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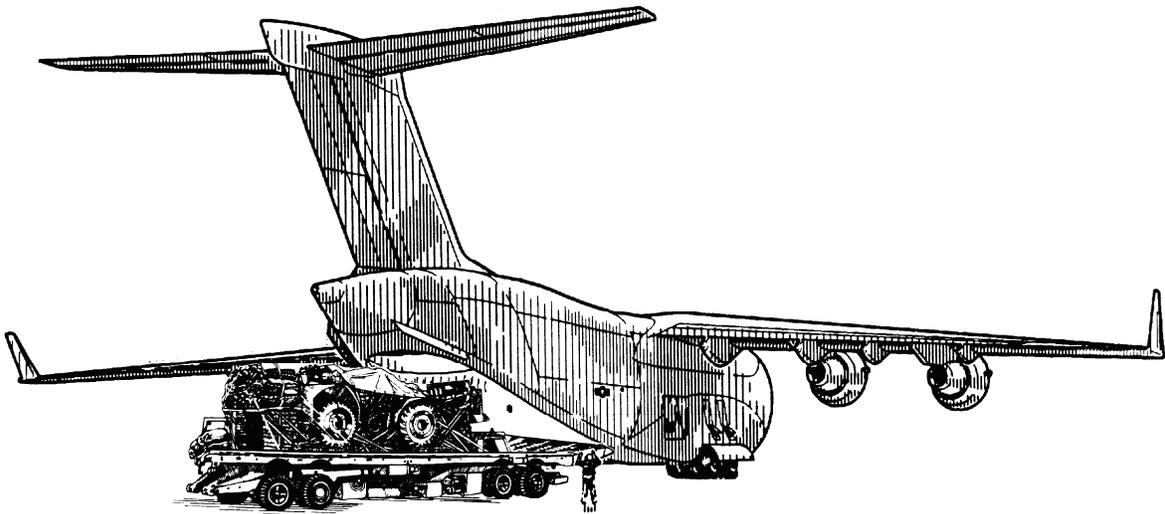
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# Preface

## SCOPE

This manual tells and shows how to rig the M996 2-litter armored ambulance (HMMWV) and the M997 4-litter ambulance. The M996 ambulance can be low-velocity airdropped from C-17 and C-130 aircraft. The M997 ambulance is restricted to the C-17 aircraft only.

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# Introduction

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The M996, 2-litter, armored ambulance weighs 7,180 pounds with the fuel tank no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. The vehicle is 203 inches long, 87 inches high, and 86 inches wide. The body configuration makes other uses of this vehicle possible, such as specialized communication or command and control functions.

The M997 4-litter ambulance weighs 7,880 pounds with the fuel tank no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. The vehicle is 204 inches long, 99 inches high and 85 inches wide. The height restricts this load to the C-17 aircraft only.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Special considerations for this manual are described below.

- The loads covered in this manual may include hazardous material as defined in AFMAN 24-204(I)/TM 38-250. If included, the hazardous materials must be packaged, marked, and labeled as required by AFMAN 24-204(I)/TM 38-250.
- Be sure that a vehicle rigged using these procedures is the same vehicle shown and described in this manual. Be sure the equipment rigged inside the vehicle is restrained and protected.
- A copy of this manual must be available to the joint airdrop inspectors during the before- and after-loading inspections.

## Chapter 1

# Rigging the M996 Ambulance on a 20-Foot, Type V Airdrop Platform for Low-Velocity Airdrop

## DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

1-1. The M996 ambulance (shown in Figure 1-1) is rigged on a 20-foot, type V airdrop platform for low-velocity airdrop. The load requires two or three G-11 cargo parachutes, depending upon the accompanying load in the vehicle.

## PREPARING PLATFORM

- 1-2. Prepare a 20-foot, type V platform as described below and as shown in Figure 1-2.
- **Inspecting Platform.** Inspect, or assemble and inspect, the platform according to TM 10-1670-268-20&P/TO 13C7-52-22.
  - **Installing Tandem Links.** Install tandem links as shown in Figure 1-2.
  - **Installing Suspension Links.** Install the suspension links as described in Figure 1-2.
  - **Attaching and Numbering Clevises.** Attach and number 28 clevis assemblies as shown in Figure 1-2.

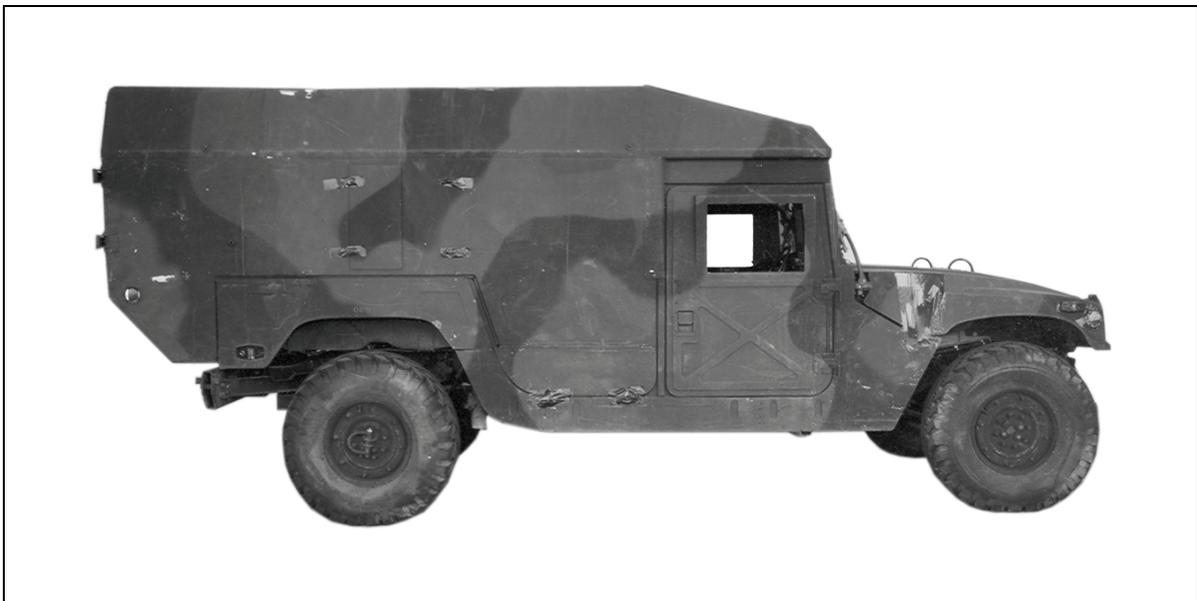
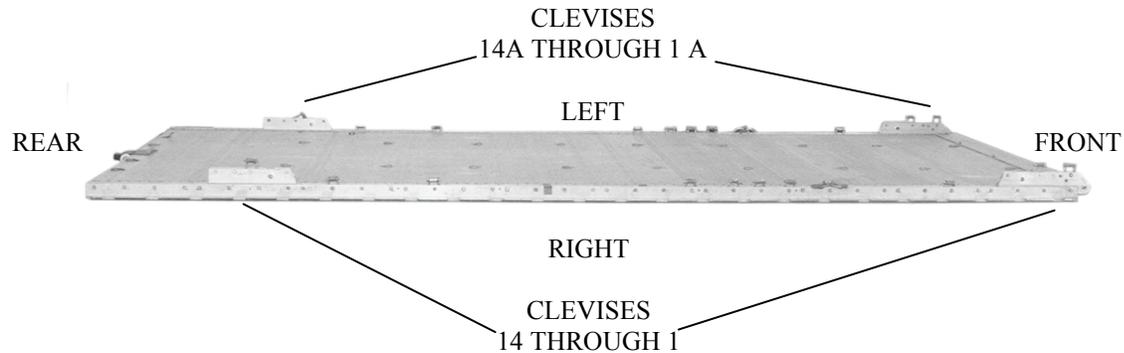


Figure 1-1. M996 2-Litter Armored Ambulance

- Notes.** 1. The nose bumper may or may not be installed.  
2. Measurements given in this chapter are from the front edge of the platform, NOT from the front edge of the nose bumper.



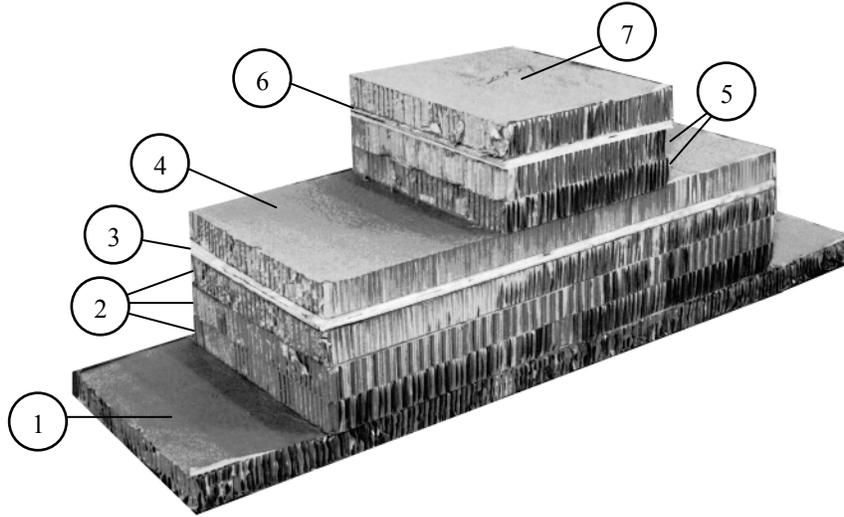
**Steps:**

1. Install a tandem link on the front of each platform side rail using holes 1, 2, and 3.
2. Install a suspension link to each side rail using holes 33, 34, and 35.
3. Install clevises on bushings 1 and 3 on each tandem link.
4. Install a clevis on bushing 2 on each suspension link.
5. Starting at the front of each platform side rail, install clevises on each platform side rail using the bushings bolted on holes 6, 11 (tripled) 13, 14, 15, 17, 22, 27 (tripled), and 31.
6. Starting at the front of the platform, number the clevises bolted to the right side from 1 through 14 and those bolted to the left side from 1A through 14A.
7. Label the tie-down rings according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.

**Figure 1-2. Platform Prepared**

## BUILDING AND POSITIONING HONEYCOMB STACKS

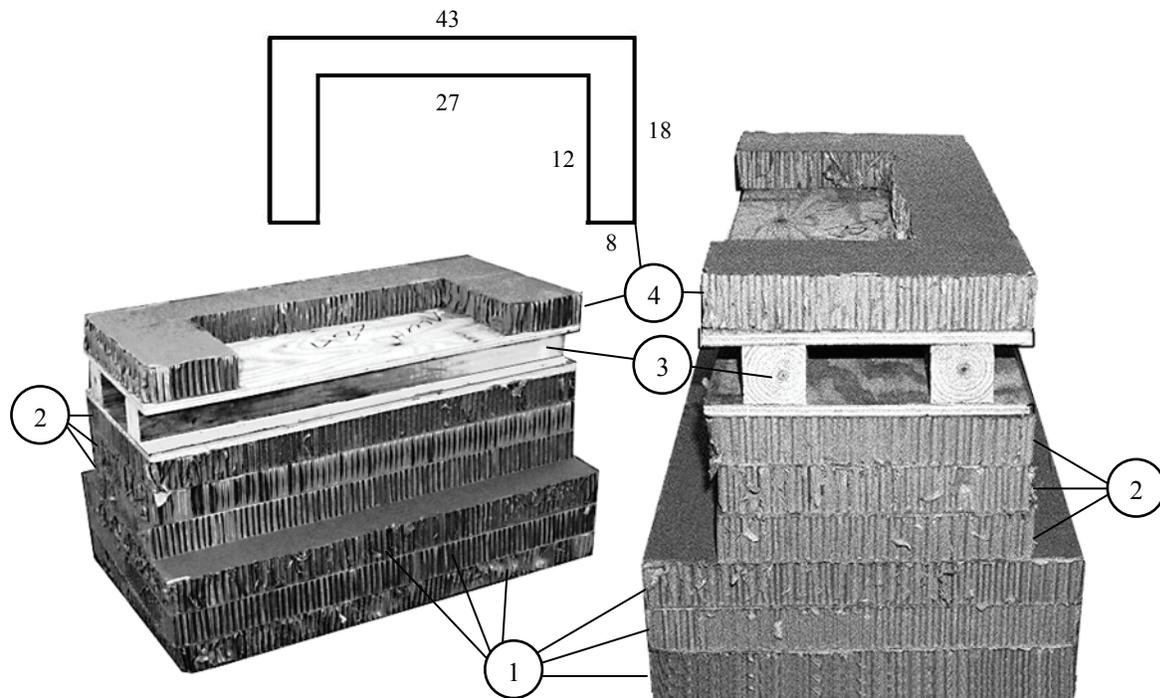
1-3. Build the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figures 1-3 and 1-4. Position the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figure 1-5.



