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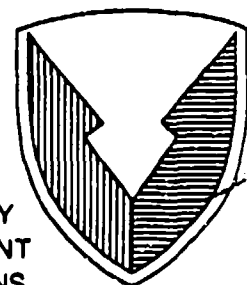
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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

A. BACKGROUND. The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School (USADACS), Validation Engineering Division (SMCAC-DEV), was tasked by U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC), SMCAR-AEP, to conduct tests on the 120mm mortar containers on wooden pallets. This report contains the procedures and test results from the MIL-STD-1660 tests conducted. As tested, the 120mm mortar containers on wooden pallets passed MIL-STD-1660, Design Criteria for Ammunition Unit Loads.

B. AUTHORITY. This test was conducted IAW mission responsibilities delegated by the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), Rock Island, IL.

C. OBJECTIVE. The objective of these tests was to assess the capability of the 120mm mortar containers on wooden pallets to meet U.S. Army (USA) functional and operational requirements for MIL-STD-1660, Design Criteria for Ammunition Unit Loads.

D. CONCLUSION. Test pallet no. 1 passed MIL-STD-1660 tests marginally; however, after some design changes which included shortening of intermediate dunnage resulting in a tighter unitized pallet and repositioning of vertical strapping boards to test pallet no. 2, MIL-STD-1660 tests were passed without any problems.

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PART 3

TEST PROCEDURES

The test procedures outlined in this section were extracted from MIL-STD-1660, Design Criteria for Ammunition Unit Loads, 8 April 1977. This standard identifies nine steps that a unitized load must undergo if it is considered to be acceptable. The four tests that were conducted on the test specimen are synopsized below.

A. SUPERIMPOSED LOAD TEST. The unit load was loaded to simulate a stack of identical unit loads stacked 16 feet high for a period of one hour, as specified in Method 5016, Federal Standard 101. This stacking load was simulated by subjecting the unit load to a compression of weight equal to an equivalent 16-foot stacking height. The compression load is calculated in the following manner. The unit load weight is multiplied by 192 minus the unit height in inches, then divided by the unit height in inches, then multiplied by a safety factor of two. The resulting number is the equivalent compressive force of a 16-foot-high load.

B. REPETITIVE SHOCK TEST. The repetitive shock test was conducted IAW Method 5019, Federal Standard 101. The procedure for the Repetitive Shock Test is as follows: The test specimen was placed on, but not fastened to, the platform. With the specimen in one position, the platform was vibrated at 1/2-inch amplitude (1-inch double amplitude) starting at a frequency of about 3 cycles-per-second. The frequency was steadily increased until the package left the platform. The resonant frequency is achieved when a 1/16-inch-thick feeler gage may be momentarily slid freely between every point on the specimen in contact with the platform at some instance during the cycle or a platform acceleration achieves $1 \pm 0.1G$. Midway into the testing period, the specimen was rotated 90 degrees and the test continued for the duration. Unless failure occurs, the total time of vibration shall be two hours when the specimen is tested

in one position. When the specimen is tested in more than one position, the total time shall be three hours.

C. EDGEWISE ROTATIONAL DROP TEST. This test was conducted by using the procedures of Method 5008, Federal Standard 101. The procedure for the Edgewise Rotational Drop Test is as follows: The specimen was placed on its skids with one end of the pallet supported on a beam 4-1/2 inches high. The height of the beam shall be increased, if necessary, to ensure that there will be no support for the skids between the ends of the pallet when dropping takes place, but should not be high enough to cause the pallet to slide on the supports when the dropped end is raised for the drops. The unsupported end of the pallet was then raised and allowed to fall freely to the concrete, pavement, or similar underlying surface from a prescribed height. Unless otherwise specified, the height of drop for level A protection shall conform to the following tabulation.

