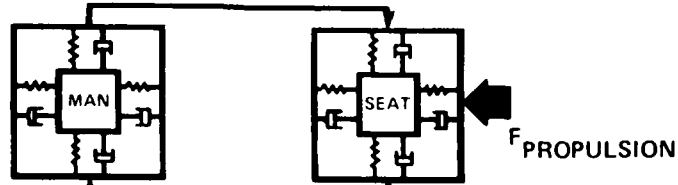


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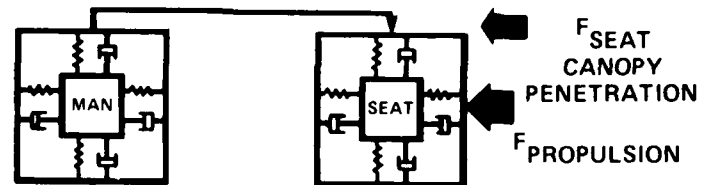


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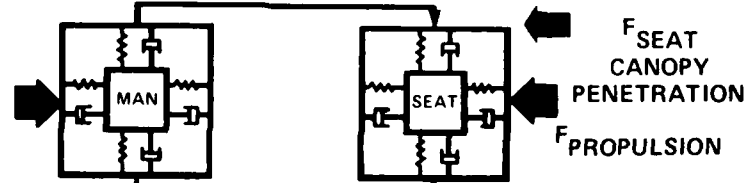
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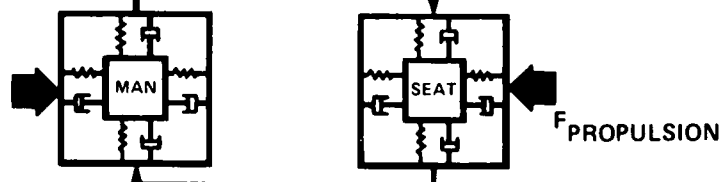
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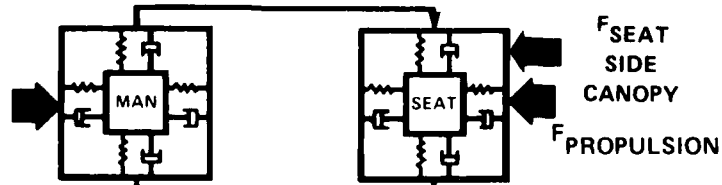
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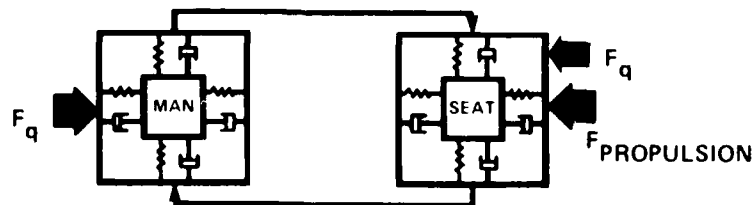
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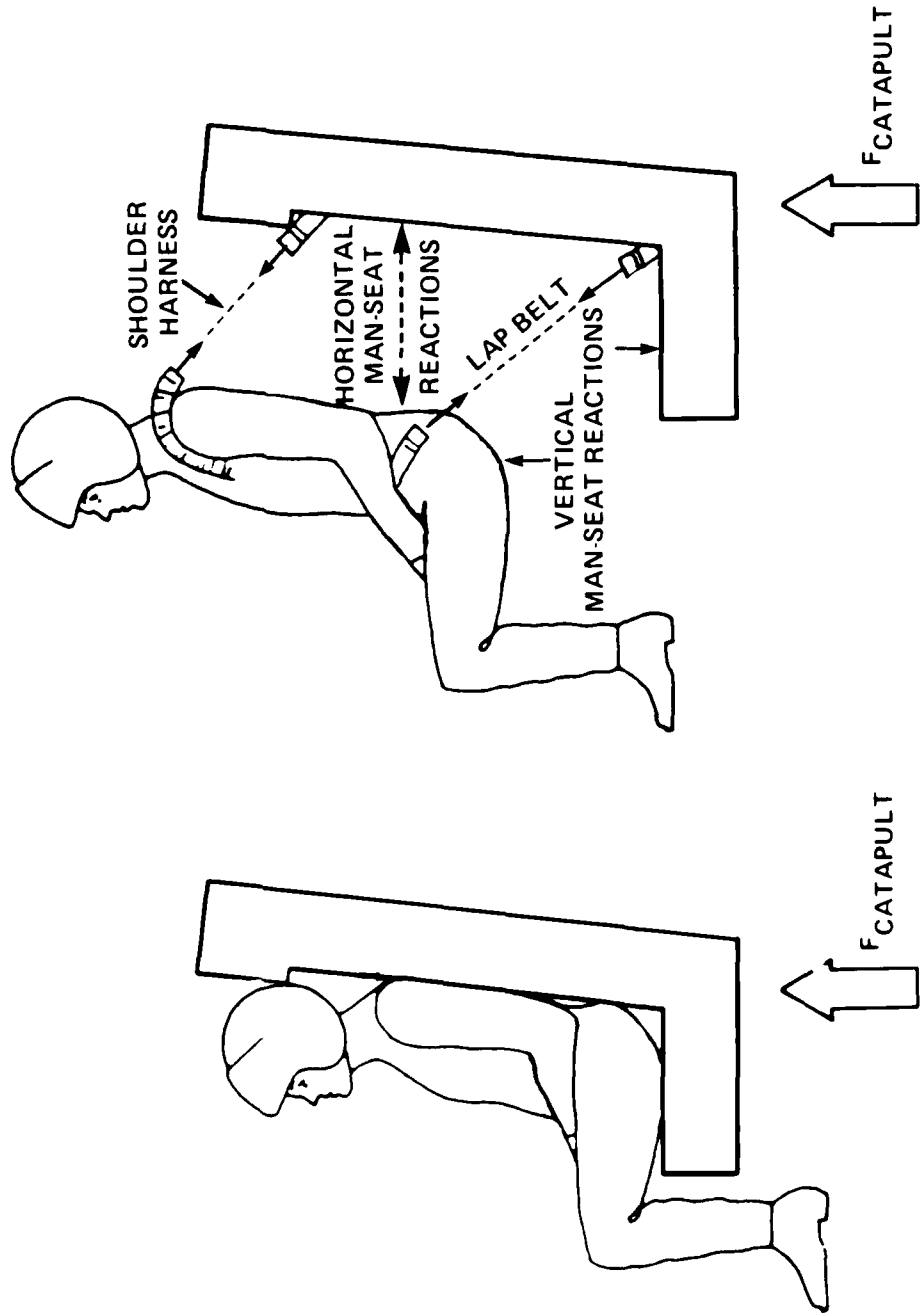