- 1 Use an 80- by 24-inch piece of honeycomb to form a base.
- 2 Center and glue three 54- by 24-inch pieces of honeycomb on the base.
- 3 Glue a 3/4- by 54- by 24-inch piece of plywood over the honeycomb placed in step 2 above.
- 4 Glue one 54- by 24-inch piece of honeycomb on top of the plywood placed in step 3 above.
- 5 Center and glue two 20- by 24-inch pieces of honeycomb on top of the honeycomb placed in step 4 above.
- 6 Glue a 3/4- by 20- by 24-inch piece of plywood over the honeycomb placed in step 5 above.
- 7 Glue one 20- by 24-inch piece of honeycomb on top of the plywood placed in step 6 above.
- 8 Repeat to make a second stack.

**Figure 1-3. Stacks 1 and 3 Prepared**

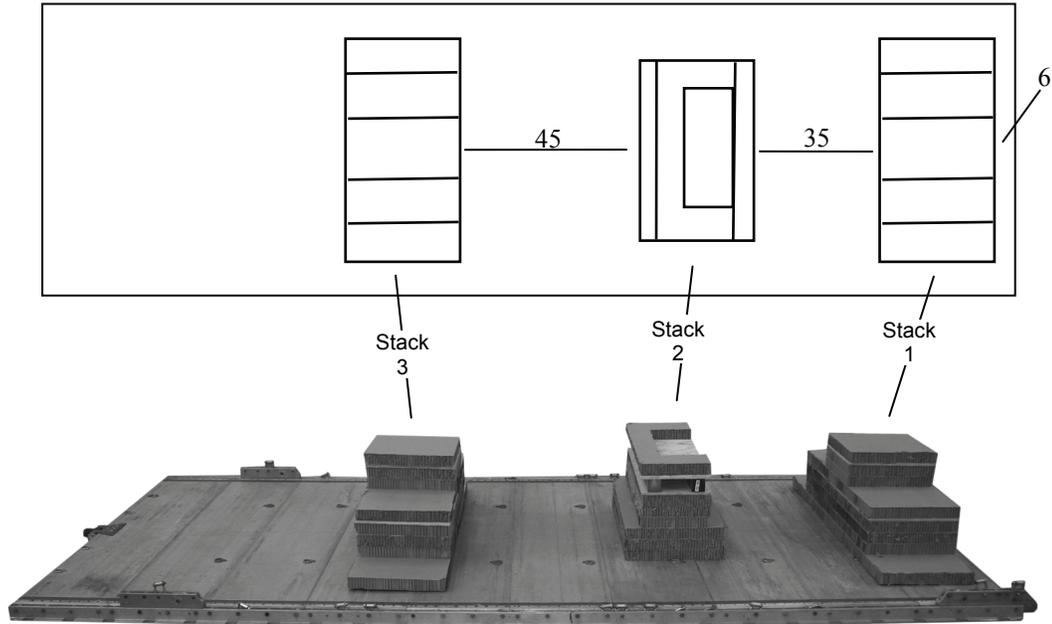
- Notes.** 1. This drawing is not drawn to scale.  
 2. All dimensions are given in inches.



- 1 Glue three 43- by 26-inch pieces of honeycomb flush together to form a base.
- 2 Center and glue three 43- by 18-inch pieces of honeycomb flush on the base.
- 3 Nail a 43-inch piece of 4- by 4-inch lumber parallel to each long side and 1 1/2 inches from each long edge of a 3/4- by 43- by 18-inch piece of plywood. Nail a second 3/4- by 43- by 18-inch piece of plywood to the lumber and flush with the bottom piece of plywood. Glue the wooden section of the stack flush on the honeycomb placed in step 2 above.
- 4 Make the cutout as shown in a 43- by 18-inch piece of honeycomb. Glue the honeycomb flush over the plywood.

**Figure 1-4. Stack 2 Prepared**

- Notes.** 1. All measurements are given in inches.  
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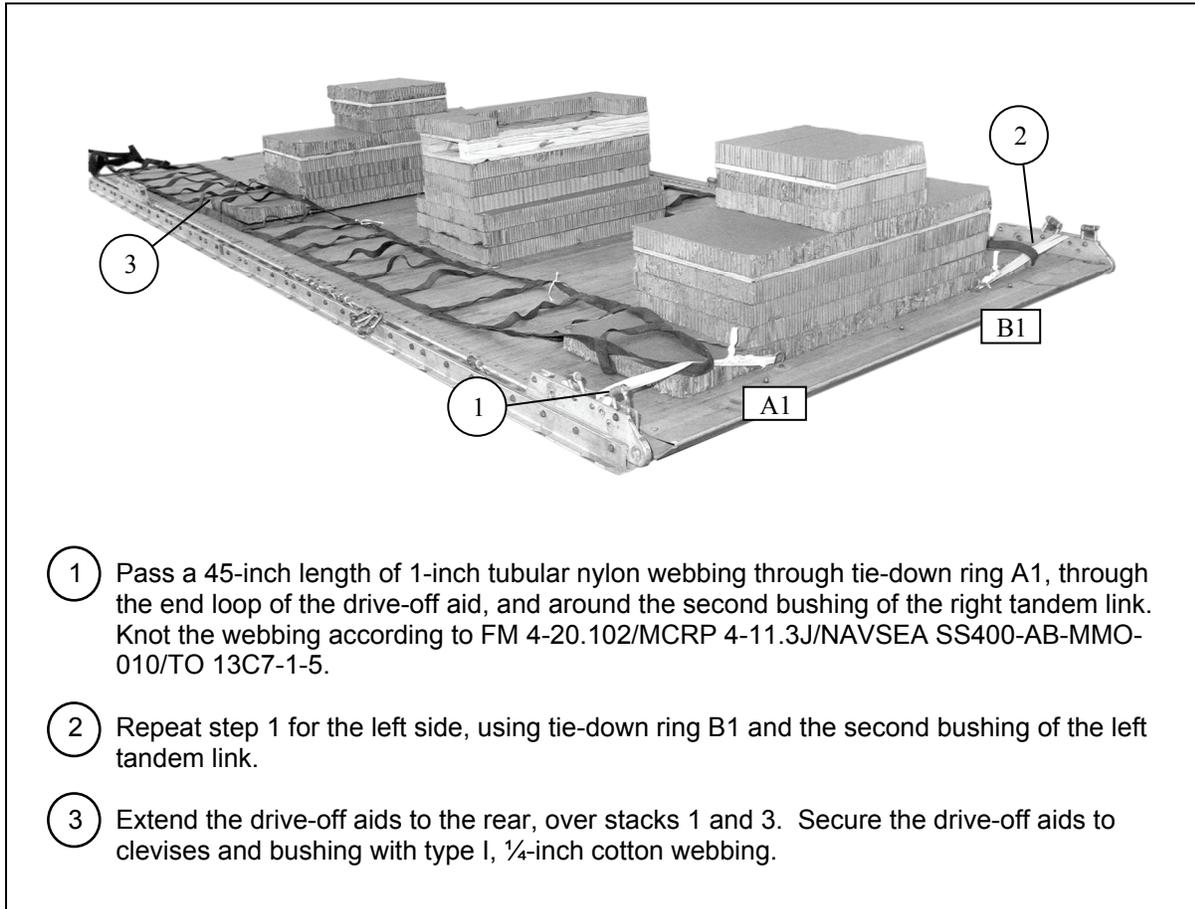
<b>Stack Number</b>	<b>Position of Stack on Platform</b>
1	Position stack 1 centered and 6 inches from the front edge of the platform.
2	Position stack 2 centered and 35 inches from stack 1.
3	Position stack 3 centered and 45 inches from stack 2.

**Figure 1-5. Honeycomb Stacks Placed on Platform**

## INSTALLING OPTIONAL DRIVE-OFF AIDS ON PLATFORM

- 1-4. Install the drive-off aids on the platform as shown in Figure 1-6.

**Note.** The use of the drive-off aids are optional.



**Figure 1-6. Drive-Off Aids Installed on Platform**

## PREPARING AMBULANCE

- 1-5. Prepare the truck as described below.
- Make sure the fuel tank is no more than 3/4 full. Prepare the fuel tank filler cap and fuel filler opening as shown in Figure 1-7. Prepare the fuel tank drain plug as shown in Figure 1-8.
  - Make sure the batteries and battery compartment comply with AFMAN 24-204(I)/TM 38-250.
  - Stow the ambulance on-vehicular equipment (OVE) in the compartment behind the driver's door. Fill the empty space with honeycomb and close the compartment door. Tape the latches (not shown).
  - Prepare the cab of the ambulance as shown in Figure 1-9.

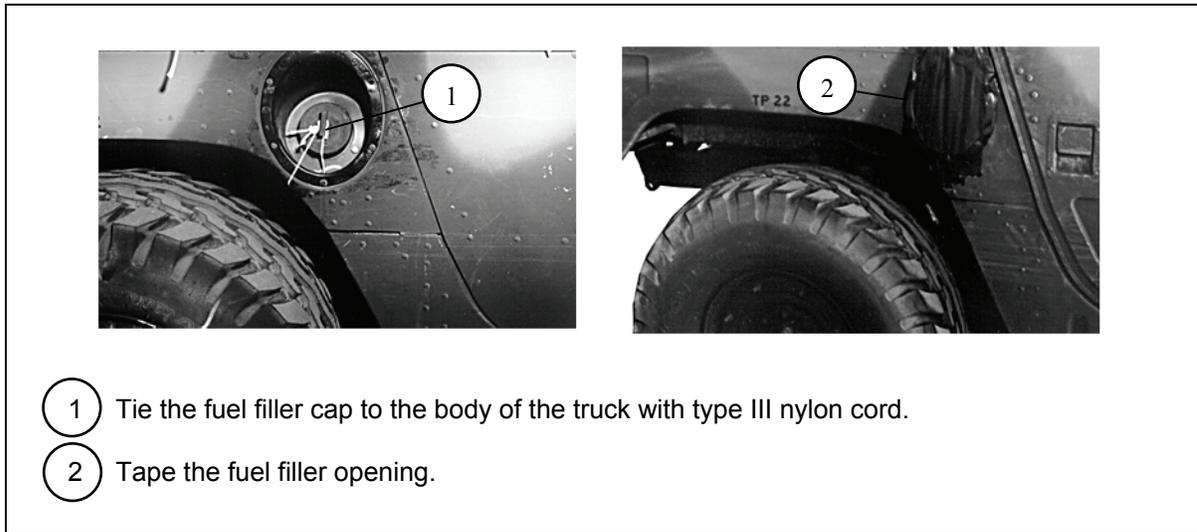
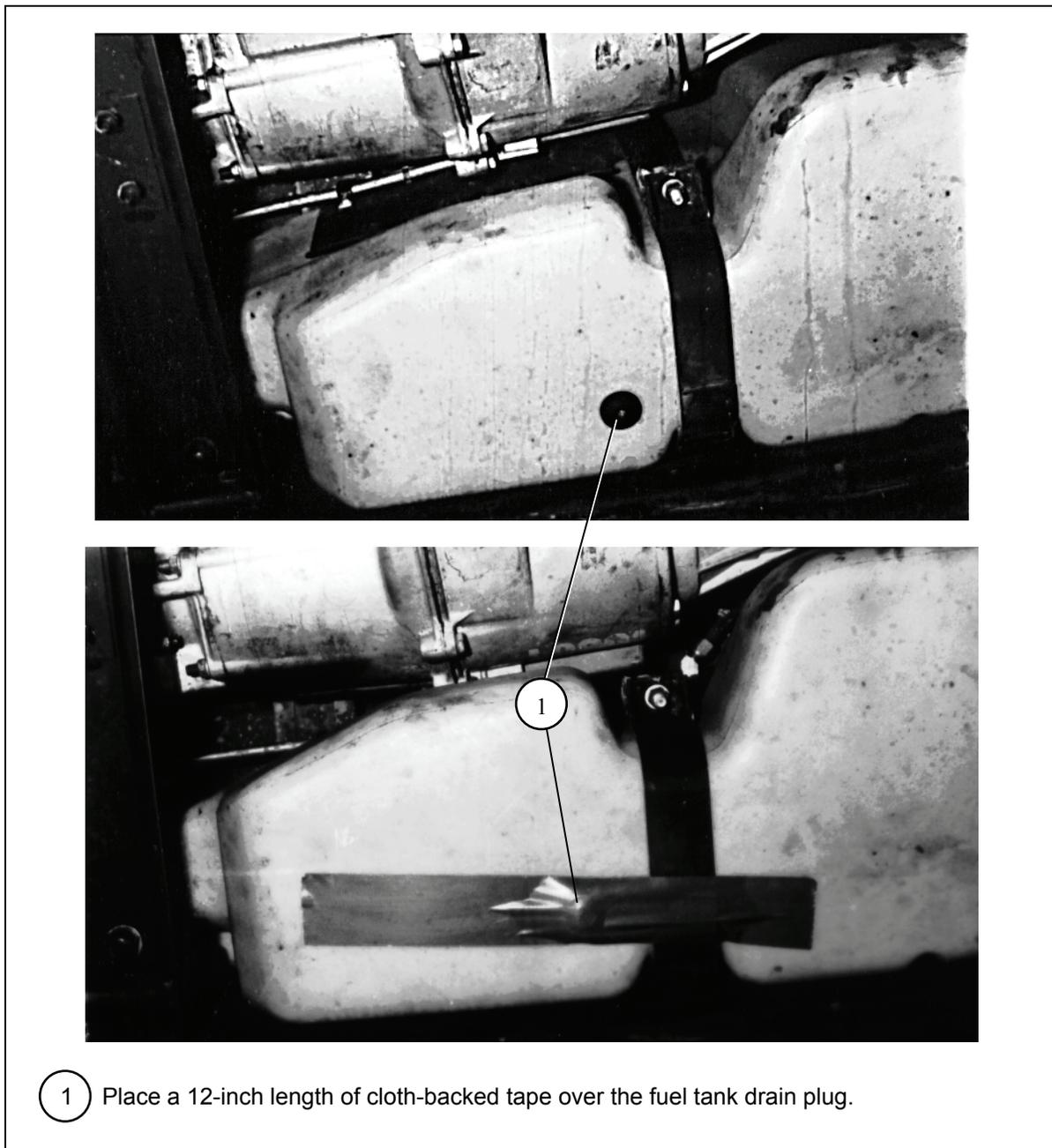
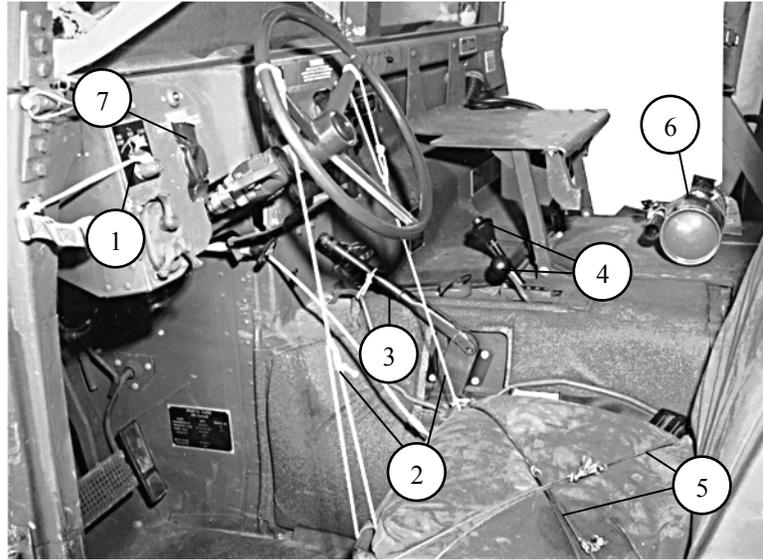