GROSS WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING	DIMENSIONS ON ANY EDGE NOT EXCEEDING	HEIGHT OF DROP LEVEL A PROTECTION
Pounds	Inches	Inches
600	72	36
3,000	no limit	24
no limit	no limit	12

D. INCLINE-IMPACT TEST. This test was conducted by using the procedure of Method 5023, Incline-Impact Test of Federal Standard 101. The procedure for the Incline-Impact Test is as follows: The specimen was placed on the carriage with the surface or edge to be impacted projecting at least 2 inches beyond the front end of the carriage. The carriage was brought to a predetermined position on the incline and released. If it is desired to

concentrate the impact on any particular position on the container, a 4- by 4-inch timber may be attached to the bumper in the desired position before the test. No part of the timber was struck by the carriage. The position of the container on the carriage and the sequence in which surfaces and edges are subjected to impacts may be at the option of the testing activity and will depend upon the objective of the tests. When the test is to determine satisfactory requirements for a container or pack, and, unless otherwise specified, the specimen shall be subjected to one impact on each surface that has each dimension less than 9.5 feet. Unless otherwise specified, the velocity at time of impact shall be 7 feet-per-second.

PART 4

TEST EQUIPMENT

A. TEST PALLET.

- a. Drawing Number: 19 48 4116/38A
- b. Width: 40 inches
- c. Length: 48 inches
- d. Height: 36-3/4 inches
- e. Weight: 2,477 pounds

B. COMPRESSION TESTER.

- a. Manufacturer: Ormond Manufacturing
- b. Platform: 60 inches by 60 inches
- c. Compression Limit: 50,000 pounds
- d. Tension Limit: 50,000 pounds

C. TRANSPORTATION SIMULATOR.

- a. Manufacturer: Gaynes Laboratory
- b. Capacity: 4,000-pound pallet
- c. Displacement: 1/2-inch Amplitude
- d. Speed: 25 to 400 rpm
- e. Platform: 5 foot by 8 foot

D. INCLINED RAMP.

- a. Manufacturer: Conbur Incline
- b. Type: Impact Tester
- c. Grade: 10 percent Incline
- d. Length: 12-foot Incline

PART 5

TEST RESULTS

A. SUPERIMPOSED LOAD TEST. Both test pallets nos. 1 and 2 were loaded to 25,000 pounds of compression for a period of one hour. After this test was conducted, inspection of the pallets showed no deformation.

B. REPETITIVE SHOCK TEST. Both pallets passed the longitudinal and lateral transportation simulations. The first pallet endured vibrations at 210 rpm and 215 rpm. It was noted that the middle row of containers shifted outward approximately 2.5 inches. The second test pallet, with new spacer designs, endured vibrations at 195 rpm and 205 rpm and passed the test with no problems.