## UNGUIDED POWERED FLIGHT PHASE



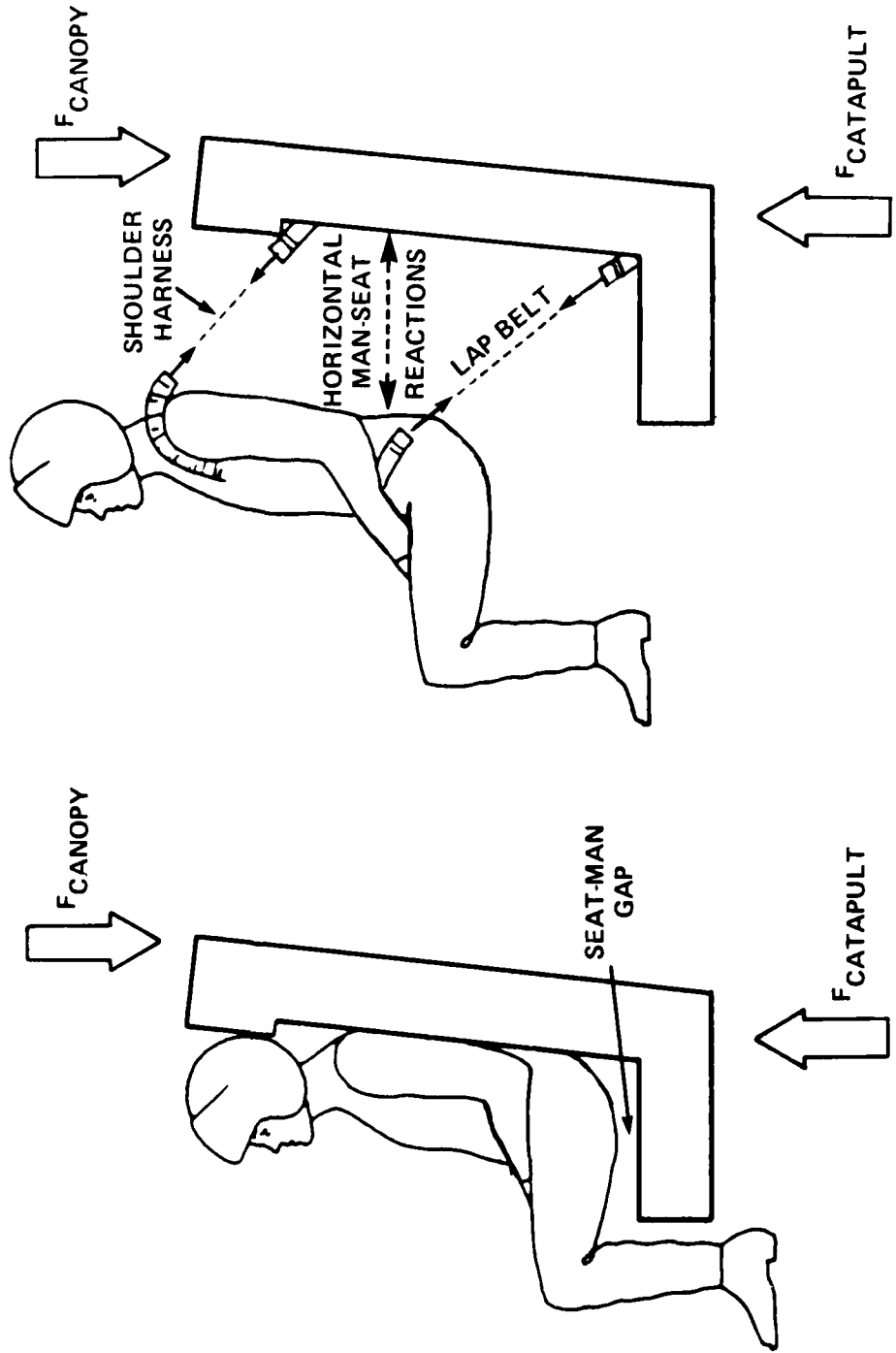
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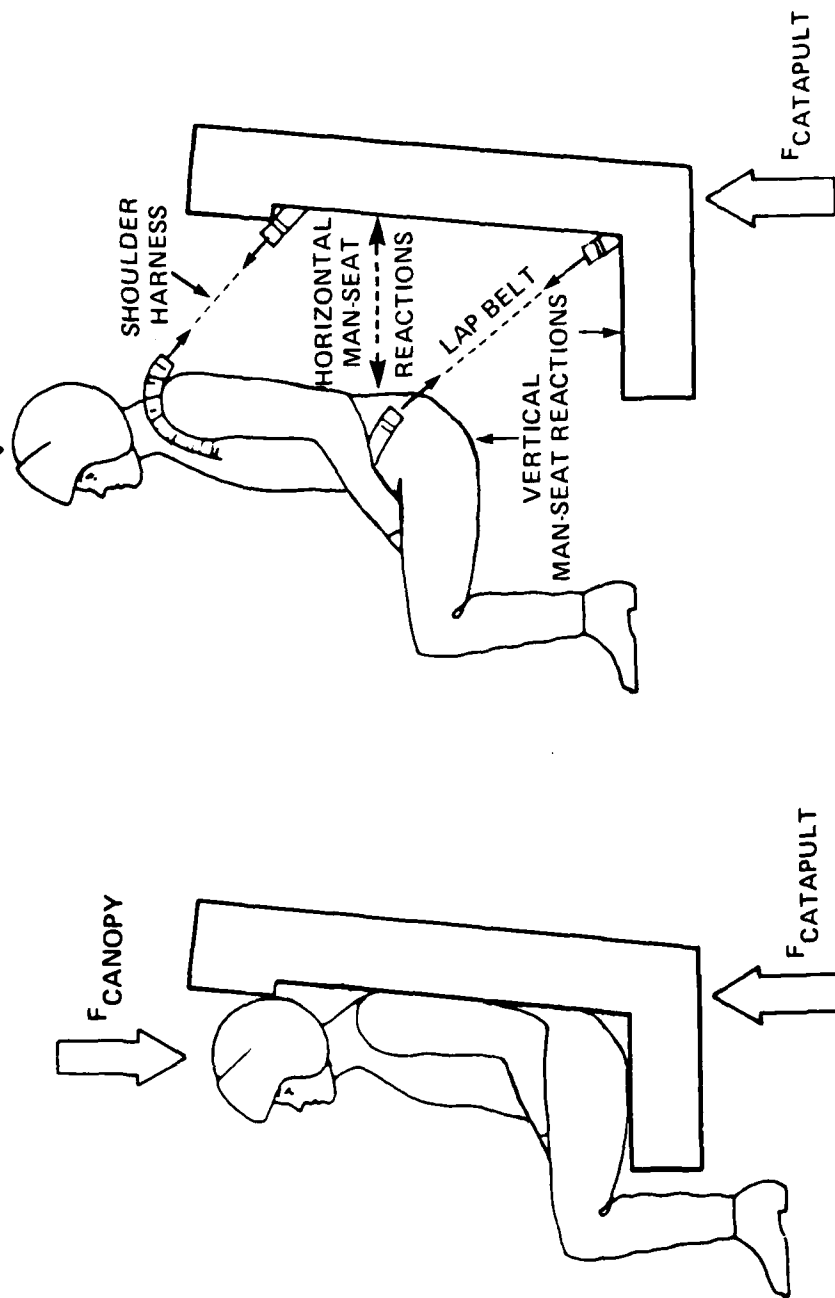
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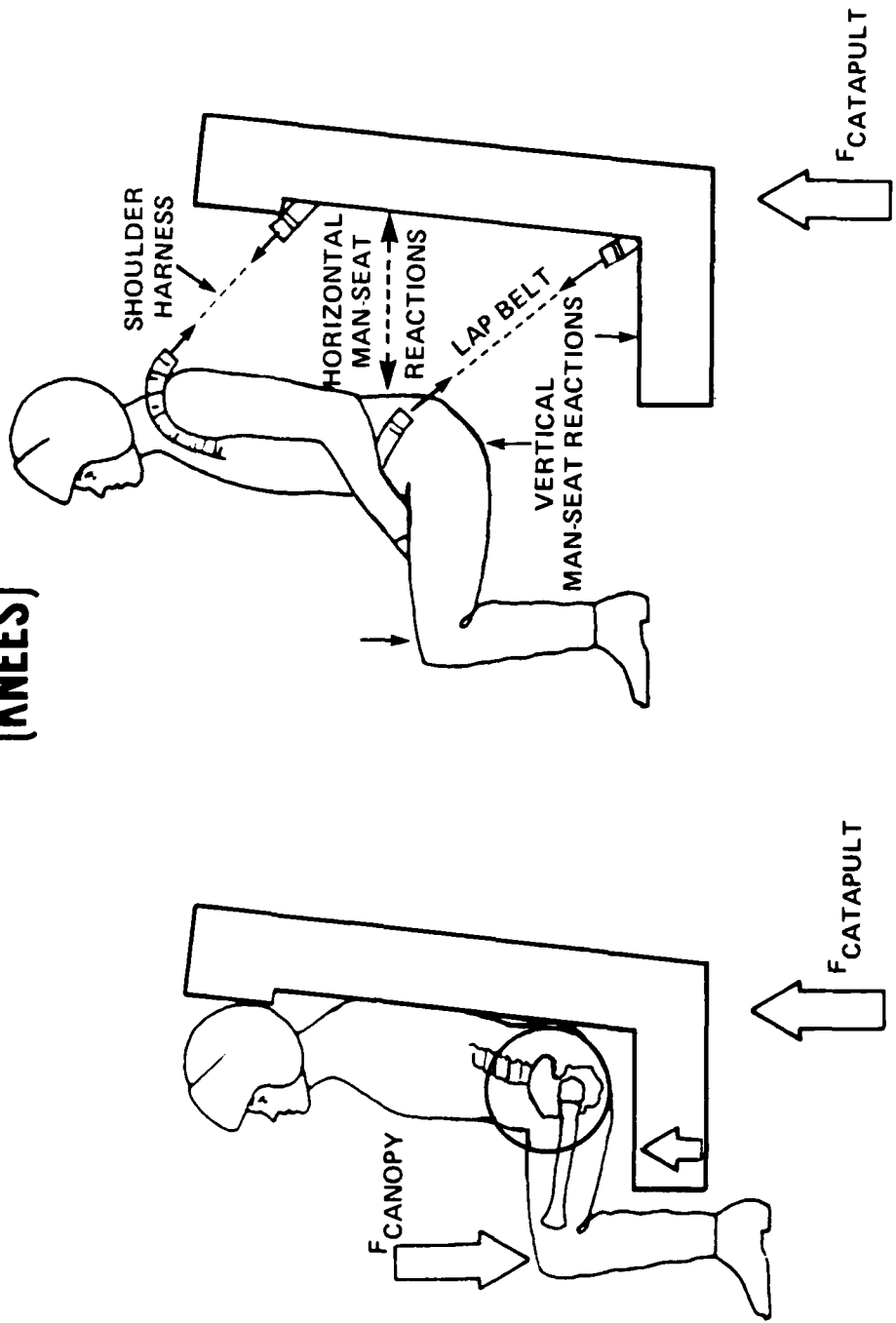
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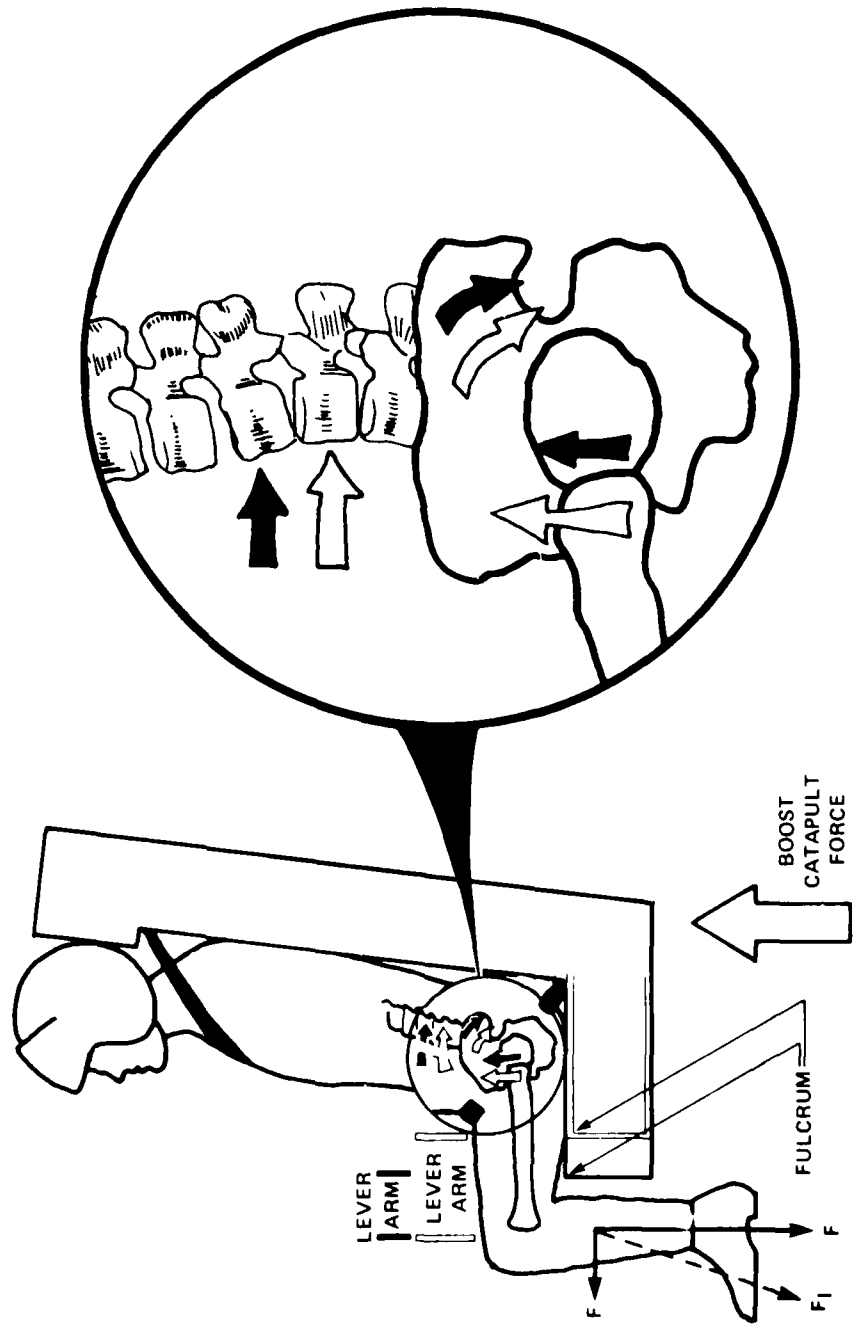
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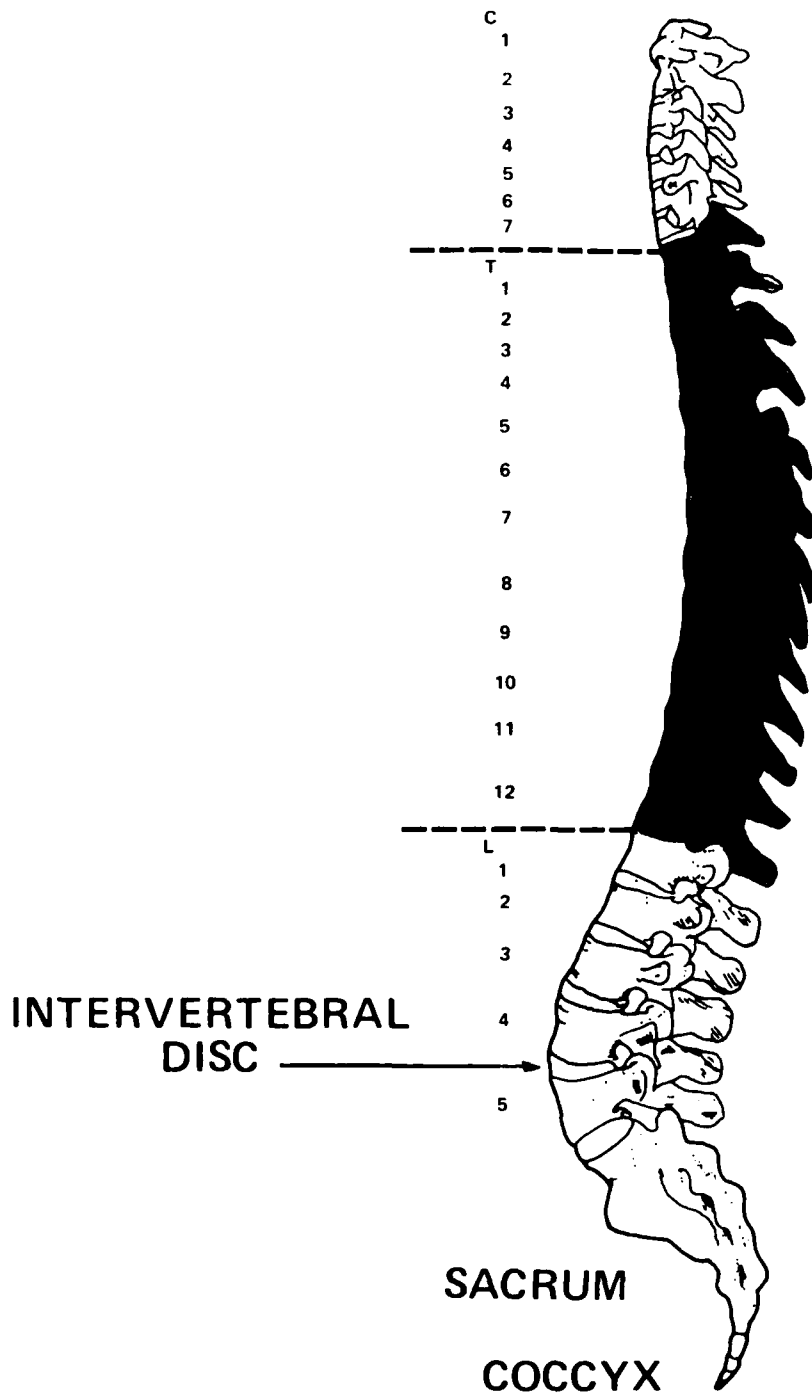