Figure 1-7. Fuel Tank Filler Cap and Opening Prepared

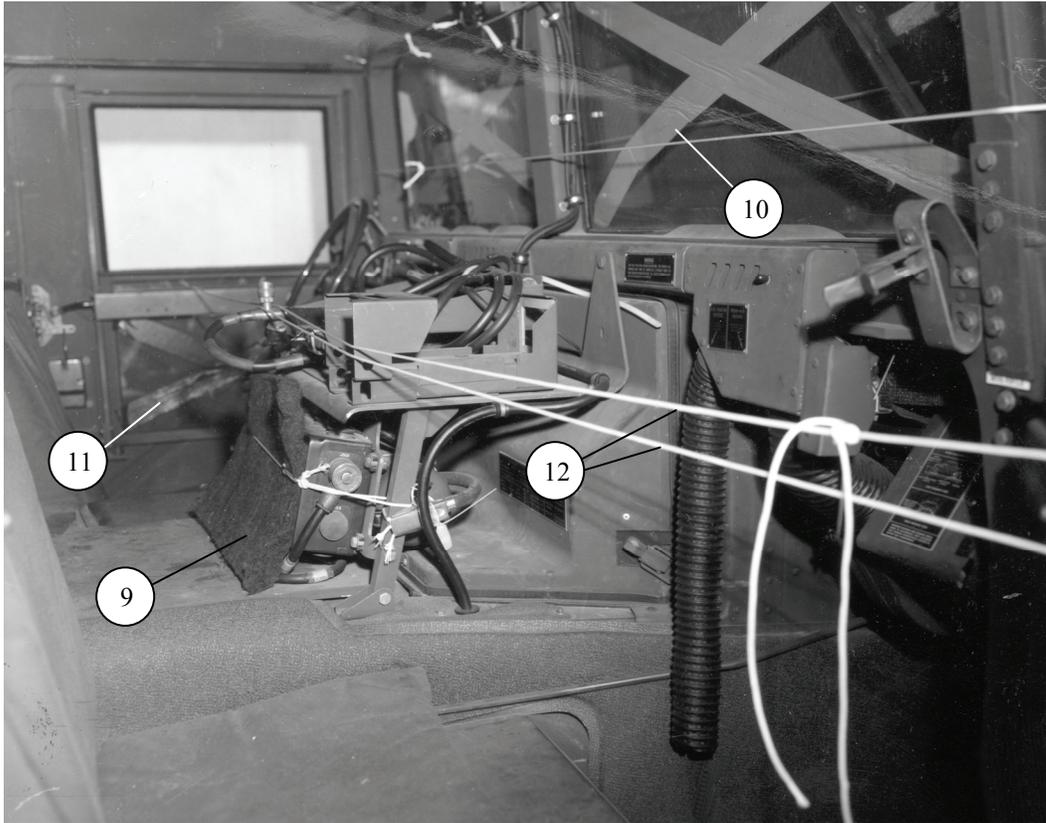


**Figure 1-8. Fuel Tank Drain Plug Prepared**



- 1 Tie the engine start switch in the engine stop position with type I, 1/4-inch cotton webbing.
- 2 Tie the steering wheel to the seat frame in two places with type III nylon cord, or use the retractable steering wheel locking cable. If the locking cable is used, secure it to the steering wheel with type III nylon cord, not a padlock.
- 3 Tie the emergency brake handle in the off position with type III nylon cord.
- 4 Place the transmission and four-wheel drive levers in the neutral position.
- 5 Tie the seat cushions to the seat frames with type III nylon cord.
- 6 Tie the fire extinguisher in place with two lengths of type III nylon cord.
- 7 Tape all instrument panel gauges.
- 8 If equipped with an antenna, remove the antenna and tape over the hole with a length of 2-inch cloth-backed tape. Wrap the mount with cellulose wadding and tape. Secure the antenna mount in the equipment storage box (not shown).

**Figure 1-9. Cab Prepared**



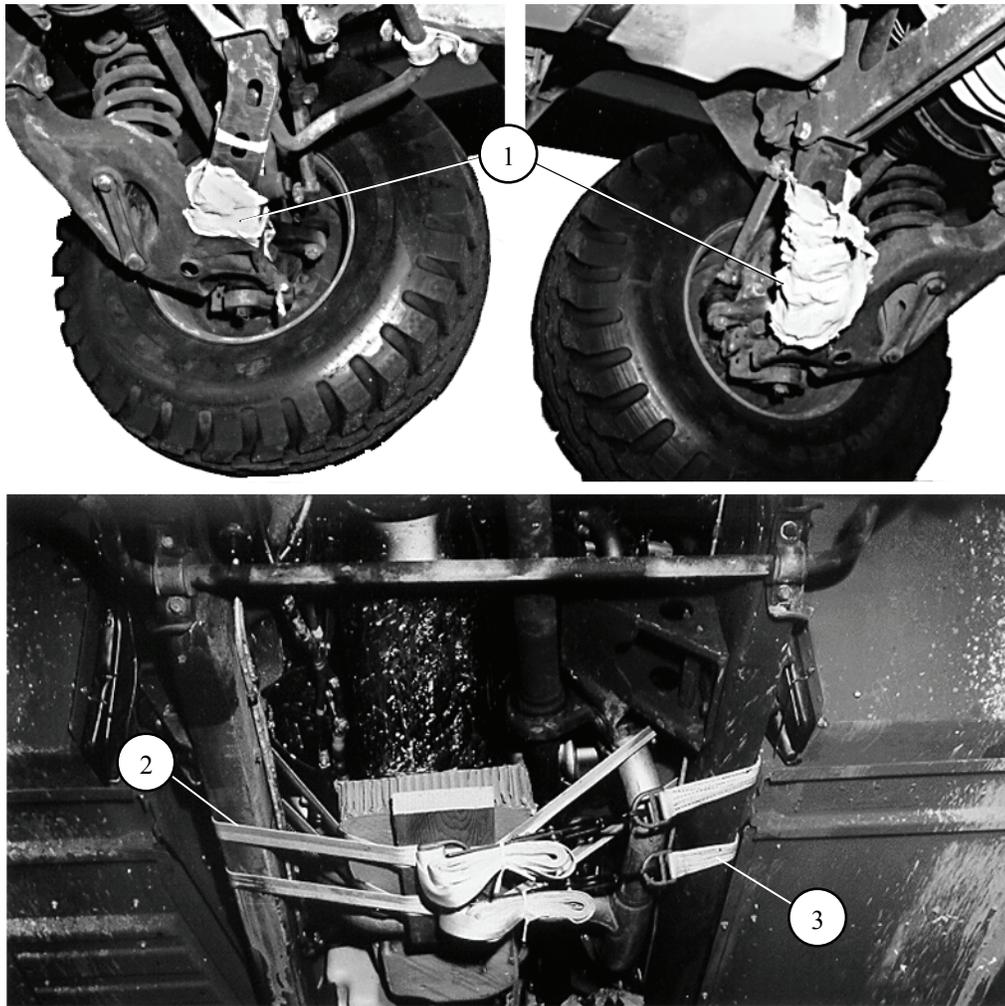
- 9 Pad the face of the radio with felt. Tie the felt to the radio mount supports with type III nylon cord.

**Note.** Pad the control of any other radio equipment in the same way. Tie larger radios to their mounts with ½-inch tubular nylon webbing.

- 10 Tape the windshield glass on both sides in an X using 2-inch masking tape.
- 11 Tape the side windows on both sides in an X using 2-inch masking tape and lower them.
- 12 Secure both doors of the cab with a length of type III nylon cord from door-to-door.

**Figure 1-9. Cab Prepared (Continued)**

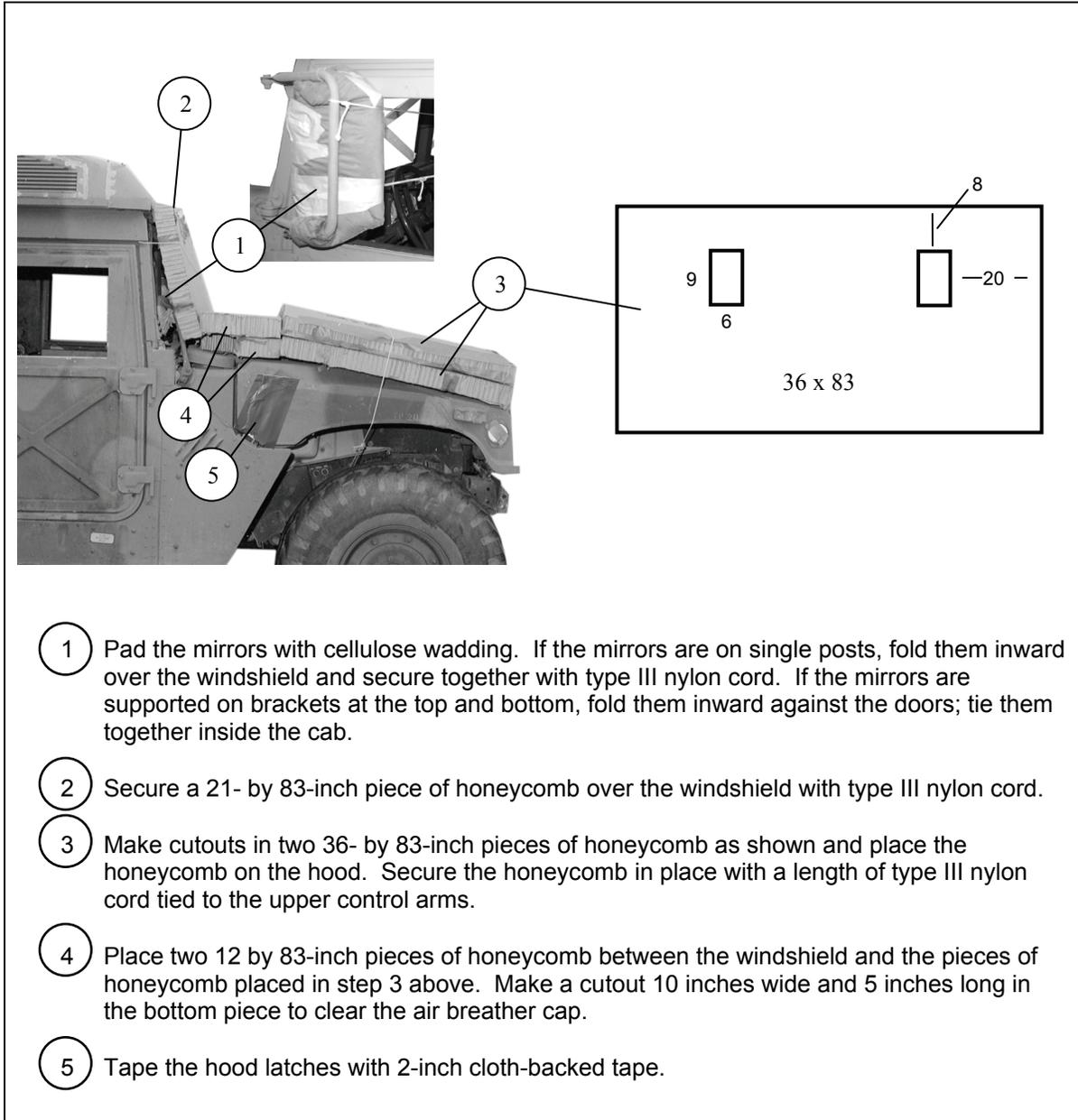
- Prepare the underside of the truck as shown in Figure 1-10.