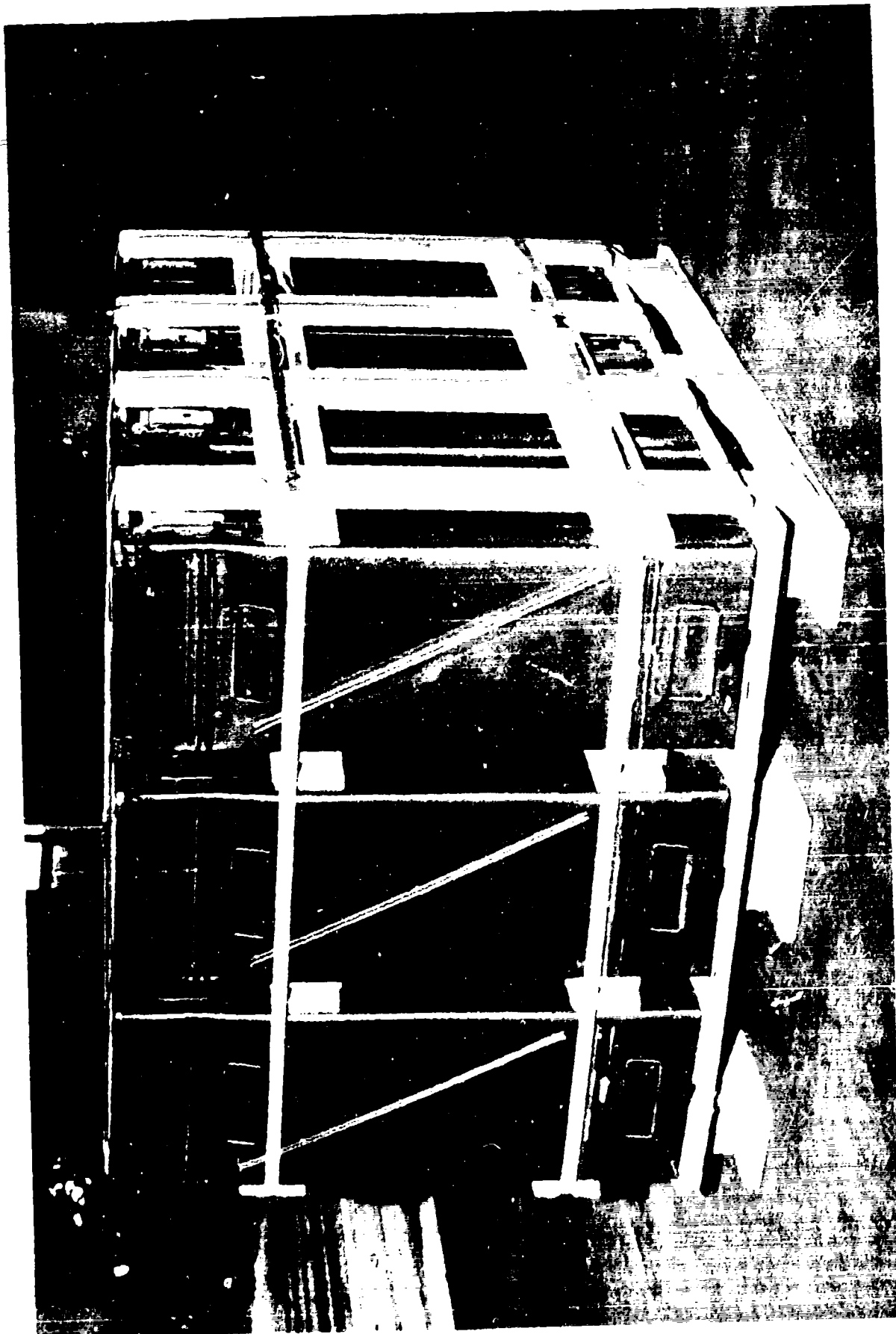
C. EDGEWISE ROTATIONAL DROP TEST. Each side of the pallet base was placed on a beam 4-1/2 inches above the floor while the other side was raised to a height of 24 inches and then dropped. This process was repeated until all four sides of test pallet no. 1 had been tested. After completion of all four drops, inspection of the pallet showed that there were several vertical banding boards broken. Test pallet no. 2, with a new design, was tested in the same manner and passed without any problems.

D. INCLINE-IMPACT TEST. Both pallets were impacted on all four sides at speeds of approximately 7 feet-per-second. After the first pallet was tested, it was noted that one of the vertical bands was very close to becoming disengaged but still remained intact. The new design of the second pallet overcame this problem and passed this test without difficulty.

E. END OF TEST INSPECTION. Test pallet no. 1 experienced some damage during testing, but passed marginally. The newly designed test pallet no. 2 passed all tests without difficulty, after solving the problems encountered with test pallet no. 1.