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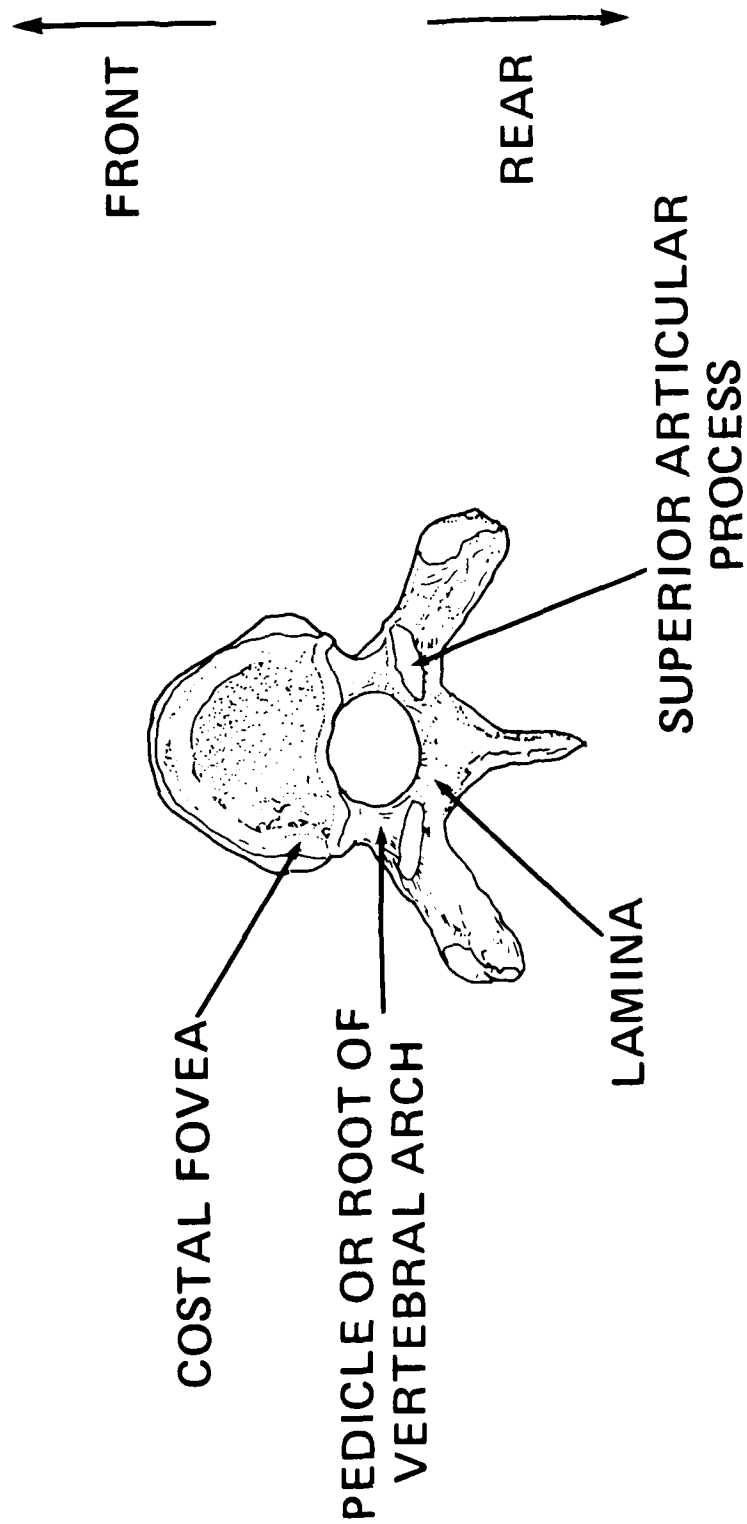
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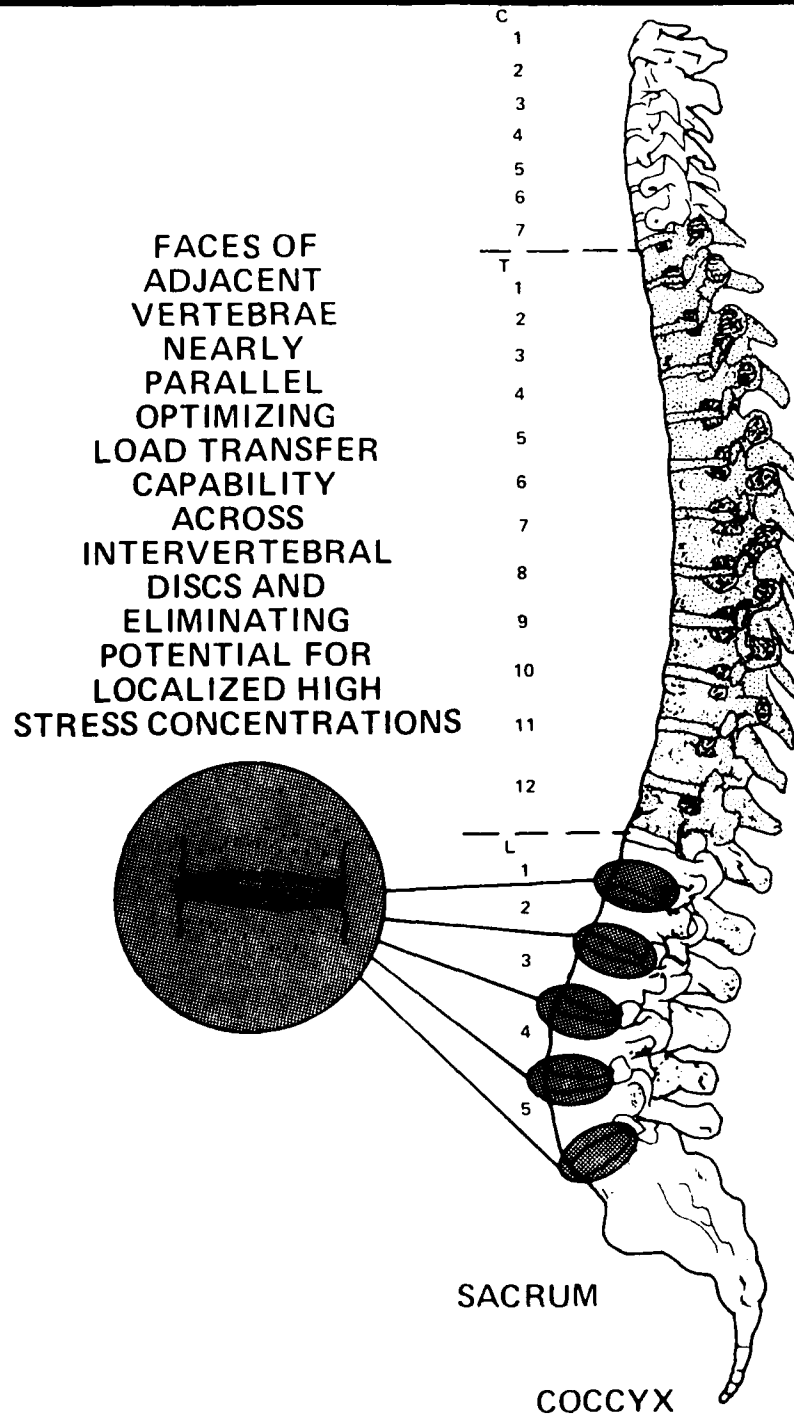
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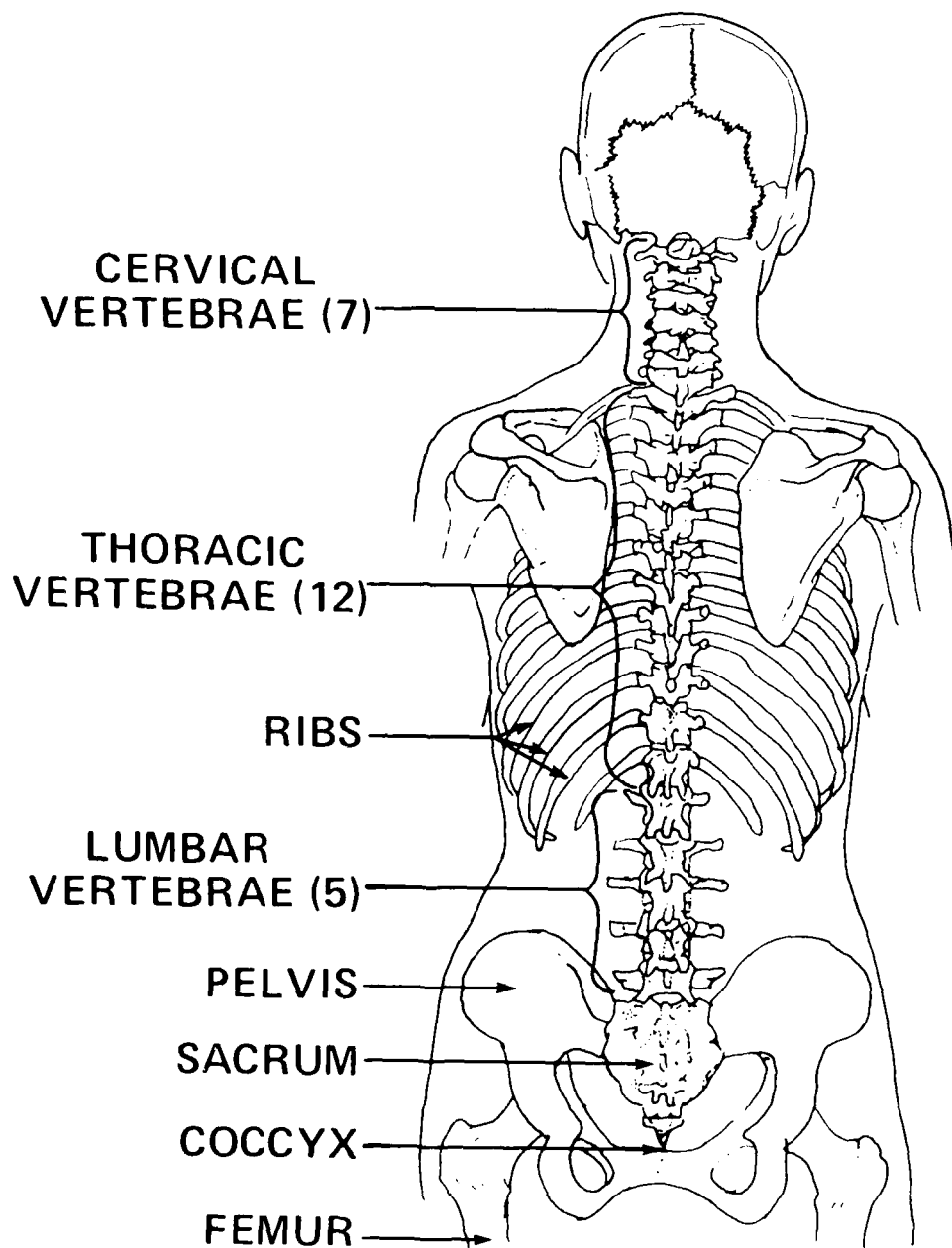