- 1 Pad the lower control arms on the front and rear of the truck with cellulose wadding taped in place.
- 2 Pass a 15-foot lashing over the right frame rail, under the oil pan, and over the left frame rail. Make sure the lashing goes over the exhaust pipe and then under it. Make sure the wires running along the frame rail are to the outside of the lashing. Place a 12- by 12-inch piece of honeycomb and a 2- by 6- by 16-inch piece of lumber between the lashing and the oil pan. Fasten the lashing with a D-ring and a load binder.
- 3 Secure a second lashing just to the rear of the lashing installed in step 2. Route the lashing in the same way.

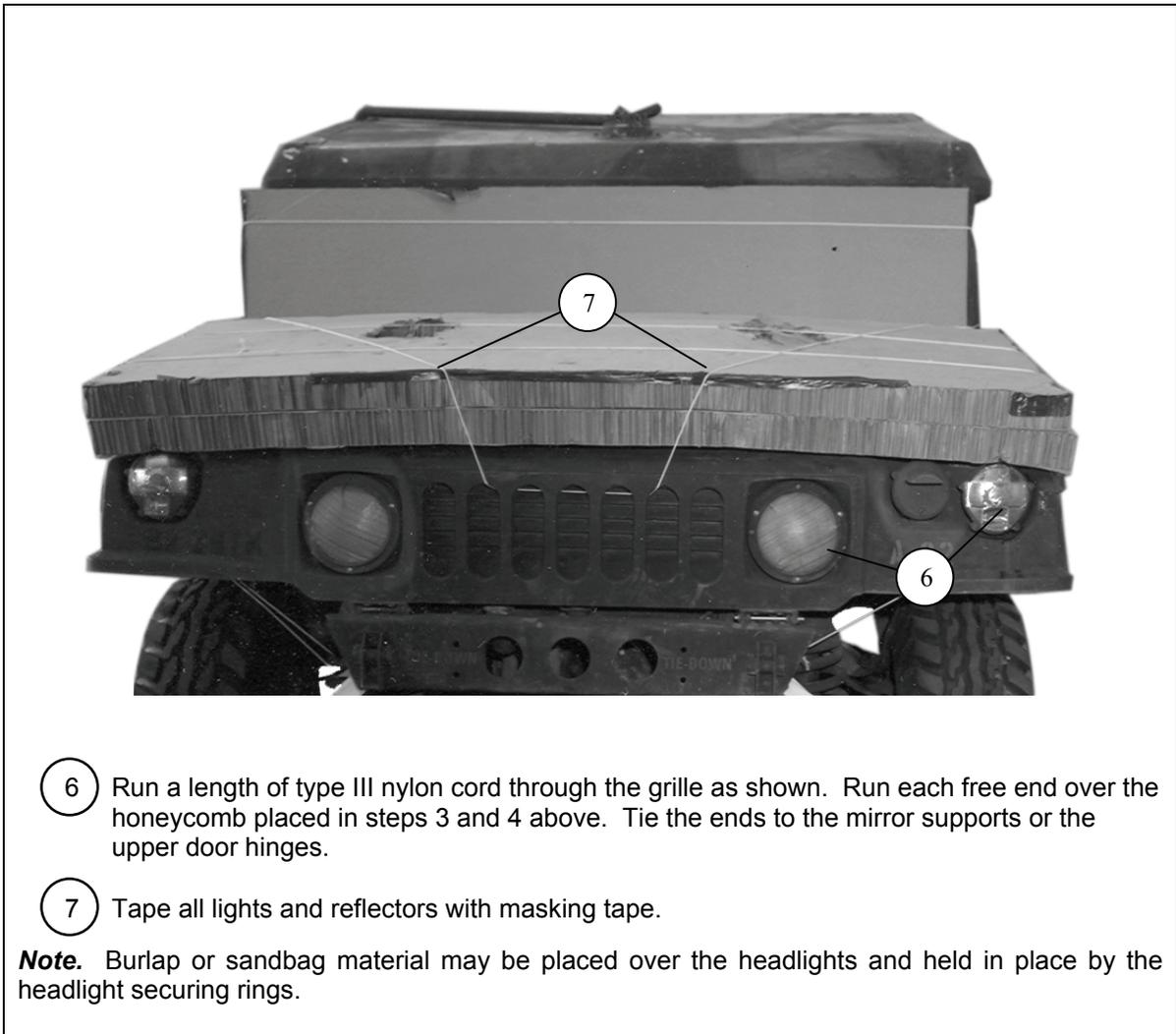
**Figure 1-10. Underside of Ambulance Prepared**

- Prepare the front of the ambulance as shown in Figure 1-11.



- 1 Pad the mirrors with cellulose wadding. If the mirrors are on single posts, fold them inward over the windshield and secure together with type III nylon cord. If the mirrors are supported on brackets at the top and bottom, fold them inward against the doors; tie them together inside the cab.
- 2 Secure a 21- by 83-inch piece of honeycomb over the windshield with type III nylon cord.
- 3 Make cutouts in two 36- by 83-inch pieces of honeycomb as shown and place the honeycomb on the hood. Secure the honeycomb in place with a length of type III nylon cord tied to the upper control arms.
- 4 Place two 12 by 83-inch pieces of honeycomb between the windshield and the pieces of honeycomb placed in step 3 above. Make a cutout 10 inches wide and 5 inches long in the bottom piece to clear the air breather cap.
- 5 Tape the hood latches with 2-inch cloth-backed tape.

**Figure 1-11. Honeycomb Placed on Front of Ambulance and Mirrors Folded**

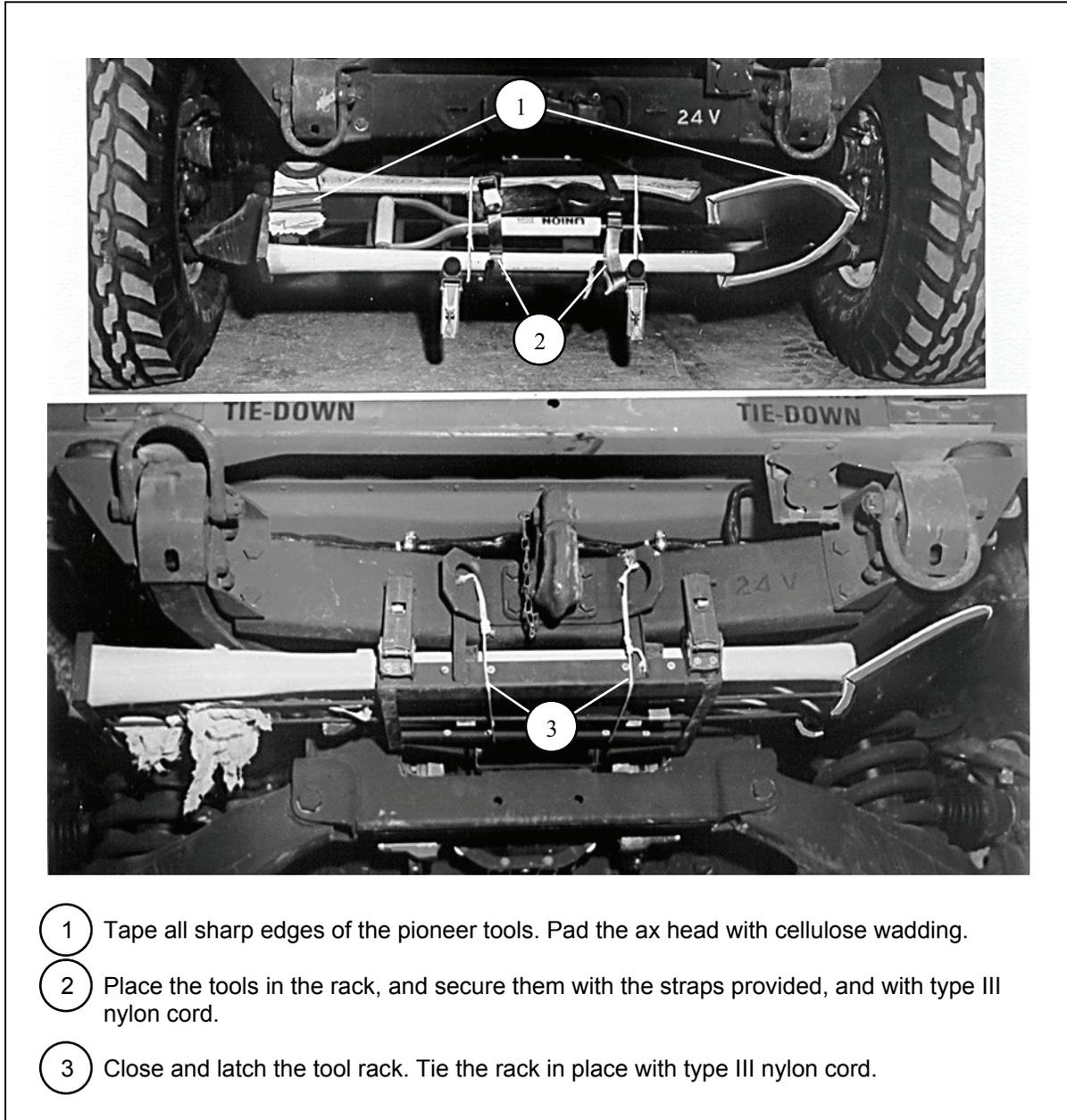


- ⑥ Run a length of type III nylon cord through the grille as shown. Run each free end over the honeycomb placed in steps 3 and 4 above. Tie the ends to the mirror supports or the upper door hinges.
- ⑦ Tape all lights and reflectors with masking tape.

**Note.** Burlap or sandbag material may be placed over the headlights and held in place by the headlight securing rings.

**Figure 1-11. Honeycomb Placed on Front of Ambulance and Mirrors Folded (Continued)**

- Prepare and secure the pioneer tool kit according to TM 9-2320-280-10/TO 36A12-1A-2091-1/TM 2320-10/6, and as shown in Figure 1-12.



**Figure 1-12. Pioneer Tool Kit Secured**

- Prepare the ambulance body as shown in Figures 1-13 and 1-14.

