

Preface

The fundamental posture of the Army has changed from forward deployment to power projection. The Army must be capable of full spectrum dominance possessing a power projection capability sufficient to ensure everything from humanitarian support to force projection of combat units in a conflict. Power projection presents the Army with a range of problems and challenges, one of which is how to effectively conduct reception, staging, onward movement and integration operations.

The functions of RSO&I apply to the entire spectrum of military operations, at all levels of war— strategic, operational, and tactical. Reception is often the interface between the strategic and the operational levels. Staging and onward movement are normally within the operational level. Integration represents the interface between the operational and tactical levels of war.

This manual establishes the doctrinal framework for RSO&I, the process by which combat power is generated. Often viewed as a logistics problem, it is, in fact, a critical operational challenge that relies on a logistical infrastructure for successful execution. In a power projection environment, the ability to execute any mission largely depends on the speed with which combat power can be assembled at required locations. This involves much more than merely bringing soldiers and equipment into the theater. Rather, these segments must be efficiently received, rapidly formed into units, expeditiously moved to Tactical Assembly Areas, and seamlessly integrated into mission operations. Moreover, numbers, types, and sequencing of these units must support the commander's concept of operations. As a result, RSO&I must be included in the earliest operational planning.

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