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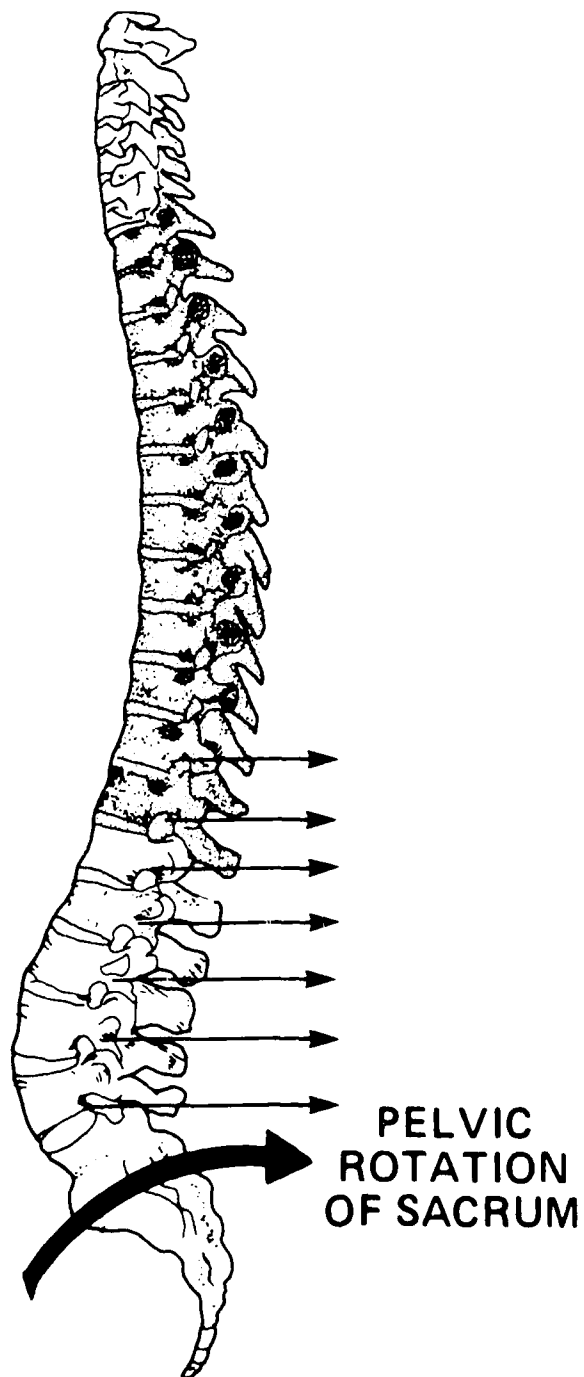


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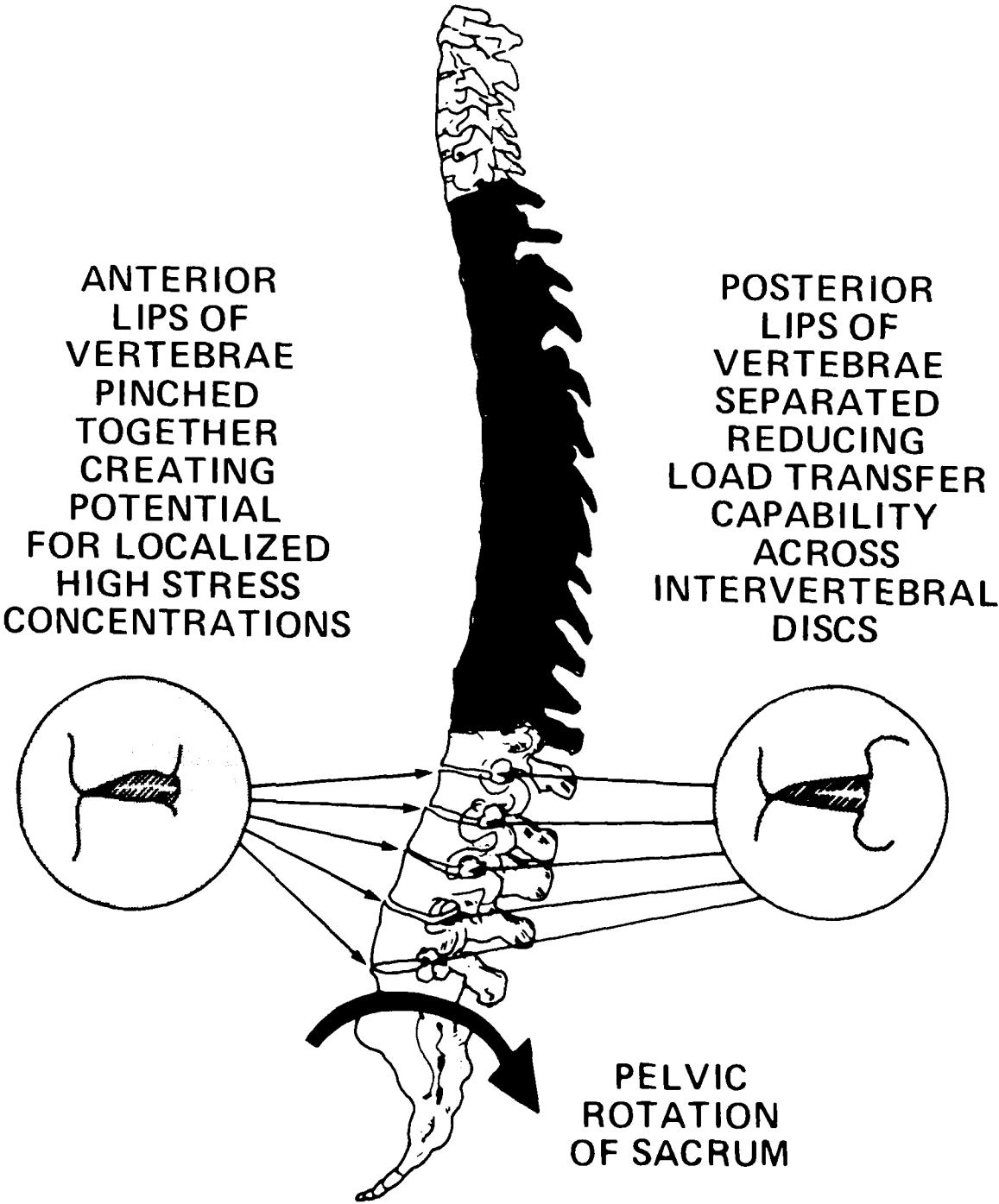




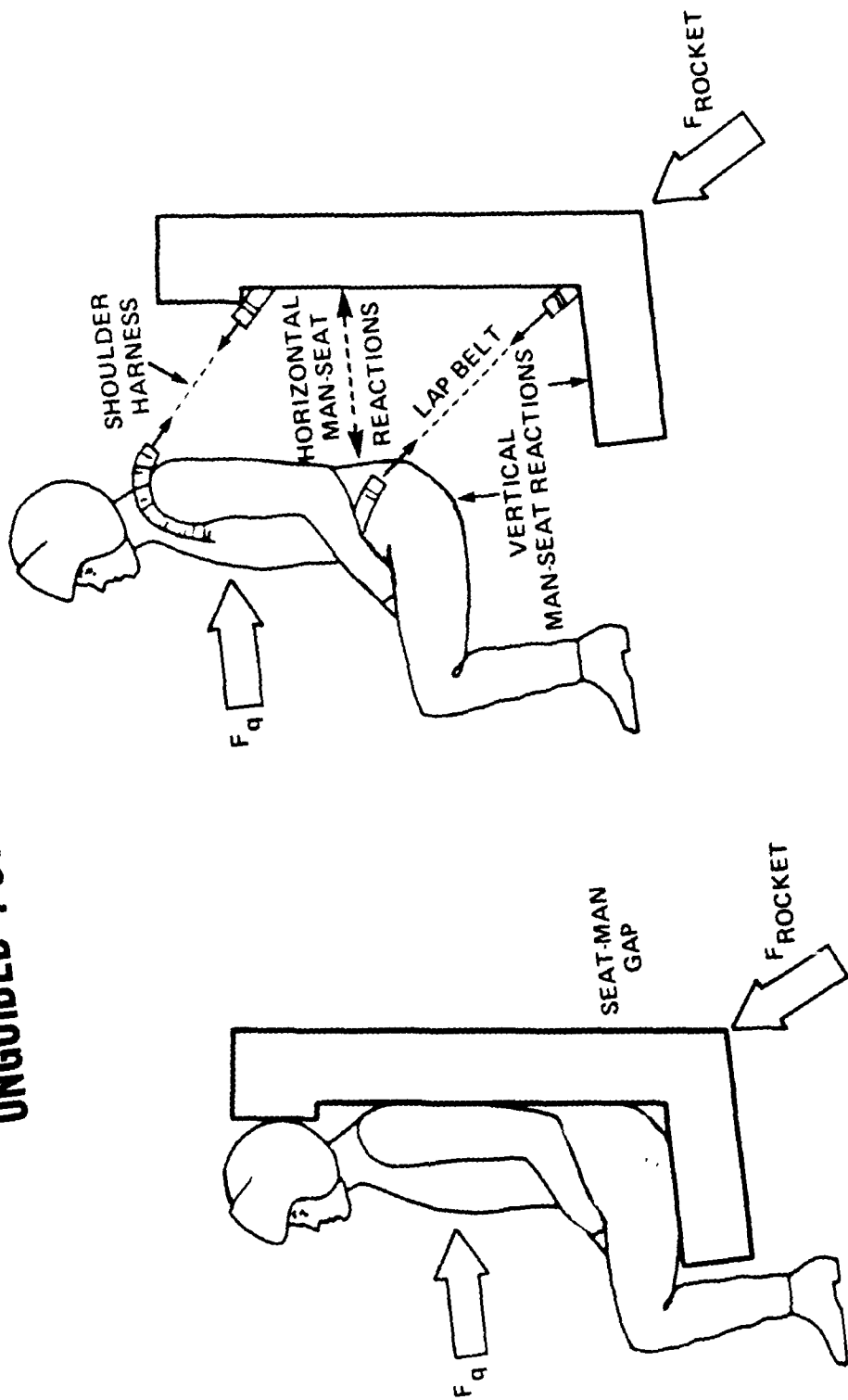
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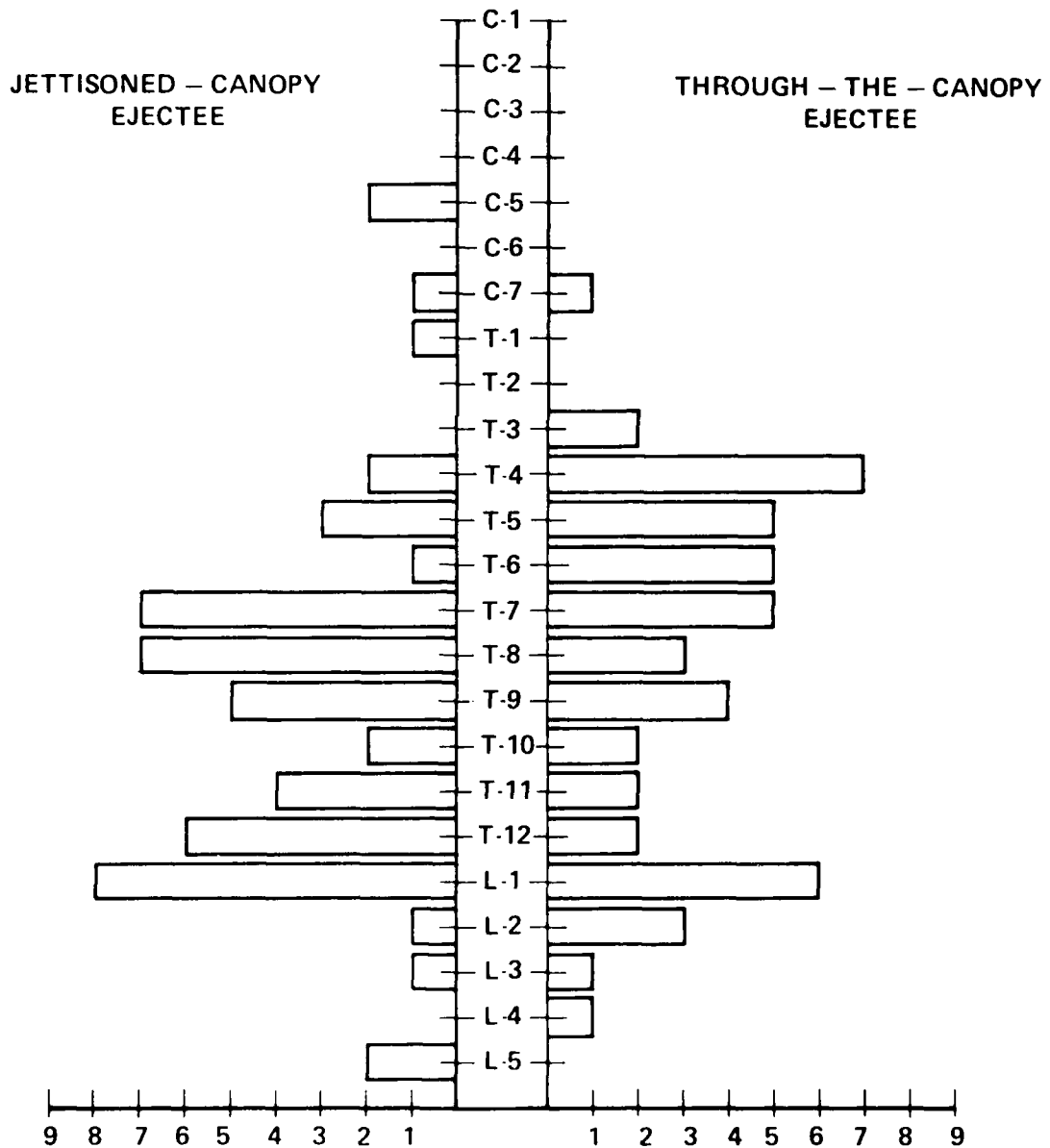