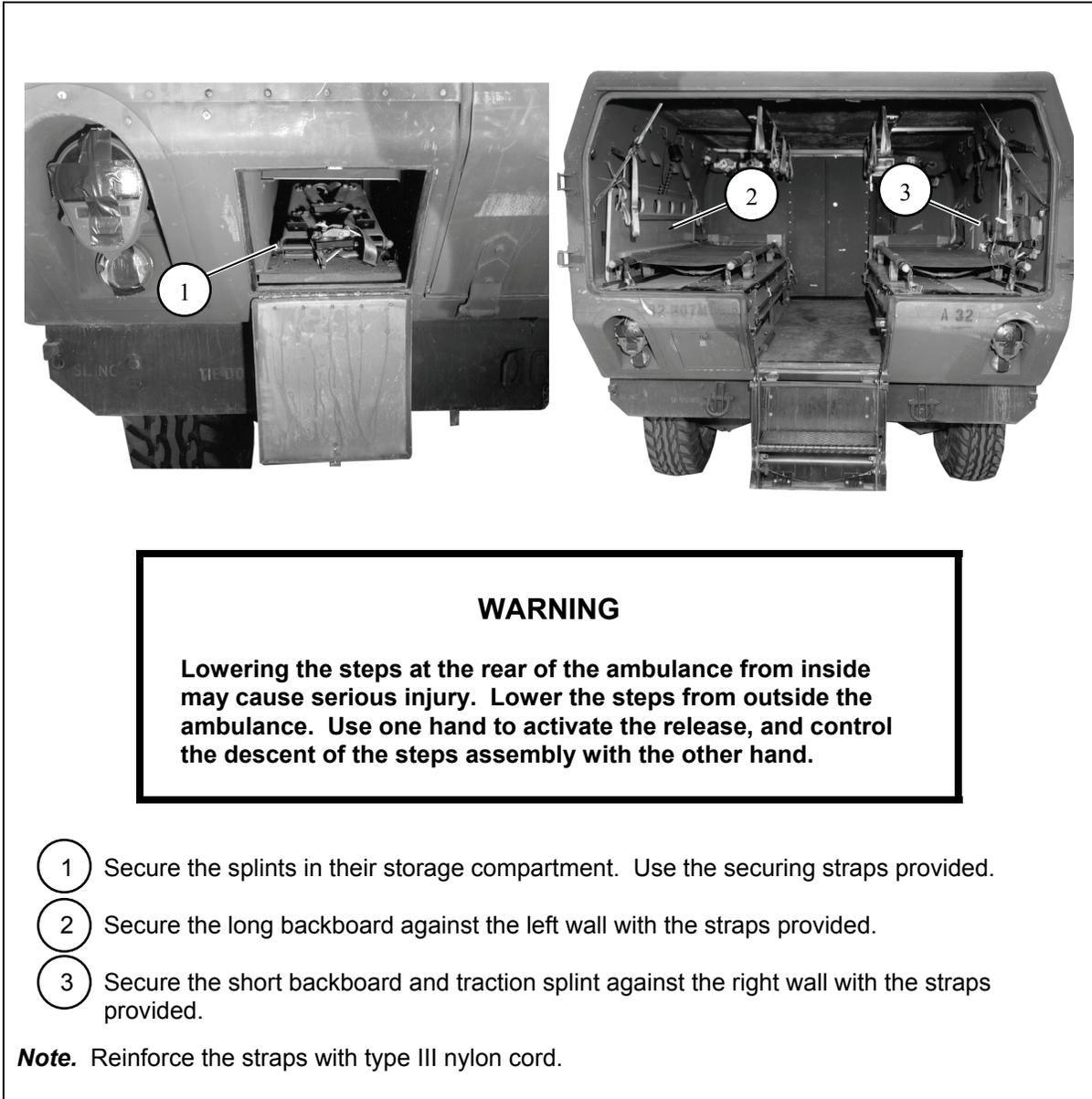
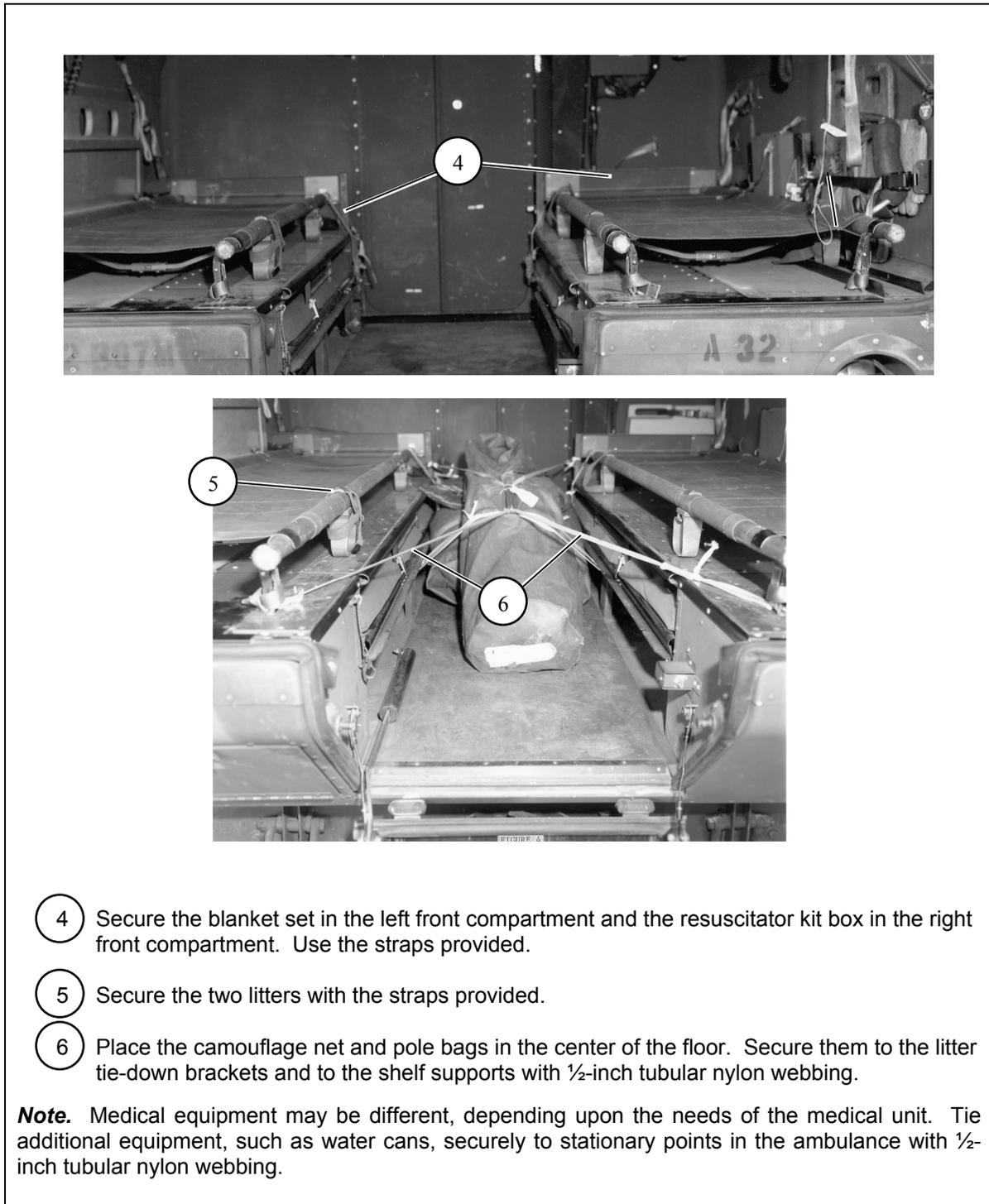


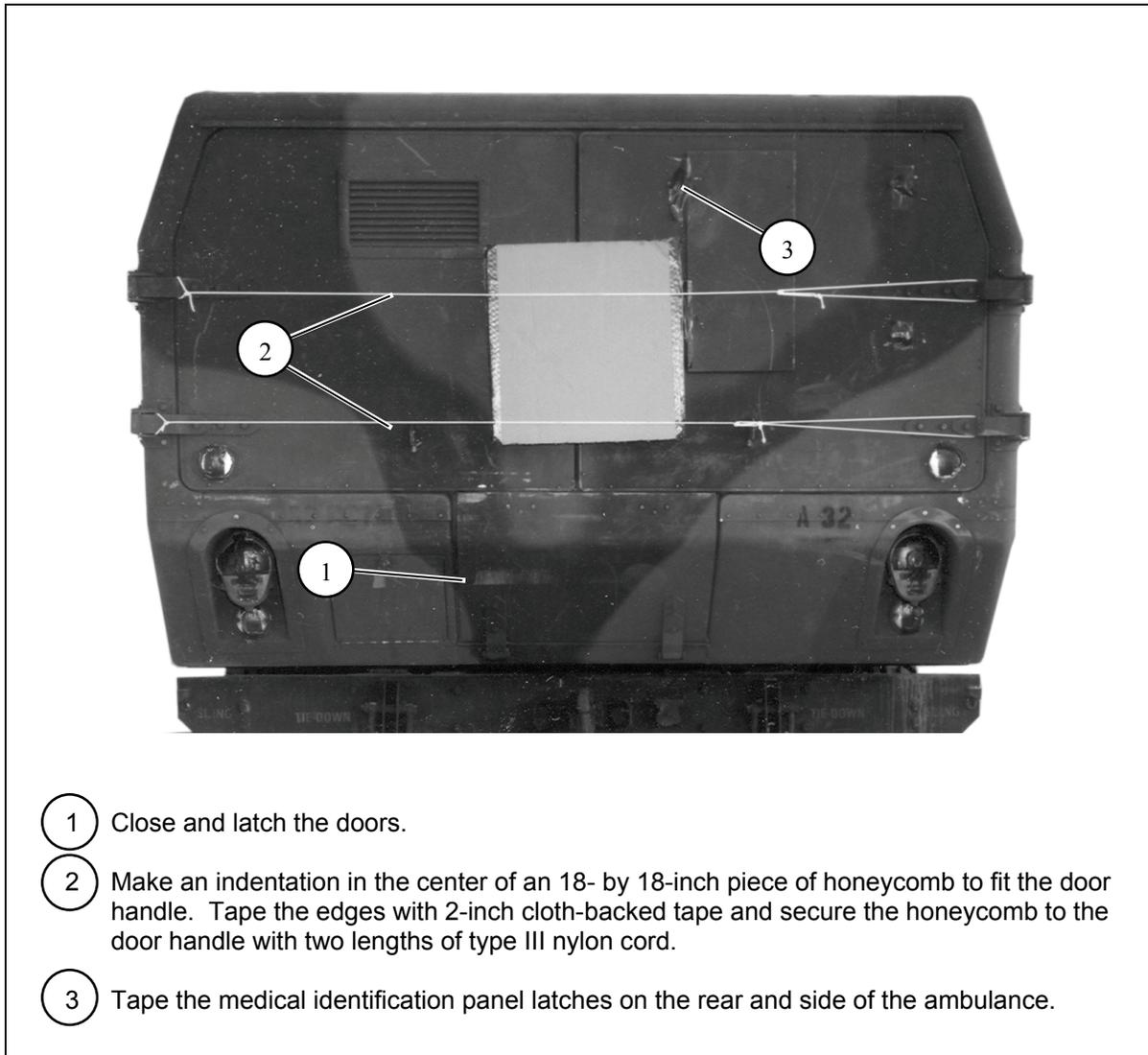
Figure 1-13. Medical Equipment Secured



- 4 Secure the blanket set in the left front compartment and the resuscitator kit box in the right front compartment. Use the straps provided.
- 5 Secure the two litters with the straps provided.
- 6 Place the camouflage net and pole bags in the center of the floor. Secure them to the litter tie-down brackets and to the shelf supports with ½-inch tubular nylon webbing.

**Note.** Medical equipment may be different, depending upon the needs of the medical unit. Tie additional equipment, such as water cans, securely to stationary points in the ambulance with ½-inch tubular nylon webbing.

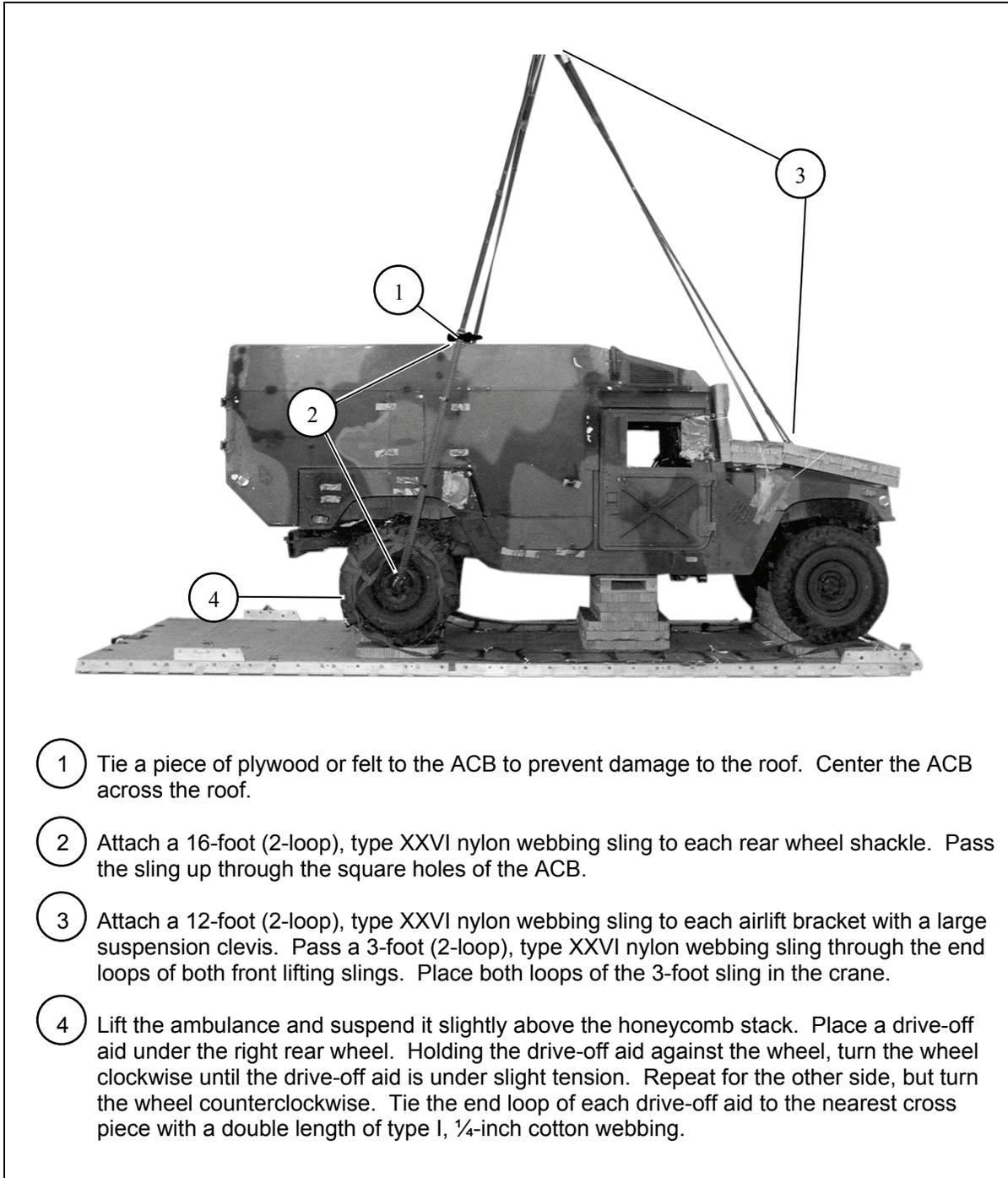
**Figure 1-13. Medical Equipment Secured (Continued)**