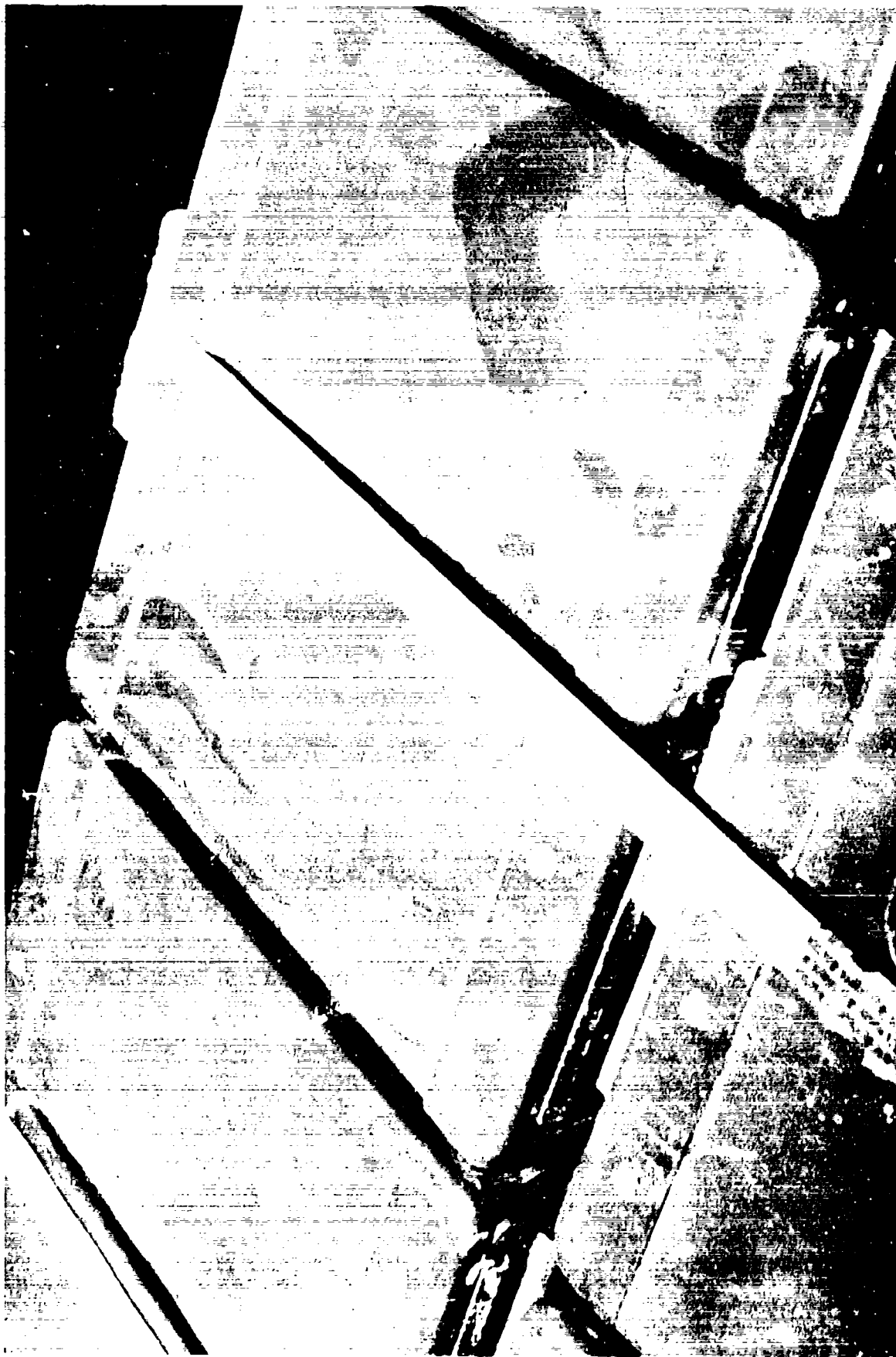
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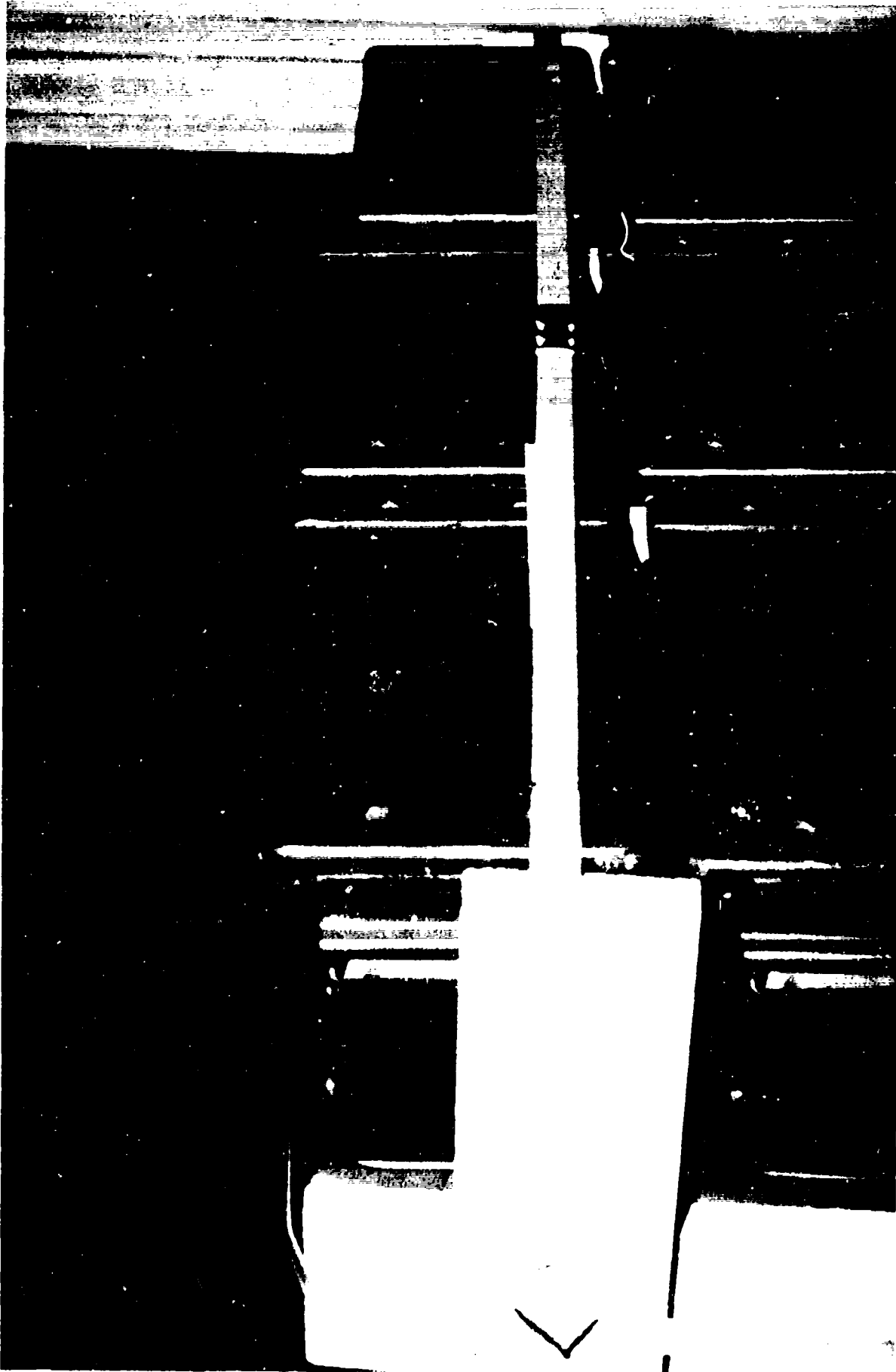
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Photo No. AO317-SCN-92-303-3595. This photo shows the overall view of the 120mm mortar pallet.



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Photo No. AO317-SCN-92-303-3596. This photo shows the closeup view of the unitization strap lodged between the 120mm mortar containers.



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Photo No. AO317-SCN-92-303-3597. This photo shows the 120mm mortar containers racked out approximately 1 inch after testing.

PART 7

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 38A

UNITIZATION PROCEDURES FOR BOXED AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS ON 4-WAY ENTRY PALLETS

CARTRIDGE, 120MM MORTAR, PACKED 2 PER
PA154 METAL CONTAINER, UNITIZED 24
CONTAINERS PER 40" X 48" PALLET; APPROX
BOX SIZE 12-1/2" L X 6-3/8" W X 31-1/4" H

NOTICE: THIS APPENDIX CANNOT STAND ALONE BUT MUST BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE BASIC UNITIZATION PROCEDURES DRAWING 19-48-4116-20PA1002.

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