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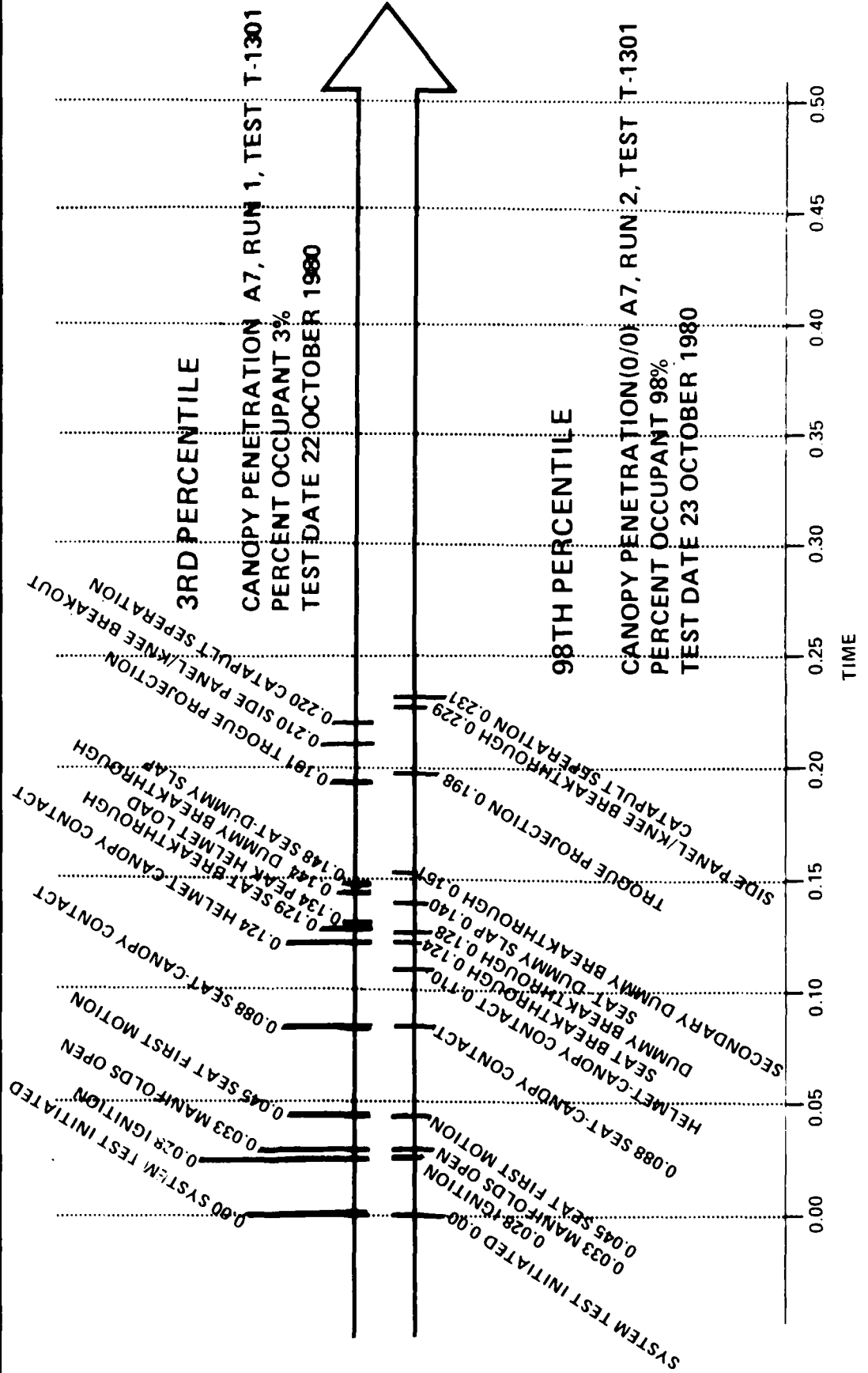


# NUMBERS OF COMPRESSIONS FRACTURES REPORTED

## COMPARISON OF COMPRESSION FRACTURE FREQUENCY AMONG VERTEBRAE FOR JETTISONED-CANOPY AND THROUGH-THE-CANOPY USN EJECTEES FOR PERIOD 1/1/69 THROUGH 12/1/79



# COMPARATIVE EVENT TIME LINES 3RD PERCENTILE VS. 98TH PERCENTILE A A-7/SIIS-3ER







# **VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS**

## **PERSONAL EQUIPMENT INFLUENCES**

- **TYPES OF INFLUENCES**

- **DISTRIBUTION OF WEIGHT**

- **INCREASE LOAD SUPPORTED BY VERTEBRAL COLUMN**
    - **MOVE EFFECTIVE C.G. FORWARD – INCREASING TENDENCY FOR VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT**

- **PLACEMENT OF STRAPS, ATTACHMENTS, PHYSICAL BULK**

- **PRODUCE LOCALIZED, VARIABLE FROM PERSON-TO-PERSON VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT**

# **VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS**

## **NON-STABLE EJECTION PLATFORM**

- **CAUSES BUTTOCK AND LOWER  
TORSO MOVEMENT UNDER  
CATAPULT BOOST ACCELERATION  
FORCES RESULTING IN  
VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT.**

# **VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS**

## **INADEQUATE THIGH SUPPORT**

- ACCELERATION FORCE OF LOWER LEG PULLS THIGH DOWN AGAINST FORWARD EDGE OF THIGH SUPPORT STRUCTURE
  - ROTATES PELVIS
    - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT
  - CAUSES "SUBMARINING" OF LOWER TORSO UNDER LOWER RESTRAINTS (LAPBELT)
    - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT

# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

## POOR TORSO RESTRAINT

- BODY SLUMP DURING CATAPULT BOOST PHASE ACCOMPANIED BY FORWARD MOTION OF TORSO WITHIN RESTRAINTS
  - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT
  - MAY BE EXACERBATED BY FIRING CONTROL REACH/ACTUATION PROBLEMS INDUCING EJECTEE TO MOVE UPPER TORSO FORWARD AND DOWN.
  - ALSO MAY BE EXACERBATED BY DIVERGENCY BETWEEN CATAPULT/RAIL BOOST ANGLE AND SEAT BACK ANGLE.
- BODY "SUBMARINES" UNDER LOWER RESTRAINTS (LAPBELT)
  - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT

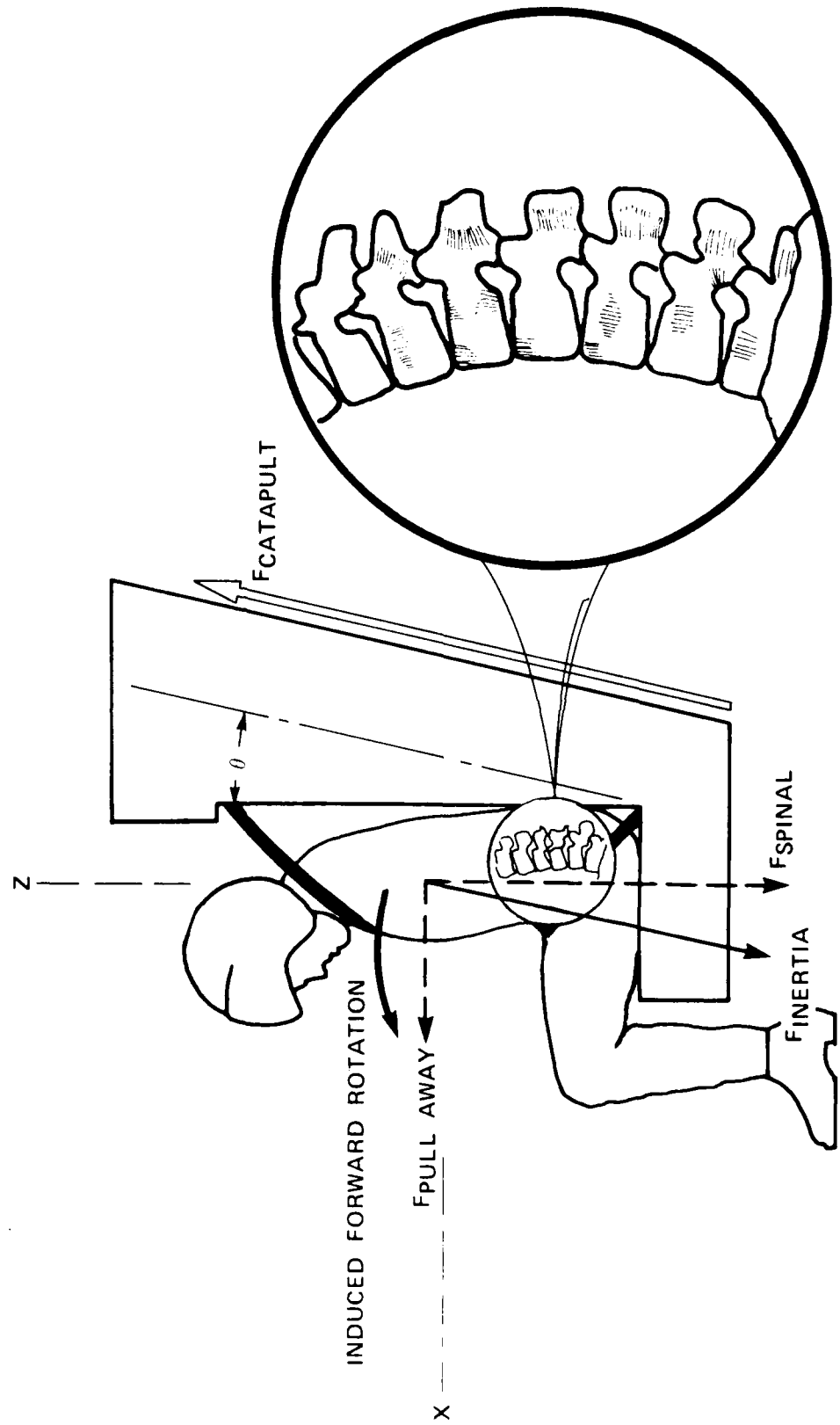
# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

## CATAPULT BOOST ACCELERATION VECTOR INDUCED FORWARD TORSO ROTATION

- DIVERGENCY BETWEEN CATAPULT/RAIL BOOST ANGLE AND SEAT BACK ANGLE CAUSES SEAT TO PULL AWAY FROM EJECTEE'S BACK
  - EJECTEE TORSO ROTATES ABOUT LOWER RESTRAINTS (LAPBELT) INTO SHOULDER HARNESS
    - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT
  - LOWER TORSO "SUBMARINES" UNDER LOWER RESTRAINTS (LAPBELT)
    - INDUCING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT

# VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE MECHANISMS

## CATAPULT BOOST ACCELERATION VECTOR INDUCED FORWARD TORSO ROTATION



# **VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES MECHANISMS**

## **POOR SEAT BACK SUPPORT**

- **PRODUCES AREAS OF NON-SUPPORT  
CAUSING VERTEBRAL MISALIGNMENT  
DURING CATAPULT BOOST  
ACCELERATION.**

## **GENERATION OF HEAD LOADS DURING THROUGH-THE-CANOOPY EJECTION**

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- **REQUIRES HELMET CONTACT WITH CANOPY SEGMENT  
RESISTING PENETRATION**
  - **HELMET STRIKES CANOPY BEFORE SEAT DOES**
  - **HELMET STRIKES CANOPY WHEN SEAT DOES**
  - **SEAT STRIKES CANOPY AND STOPS. BODY INERTIAL  
FORCES AND RESTRAINT SUBSYSTEM SLACK PERMIT  
BODY TO RISE UNTIL HELMET STRIKES CANOPY**
  - **HELMET STRIKES CANOPY AFTER SEAT PENETRATES  
CANOPY**