**Figure 1-14. Doors Secured and Latches Covered**

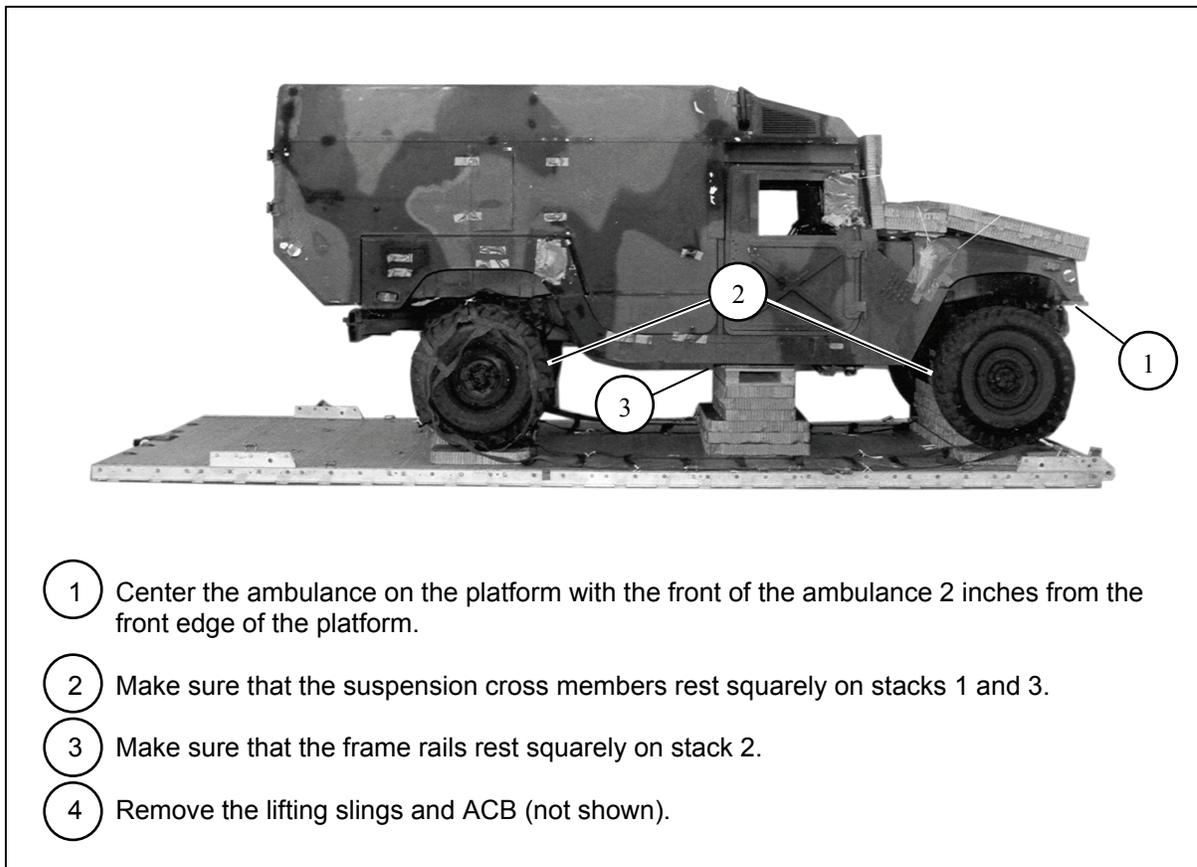
## LIFTING AND POSITIONING AMBULANCE

1-6. Install slings for lifting the ambulance and an attitude control bar (ACB) for the rear lifting slings as shown in Figure 1-15. Position the ambulance on the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figure 1-16.



- 1 Tie a piece of plywood or felt to the ACB to prevent damage to the roof. Center the ACB across the roof.
- 2 Attach a 16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing sling to each rear wheel shackle. Pass the sling up through the square holes of the ACB.
- 3 Attach a 12-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing sling to each airlift bracket with a large suspension clevis. Pass a 3-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing sling through the end loops of both front lifting slings. Place both loops of the 3-foot sling in the crane.
- 4 Lift the ambulance and suspend it slightly above the honeycomb stack. Place a drive-off aid under the right rear wheel. Holding the drive-off aid against the wheel, turn the wheel clockwise until the drive-off aid is under slight tension. Repeat for the other side, but turn the wheel counterclockwise. Tie the end loop of each drive-off aid to the nearest cross piece with a double length of type I, 1/4-inch cotton webbing.

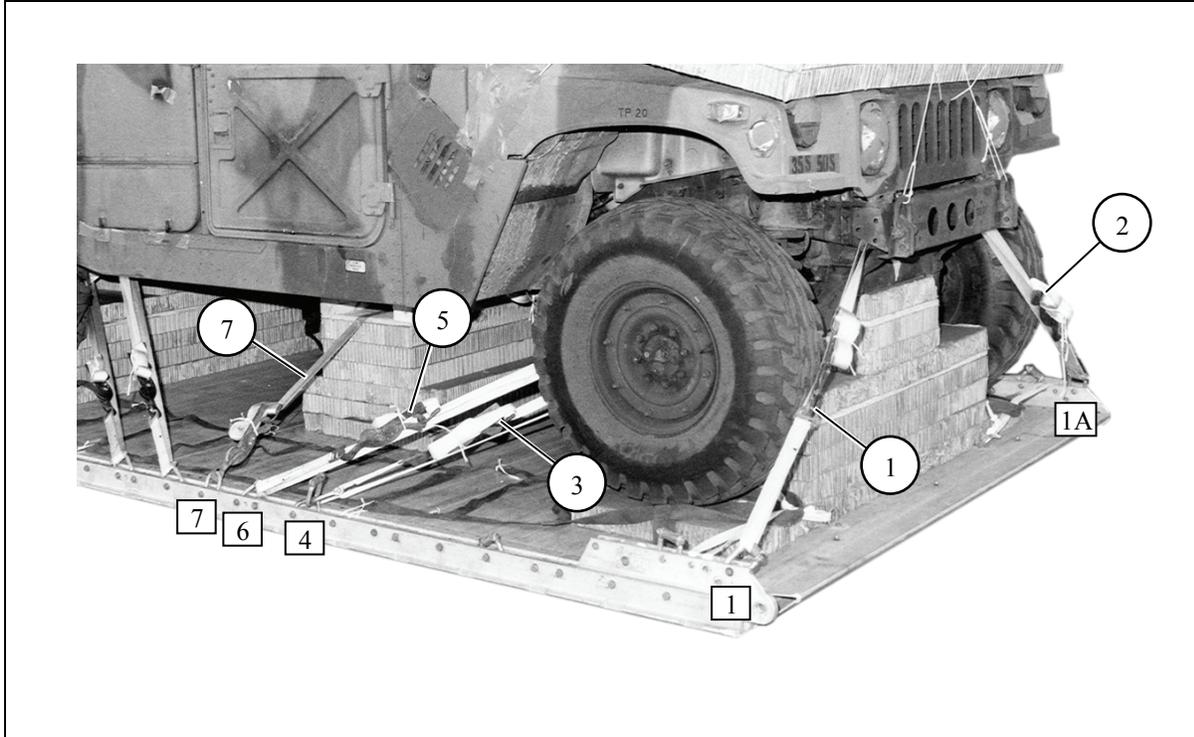
**Figure 1-15. Lifting Slings Installed, Ambulance Lifted, and Drive-off Aids Installed**



**Figure 1-16. Ambulance Positioned**

## LASHING AMBULANCE

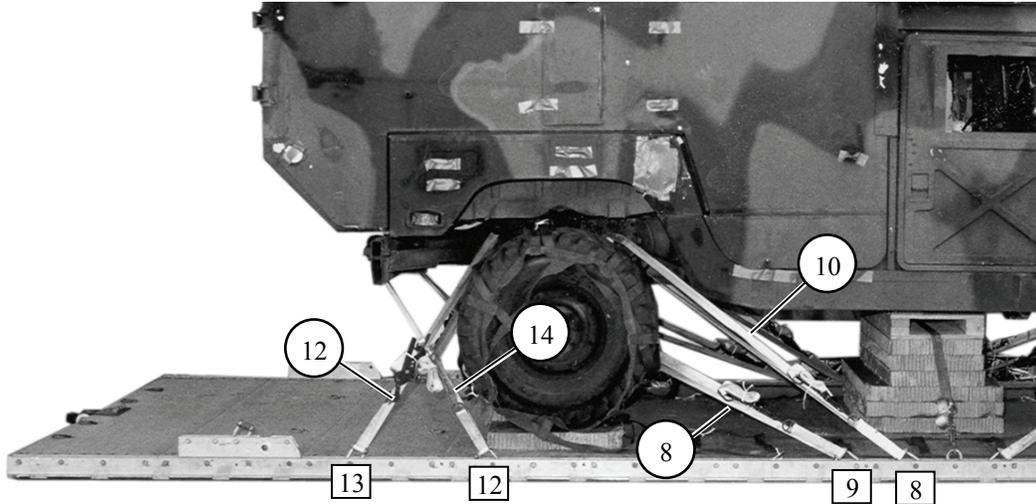
1-7. Lash the ambulance to the platform as shown in Figures 1-17 and 1-18.



<b>Lashing Number</b>	<b>Tiedown Clevis Number</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
1	1	Pass lashing: Through tie-down bracket on end of right frame rail.
2	1A	Through tie-down bracket on end of left frame rail.
3	4	Around right front lower control arm.
4	4A	Around left front lower control arm.
5	6	Through tie-down bracket behind right front coil spring.
6	6A	Through tie-down bracket behind left front coil spring.
7	7 and 7A	Pass a 15-foot lashing through clevis 7A and through its own D-ring. Pass the lashing through the hole in stack 2. Attach the lashing to clevis 7 with a load binder.

**Figure 1-17. Lashings 1 through 7 Installed**

**Note.** Although the lashing order deviates from normal numerical order, it allows for easier installation of the lashings.

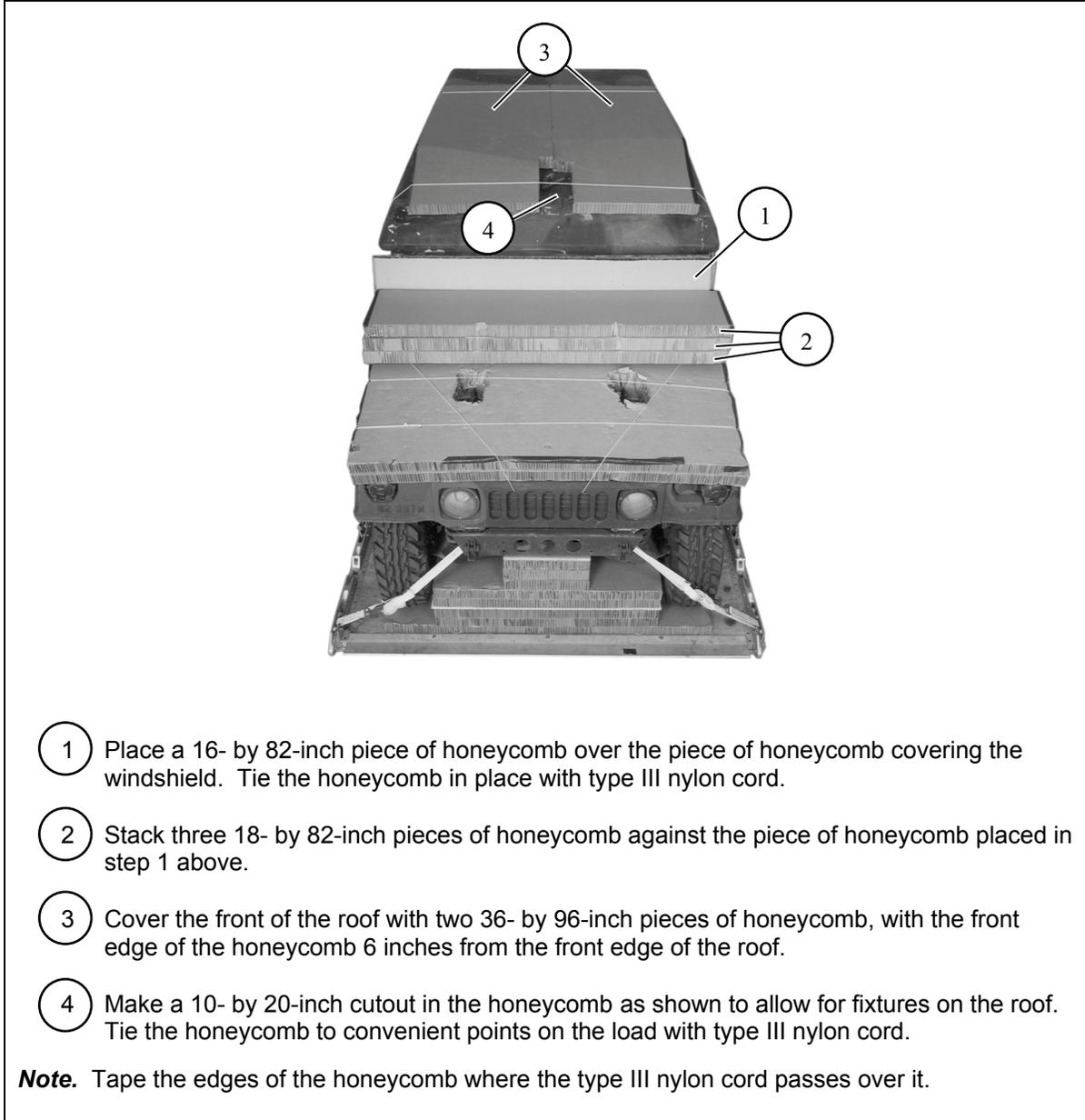


<i>Lashing Number</i>	<i>Tiedown Clevis Number</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
		Pass lashing:
8	9	Around right rear lower control arm.
9	9A	Around left rear lower control arm.
10	8	Through tie-down bracket in front of right rear coil spring.
11	8A	Through tie-down bracket in front of left rear coil spring.
12	13	Through tie-down bracket behind right rear coil spring.
13	13A	Through tie-down bracket behind left rear coil spring.
14	12	Through tie-down shackle on right side of bumper.
15	12A	Through tie-down shackle on left side of bumper.

**Figure 1-18. Lashings 8 through 15 Installed**

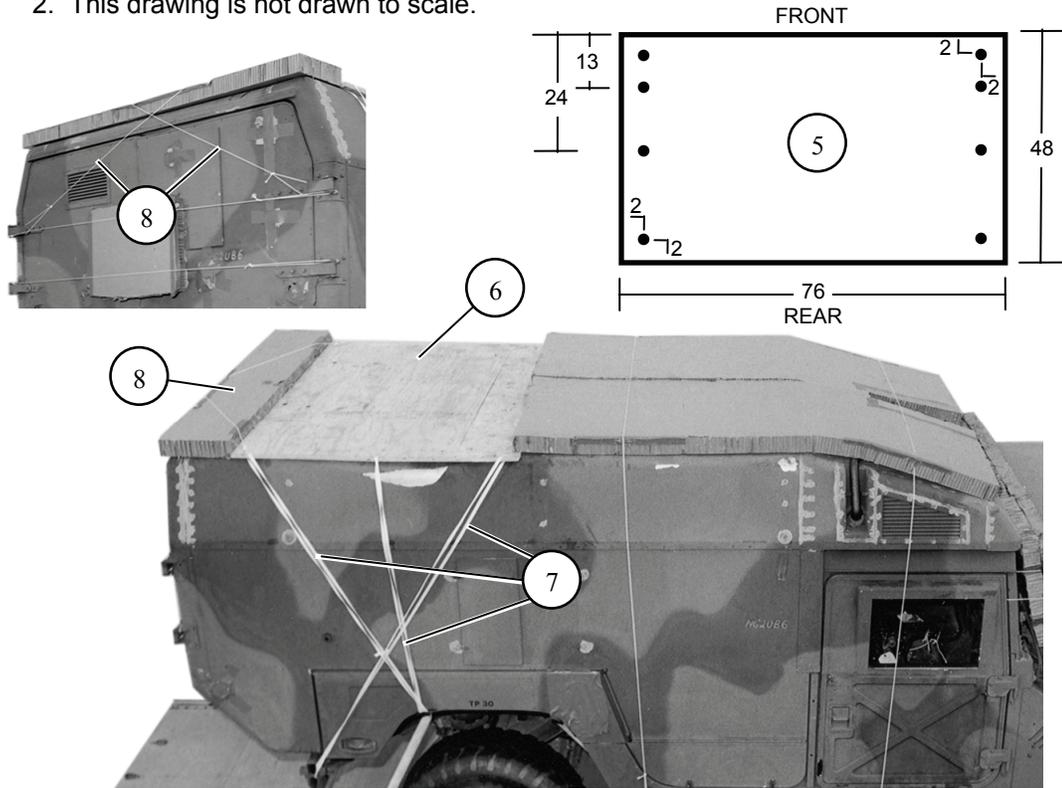
## INSTALLING SUSPENSION SYSTEM

- 1-8. Install the suspension system as given below:
- Install the roof covers and ACB supports as shown in Figure 1-19.



**Figure 1-19. Roof Cover and ACB Supports Installed**

- Notes.** 1. All measurements are given in inches.  
2. This drawing is not drawn to scale.



- 5 Drill eight 1/2-inch holes in a 3/4- by 48- by 76-inch piece of plywood as shown.
- 6 Cover the rear of the ambulance roof with the plywood so the front edge of the plywood extends under the honeycomb and the rear edge is 12 inches from the rear edge of the roof.
- 7 Secure the plywood to the roof with 1/2-inch tubular nylon webbing as follows: from the front holes in the plywood to the rear bumpers, from the rear holes to the tie-down brackets in front of the rear coils springs, and from the center holes to the tie-down brackets behind the rear coil springs.
- 8 Place a 76- by 12-inch piece of honeycomb across the roof against the rear edge of the plywood. Tape the edges and secure the honeycomb to the rear door hinges and to the rear holes in the plywood with type III nylon cord.

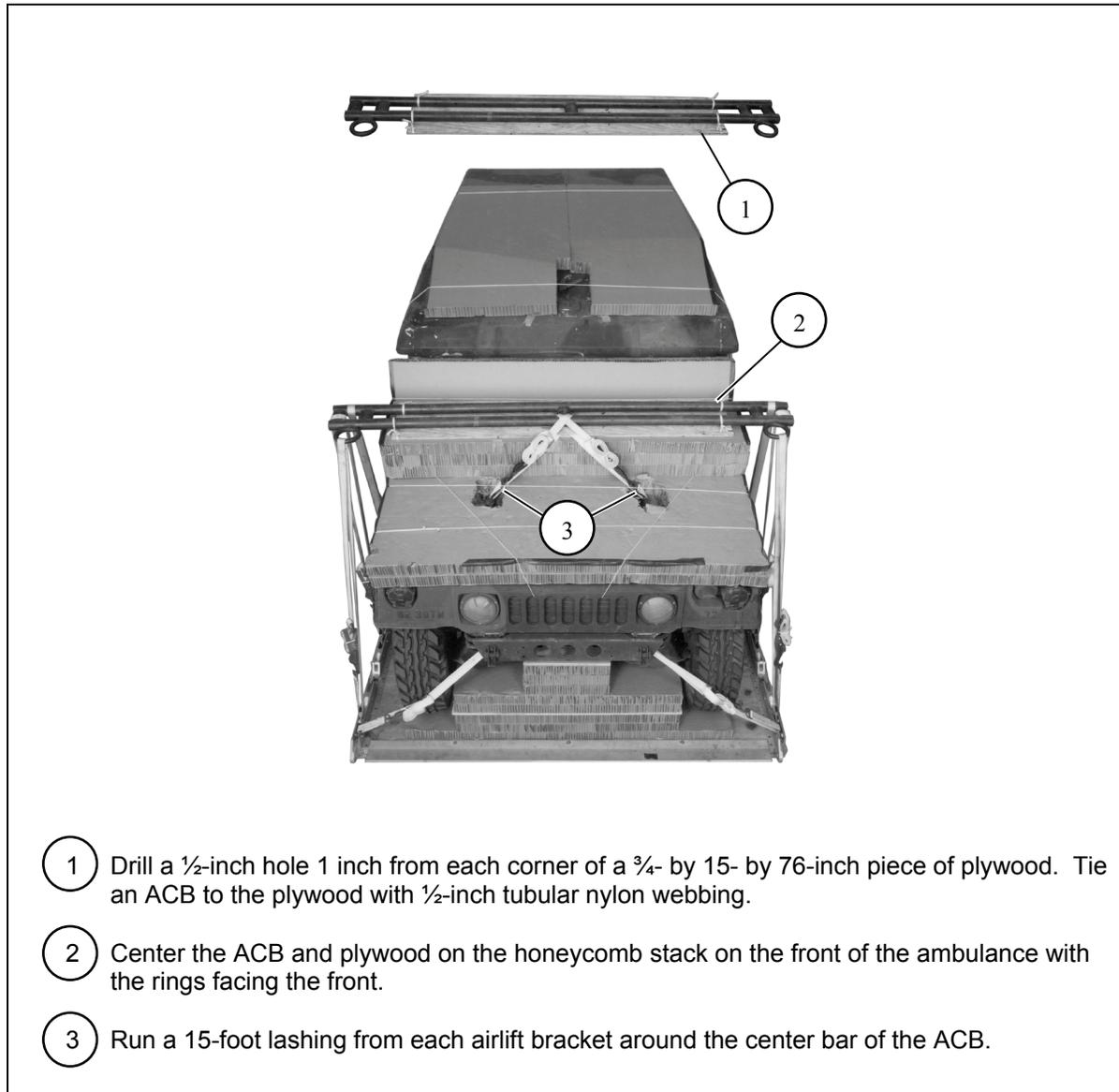
**Figure 1-19. Roof Cover and ACB Supports Installed (Continued)**

- Install the ACB to the front of the ambulance as shown in Figure 1-20.

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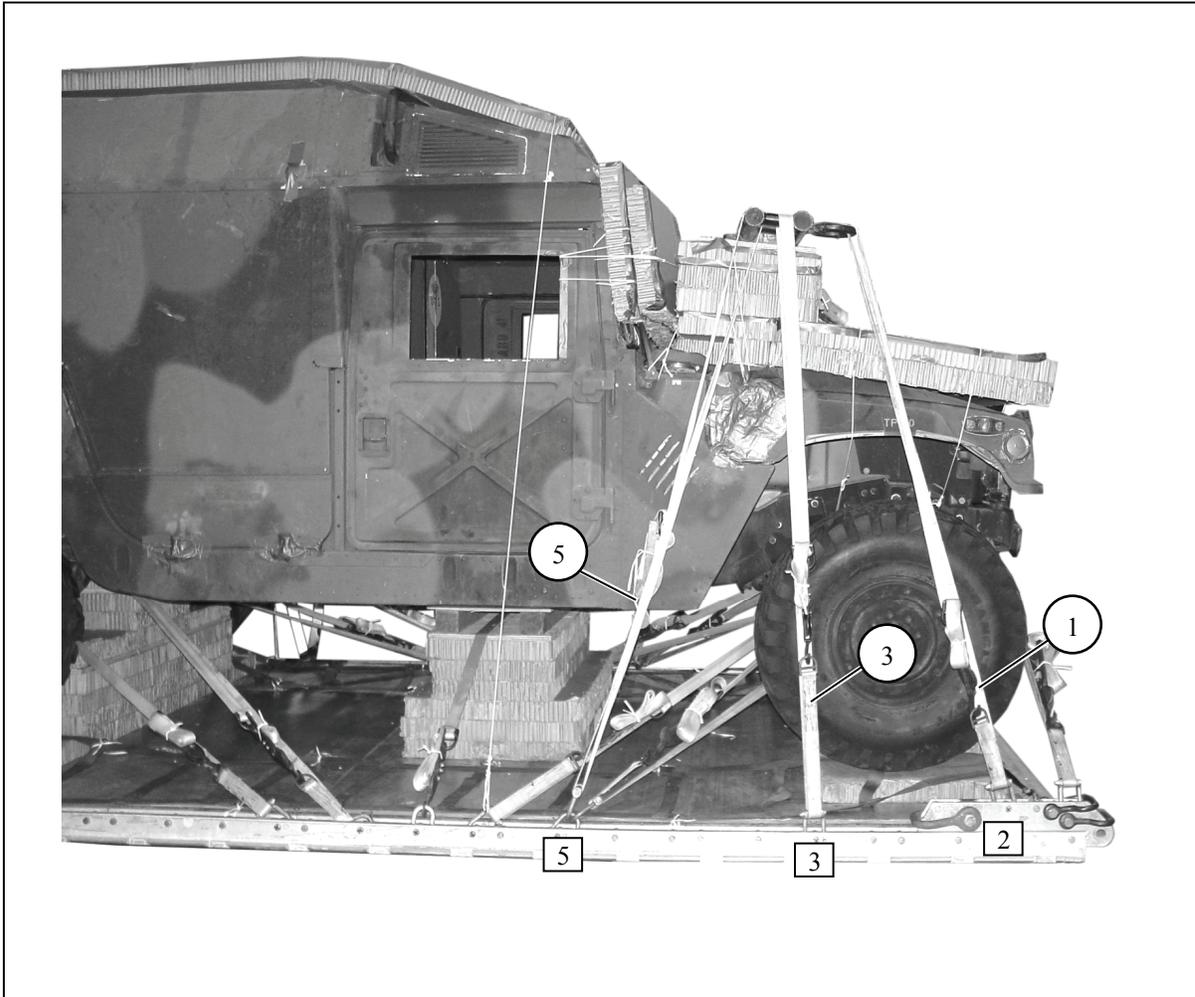
**Note.** Do NOT use the suspension sling spreader bar on the front of the ambulance. Use only the ACB.