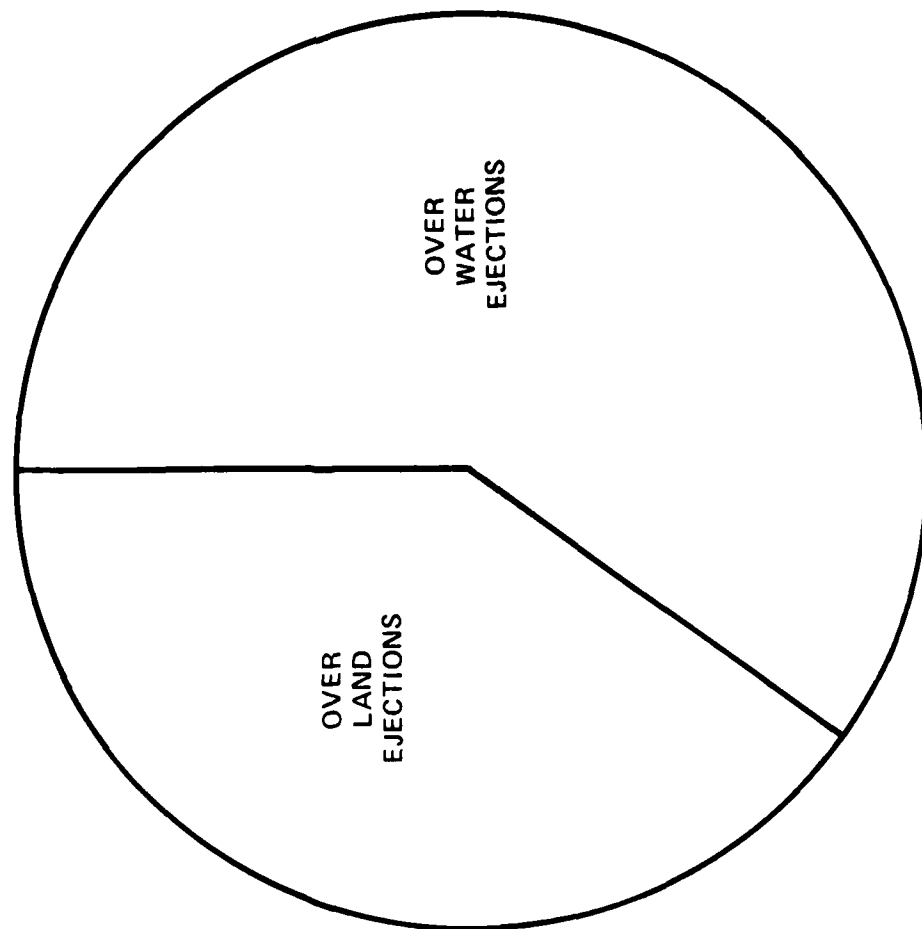
## **DEFICIENCIES IN HEAD LOAD DATA MEASUREMENTS**

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- **NONREPRESENTATIVE COMPRESSION OF DUMMY UNDER ACCELERATION**
- **NONREPRESENTATIVE RESTRAINT SYSTEM CONSTRAINT OF DUMMY UNDER DECELERATION**
- **GEOMETRIC MISALIGNMENTS BETWEEN HELMET-CANOPY FORCE AND TRANSDUCER:**
  - **CONTACT FORCE VECTOR VS TRANSDUCER AXIS**
  - **CONTACT POINT OFFSET FROM TRANSDUCER**
  - **HELMET SHIFT DURING CANOPY CONTACT**

# OVERWATER SURVIVABILITY

# EFFECTS OF LANDING TERRAIN UPON TYPES AND FREQUENCY OF INJURIES

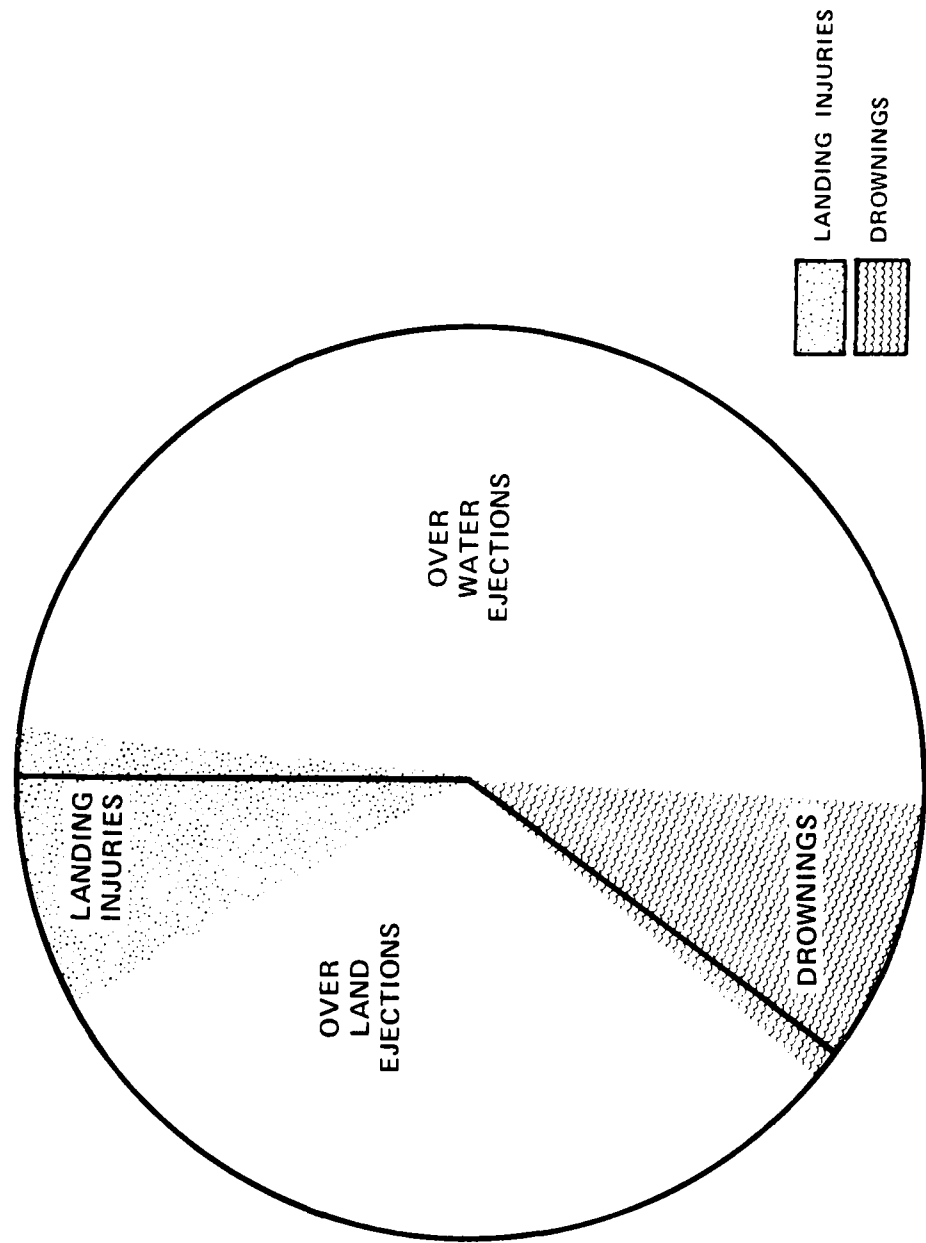


## HYPOTHETICAL POPULATION

OVER LAND	40
OVER WATER	60
TOTAL	100

TYPES OF TERRAIN

# EFFECTS OF LANDING TERRAIN UPON TYPES AND FREQUENCY OF INJURIES



# EFFECTS OF LANDING TERRAIN UPON FREQUENCY OF LANDING INJURIES

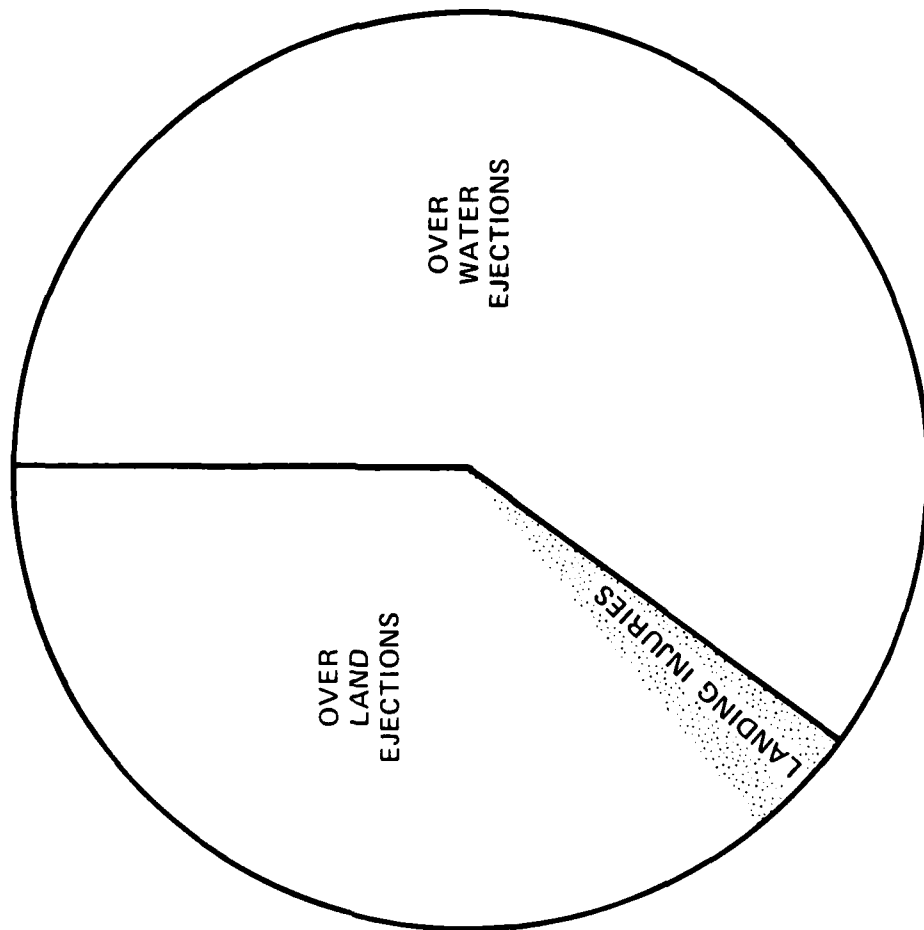
## HYPOTHETICAL POPULATION

OVER LAND	40
OVER WATER	60
TOTAL	100

LANDING INJURIES 4  
(ALL OVER LAND)

## LANDING INJURY RATES:

- $\frac{\text{LAND. INJ.}}{\text{TOTAL}} = 4\%$
- $\frac{\text{LAND. INJ.}}{\text{OVER LAND}} = 10\%$



 LANDING INJURIES

NOTE: VERY FEW LANDING INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH WATER LANDINGS. THUS LANDING INJURY RATE AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EJECTIONS MASKS CRITICAL RATE BY INCLUDING LOW RISK OF LANDING INJURY OVER WATER POPULATION. SHOULD PERCENTAGE EJECTING OVER LAND CHANGE, A CORRESPONDING INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE TOTAL EJECTEE PERCENTAGE WOULD OCCUR UNLESS THE HIGH RISK OVER LAND INJURY RATE WERE TO CHANGE.

# EFFECTS OF LANDING TERRAIN UPON FREQUENCY OF DROWNING

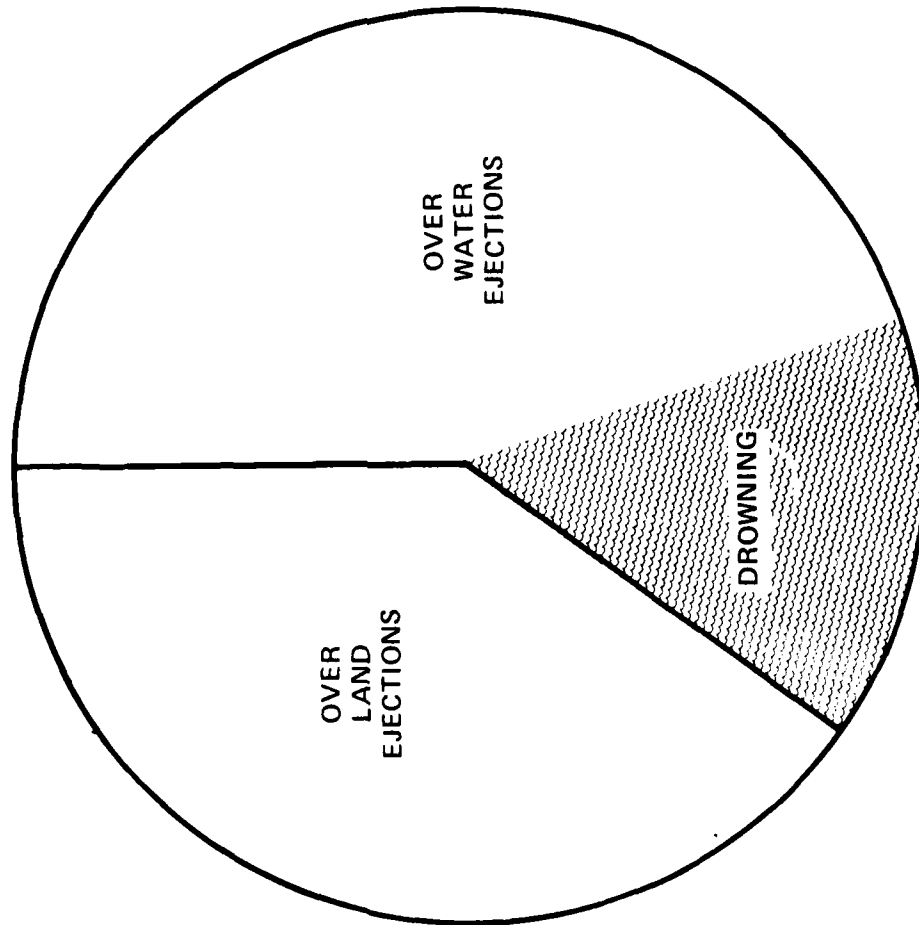
## HYPOTHETICAL POPULATION

OVER LAND	40
OVER WATER	60
TOTAL	100

DROWNINGS  
(ALL OVER WATER) 15

### DROWNING RATES:

- $\frac{\text{DROWNING}}{\text{TOTAL}} = 15\%$
- $\frac{\text{DROWNING}}{\text{OVER WATER}} = 25\%$



NOTE: VERY FEW DROWNINGS, ALTHOUGH A FEW, OCCUR OVER LAND. THUS THE LOW RISK OF DROWNING POPULATION EJECTING OVER LAND CAN OBSCURE A CRITICAL RATE PREVENTING RECOGNITION OF A PROBLEM. IF PERCENT EJECTING OVER WATER WERE TO CHANGE THEN, WITHOUT A CHANGE IN DROWNINGS AMONG OVER WATER EJECTEE RATE, THE RATE AMONG TOTAL EJECTEES WOULD CLIMB.

1/1/69 - 12/31/78

# ESCAPAC DROWNINGS AMONG ALL EJECTIONS

A-4

IA-1  
0  
0%

DATES: 69-78

IC-3  
1  
1%

DATES: 69-77

IF-3  
1  
5%

DATES: 72-77

IG-3  
2  
6%

DATES: 74-78

A-7

IC-2  
3  
2%

DATES: 69-76

IG-2  
3  
9%

DATES: 75-78

S-3

IE-1  
0  
0%

DATES: 73-78

1/1/69 - 12/31/78

## ESCAPAC OVER LAND EJECTIONS

A-4

**IA-1**  
53  
60%

**DATES: 69-78**

**IC-3**  
93  
72%

**DATES: 69-77**

**IF-3**  
8  
40%

**DATES: 72-77**

**IG-3**  
25  
71%

**DATES: 74-78**

A-7

**IC-2**  
73  
46%

**DATES: 69-76**

**IG-2**  
14  
41%

**DATES: 75-78**

S-3

**IE-1**  
3  
60%

**DATES: 73-78**

1/1/69 - 12/31/78

## ESCAPAC OVER WATER EJECTIONS

A-4

IA-1

35

40%

DATES: 69-78

IC-3

36

28%

DATES: 69-77

IF-3

12

60%

DATES: 72-77

IG-3

10

29%

DATES: 74-78

A-7

IC-2

86

54%

DATES: 69-76

IG-2

20

59%

DATES: 75-78

S-3

IE-1

2

40%

DATES: 73-78

1/1/69 - 12/31/78

# ESCAPAC DROWNINGS OVER WATER

A-4

IA-1  
0  
0%

DATES: 69-78

IC-3  
1  
3%

DATES: 69-77

IF-3  
1  
8%

DATES: 72-77

IG-3  
2  
20%

DATES: 74-78

A-7

IC-2  
3  
3%

DATES: 69-76

IG-2  
3  
15%

DATES: 75-78

S-3

IE-1  
0  
0%

DATES: 73-78

**DROWNINGS AND LOST(WATER) AMONG OVERWATER,  
WITHIN ENVELOPE TYPE 1 AND 5 EJECTEES  
(ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
AND INADVERTENT EJECTIONS)**

**1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979**

SEAT TYPE	WITHIN ENVELOPE, OVERWATER EJECTION DATA		
	TOTAL EJECTIONS	COMBINED LOST (WATER) AND DROWNING	COMBINED RATE LOST (WATER) AND DROWNING
TYPE H-9	1	0	0%
MK A5	1	0	0%
MK F5	4	1	25.0%
MK GRU5	39	1	2.6%
MK H5	4	1	25.0%
MK5 SERIES	48	3	6.3%
MK A7	1	0	0%
MK F7	41	0	0%
MK GRUEA 7	13	1	7.7%
MK GRU 7	15	3	20.0%
MK GRU 7A	44	2	4.5%
MK H7	204	13	6.4%
MK7 SERIES	318	19	6.0%
ESCAPAC I	2	0	0%
ESCAPAC IA-1	30	1	3.3%
ESCAPAC IC-2	78	4	5.1%
ESCAPAC IC-3	32	3	9.4%
ESCAPAC I, IA-1, IC-2, IC-3	142	8	5.6%
ESCAPAC IF-3	11	1	9.1%
ESCAPAC IG-2	22	4	18.2%
ESCAPAC IG-3	6	1	16.7%
ESCAPAC IF-3, IG-2, IG-3	39	6	15.4%
LS-I/LS-IA	9	0	0%
HS-I	8	0	0%
HS-IA	8	0	0%
LW-3B	4	1	25.0%

**DROWNINGS AMONG TYPE 1 AND 5 OVERWATER EJECTEES  
(ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
AND INADVERTENT EJECTIONS)**

**1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979**

	<u>IN ENVELOPE</u>	<u>OUT OF ENVELOPE</u>
MK GRU5	0	2
MK H7	3	0
MK GRU7	1	0
MK GRU7A	1	1
LW-3B	1	0
ESCAPAC 1C-2	2	1
ESCAPAC 1C-3	1	0
ESCAPAC 1F-3	1	0
ESCAPAC 1G-2	3	0
ESCAPAC 1G-3	0	1

DISTRIBUTION OF TYPE 1 AND 5 EJECTION SEATS  
EJECTION SEATS

(ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF A)

1 JANUARY

TYPE EJECTION SEAT	TOTAL EJECTIONS	TOTAL DROWNINGS	TOTAL LOST-WATER	WITHIN ENVELOPE			
				OVERWATER EJECTIONS	DROWNINGS	DROWNINGS %	LOST-WATER
TYPE H 9	8			1		0%	0
MK A5	19		1	1		0%	0
MK F5	17		2	4		0%	1
MK GRUEA5	5			0			0
MK GRU5	84	2	3	39	0	0%	1
MK H5	14		1	4		0%	1
MK L5	6			0			
MK Z5	7			0			
MK A7	8			1		0%	0
MK F7	88		2	41		0%	0
MK GRUEA7	17		2	13		0%	1
MK GRU7	38	1	5	15	1	6.7%	2
MKGRU7A	67	2	2	44	1	2.3%	1
MK H7	348	3	22	204	3	1.5%	10
ESCAPAC I	7			2		0%	0
ESCAPAC IA-1	89		1	30		0%	1
ESCAPAC IC-2	158	3	5	78	2	2.6%	2
ESCAPAC IC-3	124	1	4	32	1	3.1%	2
ESCAPAC IE-1	8		2	2			0
ESCAPAC IF-3	19	1		11	1	9.1%	0
ESCAPAC IG-2	41	3	3	22	3	13.8%	1
ESCAPAC IG-3	43	1	1	6	0	0%	1
LS4/LS1A	57		1	9		0%	0
HS1	25		3	8		0%	0
HS1A	9			8		0%	0
LW 3B	21	1		4	1	25.0%	0
SIIS 3AV8	7			2		0%	0
NAMC II CATAPULT	1			0			
F 5E	1			0			
ESCAPAC IG-4	1			0			

NUMBER OF TYPE 1 AND 5 EJECTIONS, DROWNINGS AND LOST WATER BY SEAT TYPE AND EJECTION ENVELOPE

(ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT AND INADVERTENT EJECTIONS)

1 JANUARY 1969 - 31 DECEMBER 1979

SEAT TYPE	WITHIN ENVELOPE			OUT OF ENVELOPE					
	DROWNINGS %	LOST WATER	LOST WATER %	OVERWATER EJECTIONS	DROWNINGS	DROWNINGS %	LOST WATER	LOST WATER %	OVERWATER EJECTIONS
	0%	0	0%	0			0		0
	0%	0	0%	1			1	100%	0
	0%	1	25%	1			1	100%	0
		0		0			0		0
	0%	1	2.6%	1	2	28.6%	2	28.6%	1
	0%	1	25%	0			0		0
				0			0		0
				0			0		0
	0%	0	0%	0			0		0
	0%	0	0%	2			2	100%	1
	0%	1	7.7%	1			1	100%	0
	6.7%	2	13.3%	3	0		3	100%	0
	2.3%	1	2.3%	2	1	50%	1	50%	0
	1.5%	10	4.9%	8	0		6	75%	6
	0%	0	0%	0			0		0
	0%	1	3.3%	4		0%	0	0%	0
	2.6%	2	2.6%	5	1	20%	3	60%	1
	3.1%	2	6.3%	2	0		2	100%	0
		0	0%	0			2	100%	0
	9.1%	0	0%	0	0	0	0		0
	13.6%	1	4.5%	1	0	0	1	100%	1
	0%	1	16.7%	2	1	100%	0	0%	0
	0%	0	0%	1			1	100%	0
	0%	0	0%	3			3	100%	0
	0%	0	0%	1		0%	0	0%	0
	25.0%	0	0%	1	0	0	0	0%	0
	0%	0	0%	0					0
				0					0
				0					0
				0					0

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		POSSIBLY OUT OF ENVELOPE			
WATER	LOST WATER %	OVERWATER EJECTIONS	DROWNINGS %	LOST WATER	LOST WATER %
		0		0	
	100%	0		0	
	100%	0		0	
		0		0	
	28.6%	1	0%	0	0%
		0		0	
		0		0	
		0		0	
		0		0	
	100%	1	0%	0	0%
	100%	0		0	
	100%	0		0	
	50%	0		0	
	75%	6		6	100%
		0		0	
	0%	0		0	
	60%	1	0%	0	0%
	100%	0		0	
	100%	0		0	
		0		0	
	100%	1		1	100%
	0%	0		0	
	100%	0		0	
	100%	0		0	
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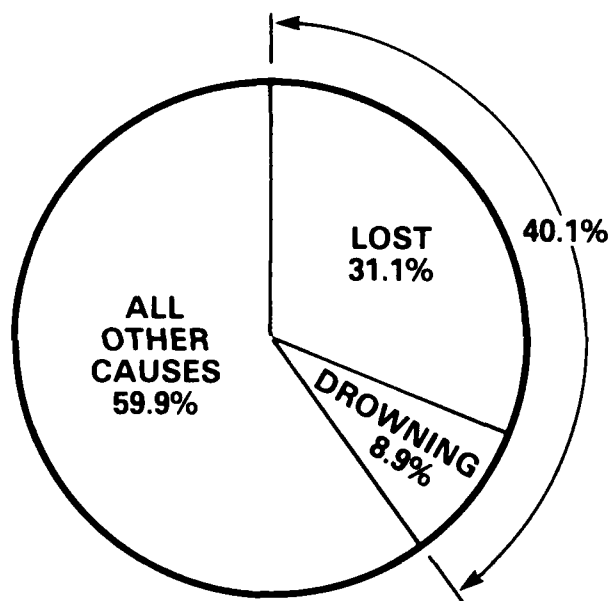
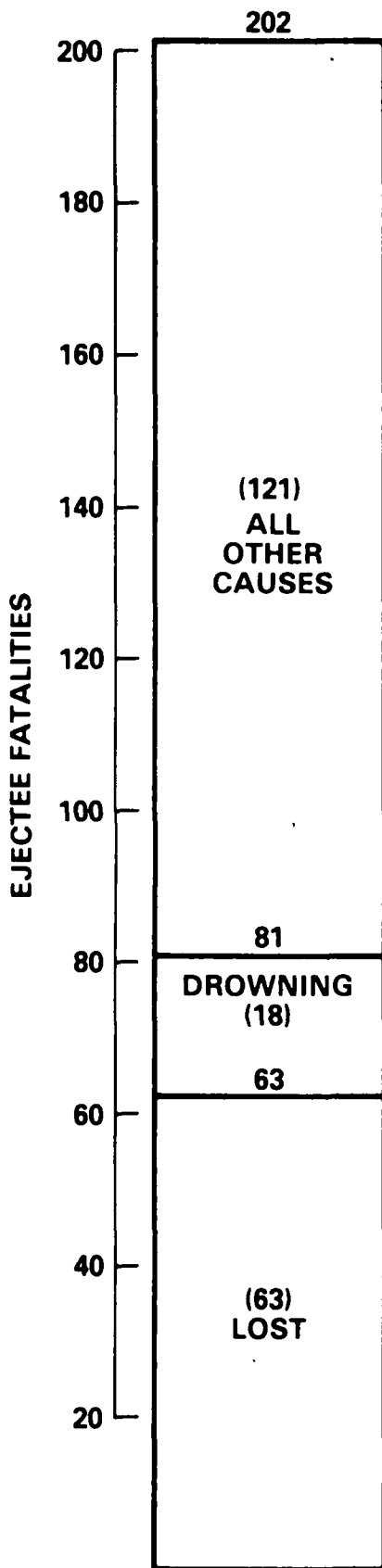
**OVERWATER EJECTIONS ACCOMPLISHED CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT  
(INCLUDING INADVERTENT) -DROWNINGS AND LOST AT SEA FATALITIES-  
(1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979)**

MONTH	OVERWATER		CUM % OVERWAT.	DROWNING		CUM % DROWN	LOST @ SEA		CUM % LOST	LOST @ SEA & DROWNING		CUM % LOST & DROWN
	MONTH	CUM		MONTH	CUM		MONTH	CUM		MONTH	CUM	
OCT	46	46	7.3	1	1	5.6	5	5	7.9	6	6	7.4
NOV	50	96	15.1	3	4	22.2	4	9	14.3	7	13	16.0
DEC	44	140	22.0	4	8	44.4	6	15	23.8	10	23	28.4
JAN	53	193	30.3	0	8	44.4	6	21	33.3	6	29	35.8
FEB	61	254	39.9	3	11	61.1	7	28	44.4	10	39	48.1
MAR	51	305	48.0	1	12	66.7	6	34	54.0	7	46	56.8
APR	45	350	55.0	1	13	72.2	6	40	63.5	7	53	65.4
MAY	69	419	65.9	0	13	72.2	5	45	71.4	5	58	71.6
JUN	57	476	74.8	3	16	88.9	8	53	84.1	11	69	85.2
JUL	54	530	83.3	0	16	88.9	3	56	88.9	3	72	88.9
AUG	53	583	91.7	1	17	94.4	3	59	93.7	4	76	93.8
SEP	53	636	100.0	1	18	100.0	4	63	100.0	5	81	100.0

# ROLE OF LOST & DROWNING IN EJECTION FATALITIES AMONG TYPE 1 AND 5 EJECTIONS

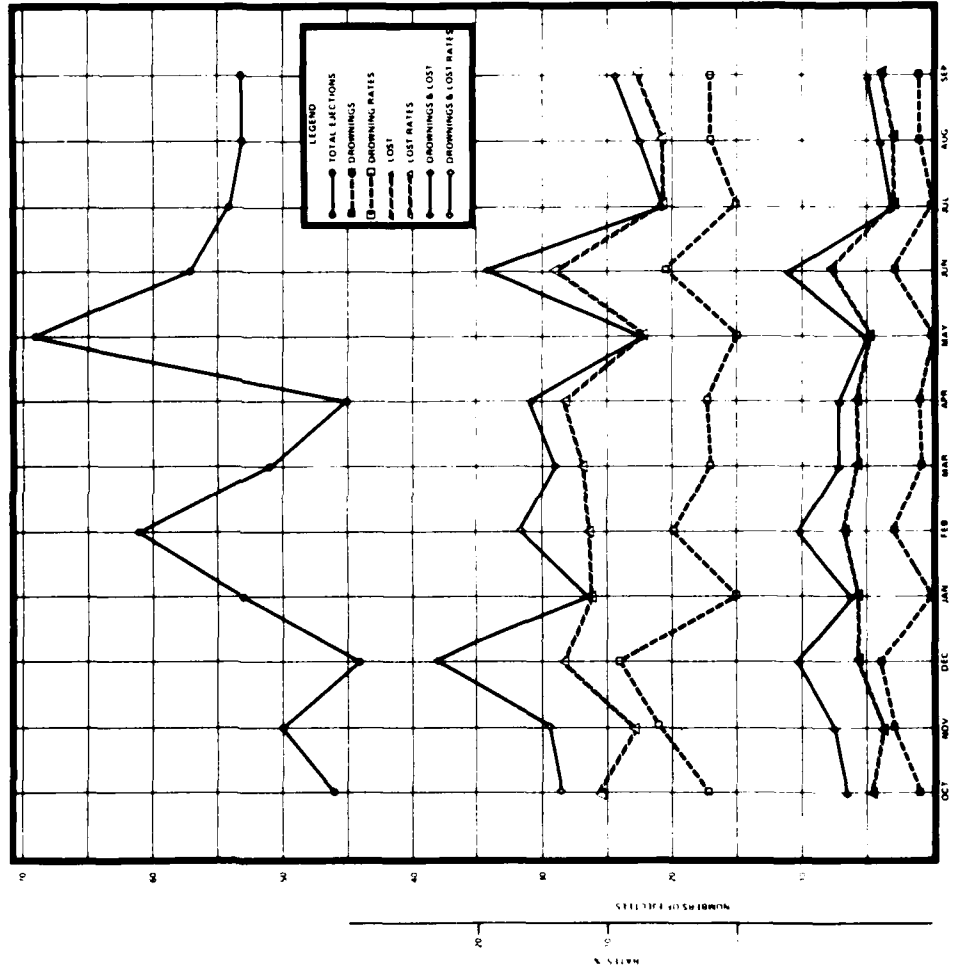
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CLEAR OF AIRCRAFT EJECTIONS)

1 JANUARY 1969  
THROUGH  
31 DECEMBER 1979



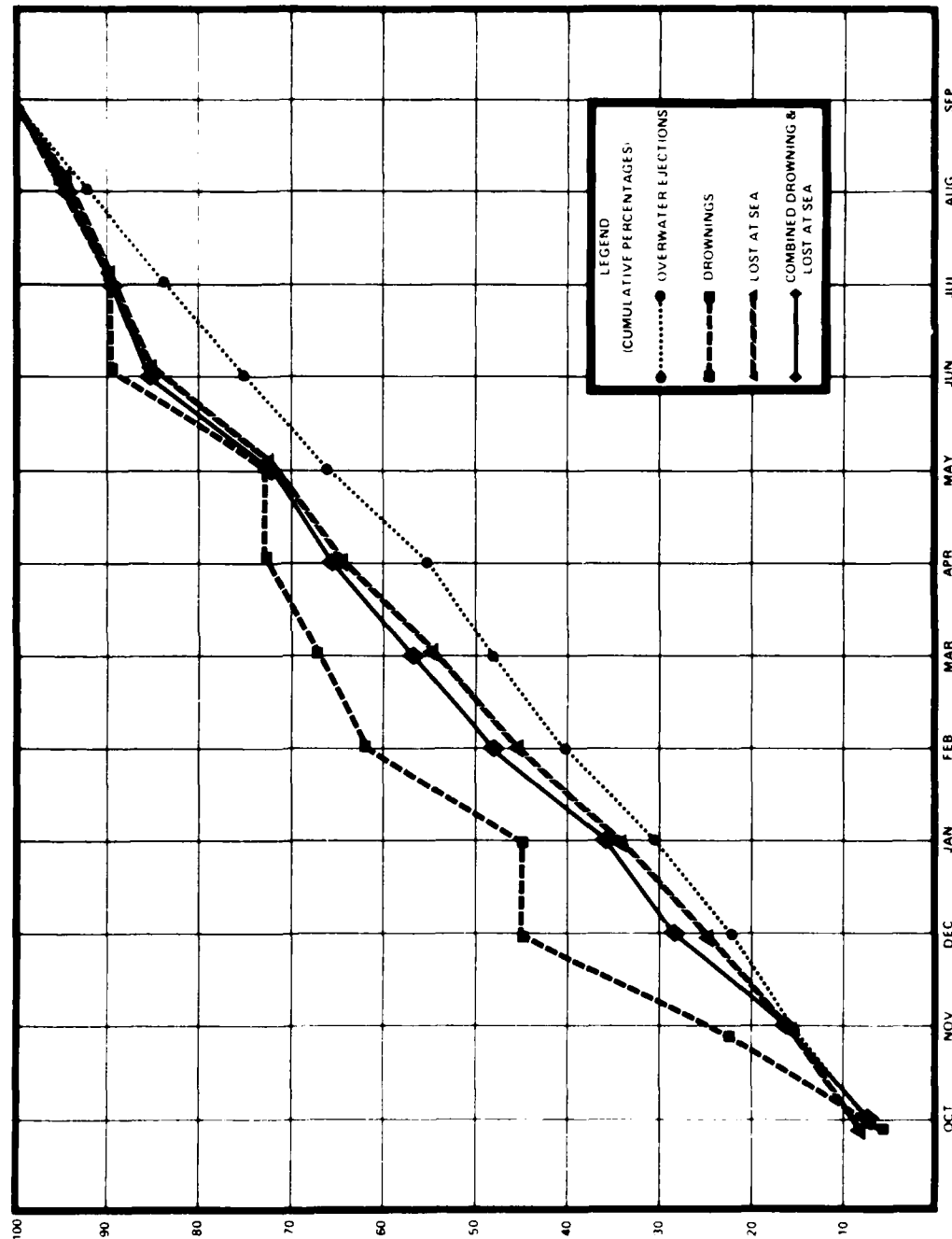
# MONTHLY COMPARISONS OF OVERWATER EJECTION, DROWNING, LOST AT SEA, & DROWNING AND LOST AT SEA QUANTITIES AND RATES

1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979



# MONTHLY COMPARISONS OF DROWNINGS, LOST AT SEA, COMBINED DROWNINGS & LOST AT SEA EJECTIONS AGAINST OVERWATER EJECTIONS BY MONTHLY CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGES

(1 JANUARY 1969 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1979)



# ESCAPAC EJECTIONS

DATA PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1969  
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1979 (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

IA-1  
88

A-4

IC-3  
128

IF-3  
20

IG-3  
63

THROUGH DEC. 1980

IC-2  
159

A-7

IG-2  
63

THROUGH AUG. 1981

# ESCAPAC FATALITIES

DATA PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1969  
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1979 (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

**IG-3**  
**13**  
(7 OVER WATER)  
**20.6%**

THROUGH DEC. 1980

**IF-3**  
**4**  
**20.0%**

**IC-3**  
**17**  
**13.3%**

**IA-1**  
**14**  
**15.9%**

**A-4**

**IG-2**  
**12**  
**19.0%**

THROUGH AUG. 1981

**IC-2**  
**19**  
**11.9%**

**A-7**

# ESCAPAC OVERLAND EJECTIONS

DATA PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1969  
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1979 (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

IA-1  
53

A-4

IC-3  
92

IF-3  
8

IG-3  
50

THROUGH DEC. 1980

IC-2  
73

A-7

IG-2  
27

THROUGH AUG. 1981

# ESCAPAC OVERWATER EJECTIONS

DATA PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1969  
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1979 (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

IA-1  
35

A-4

IC-3  
36

IF-3  
12

IG-3  
13

THROUGH DEC. 1980

IC-2  
86

A-7

IG-2  
38

THROUGH AUG. 1981

# ESCAPAC EJECTEE DROWNINGS

DATA PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1969  
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1979 (EXCEPT AS NOTED)

**IG-3**  
**2**  
**15.4%**

THROUGH DEC. 1980

**IF-3**  
**1**  
**8%**

**IC-3**  
**1**  
**3%**

**IG-2**  
**4**  
**10.5%**

THROUGH AUG. 1981

**IC-2**  
**3**  
**3%**

**IA-1**  
**0**  
**0%**

**A-4**

**A-7**

END

11-86

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