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**Figure 1-20. ACB Installed on Front of Ambulance**

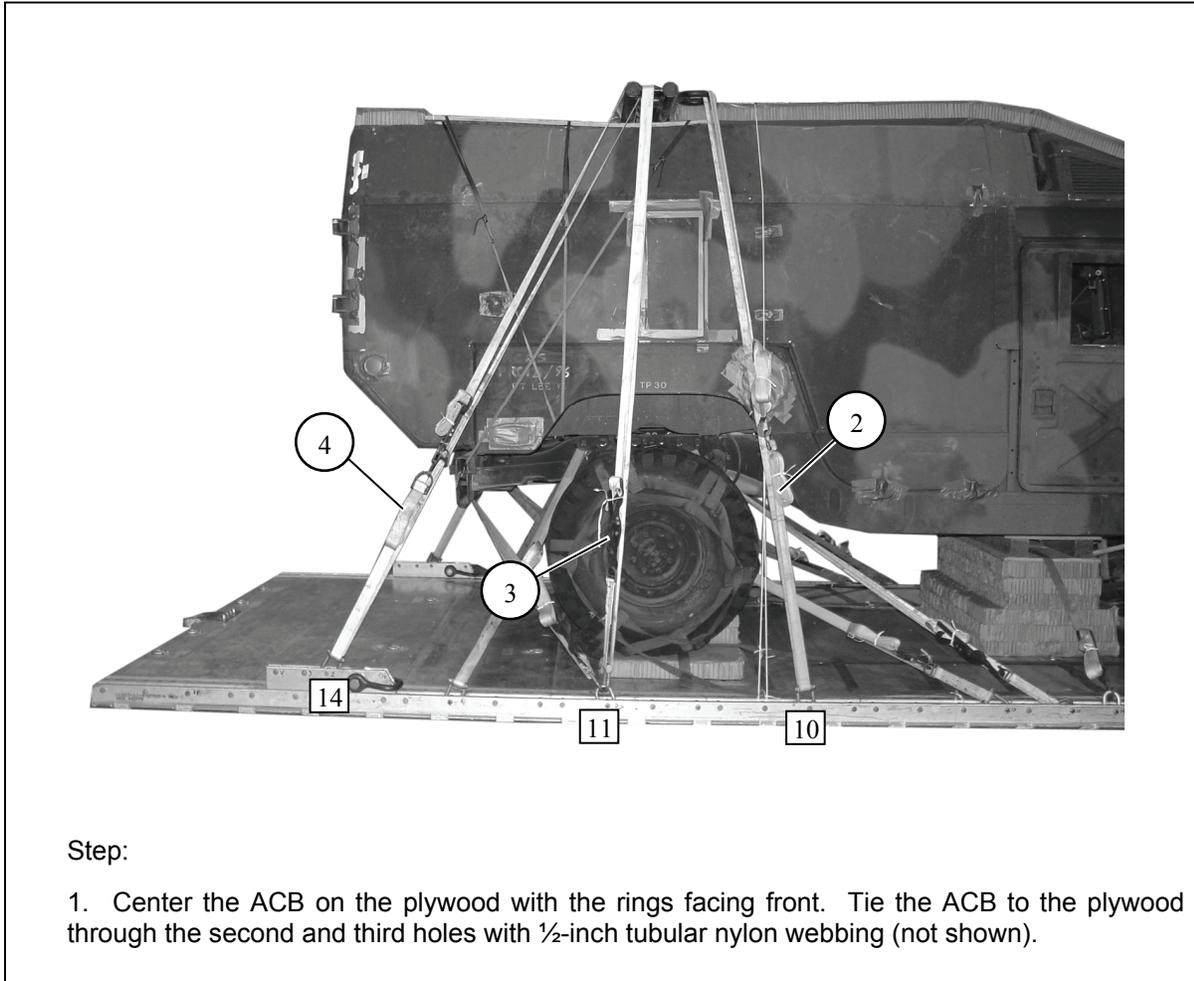
- Lash the front ACB to the platform as shown in Figure 1-21.



<i>Lashing Number</i>	<i>Tiedown Clevis Number</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
1	2	Pass lashing:
2	2A	Through ring of ACB.
3	3	Through square hole of ACB.
4	3A	Through square hole of ACB.
5	5	Around rear bar of ACB.
6	5A	Around rear bar of ACB.

**Figure 1-21. Front ACB Lashed to Platform**

- Install and lash the rear ACB to the platform as shown in Figure 1-22.



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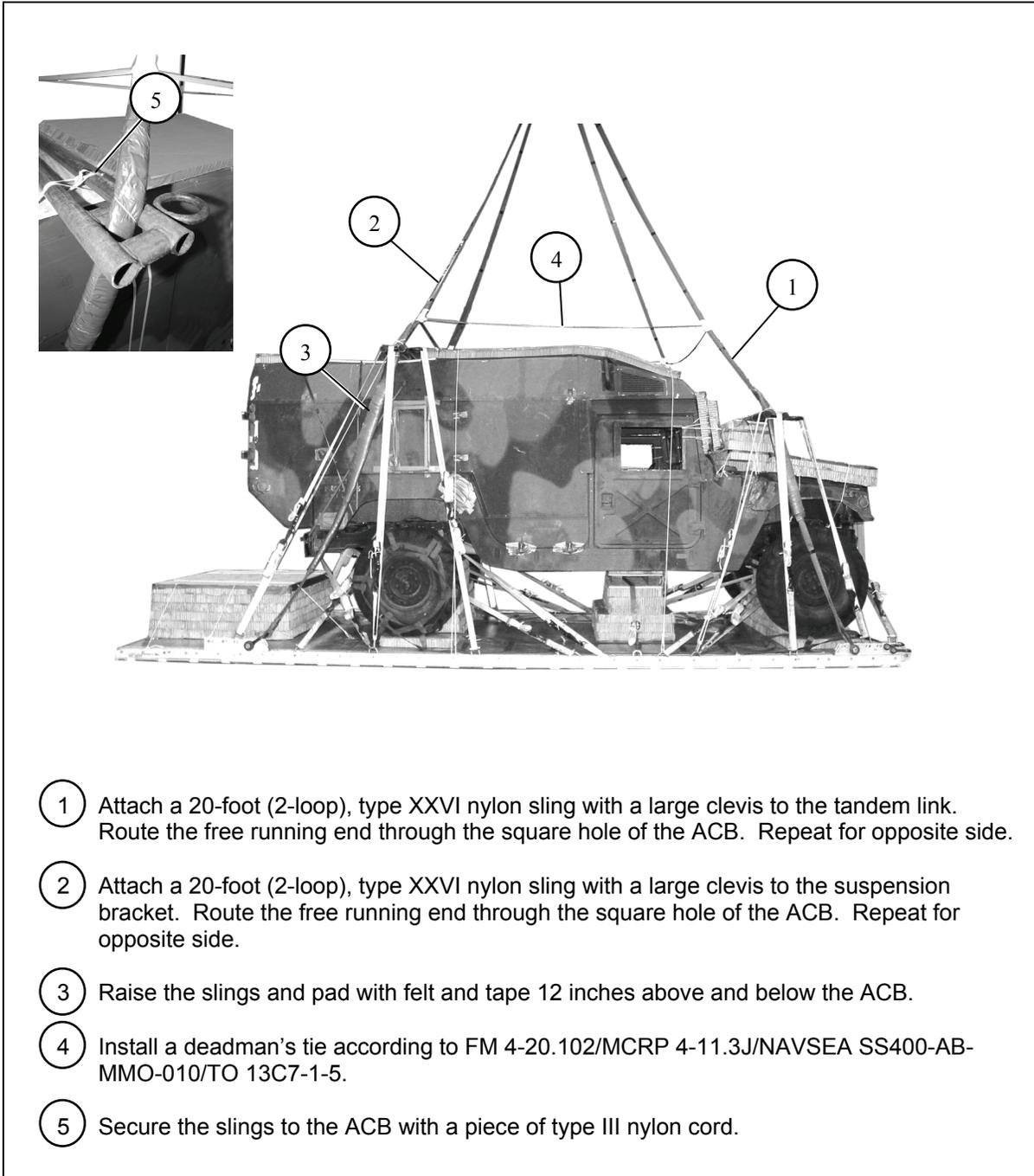
1. Center the ACB on the plywood with the rings facing front. Tie the ACB to the plywood through the second and third holes with ½-inch tubular nylon webbing (not shown).

<i>Lashing Number</i>	<i>Tiedown Clevis Number</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
1	10	Pass lashing: Through ring of ACB.
2	10A	Through ring of ACB.
3	11	Through square hole of ACB.
4	11A	Through square hole of ACB.
5	14	Around rear bar of ACB.
6	14A	Around rear bar of ACB.

**Note.** Be sure that the lashings are not so tight that they cause the roof to buckle.

**Figure 1-22. Rear ACB Lashed to Platform**

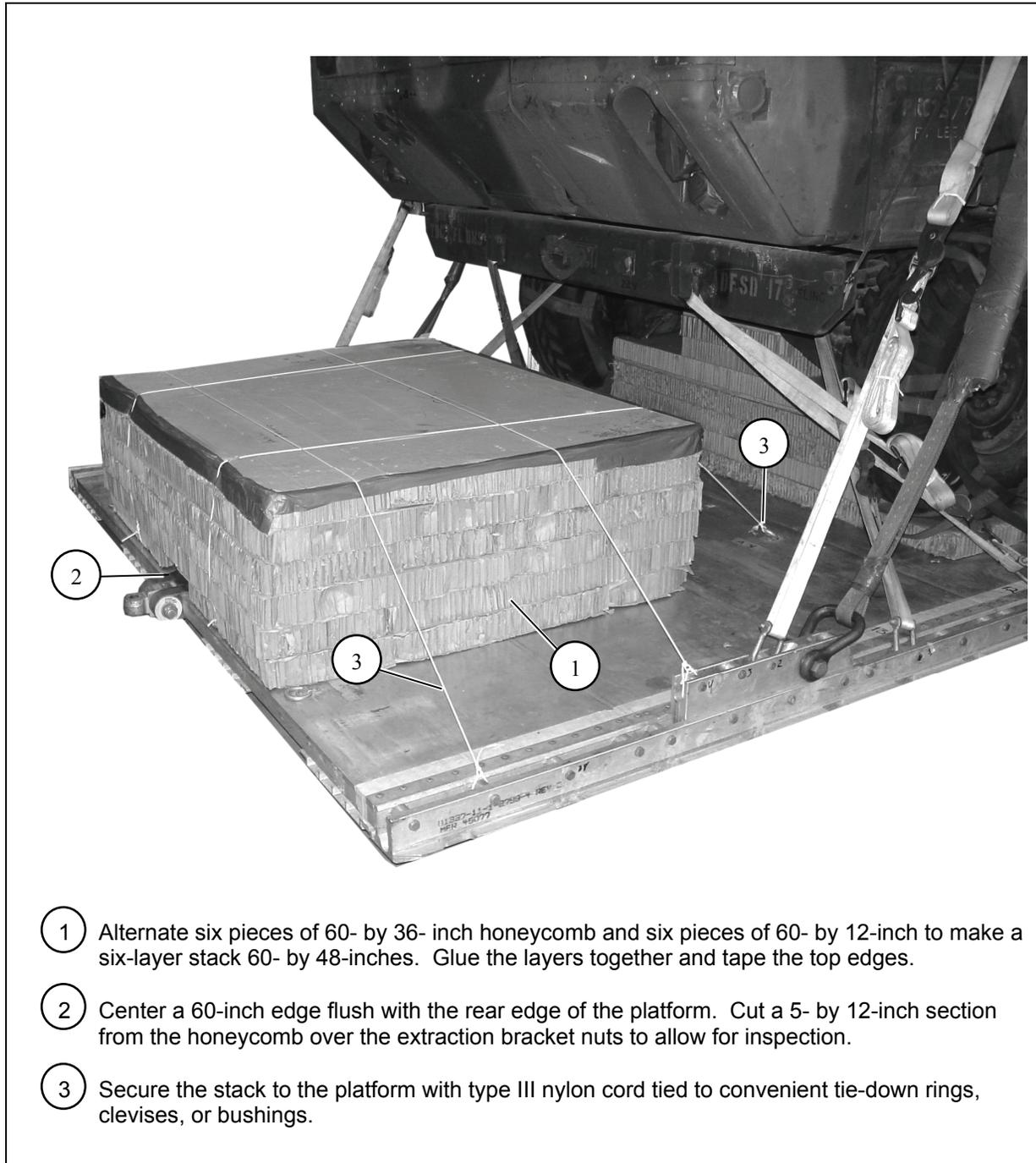
- Install the suspension slings and the deadman's tie as shown in Figure 1-23.



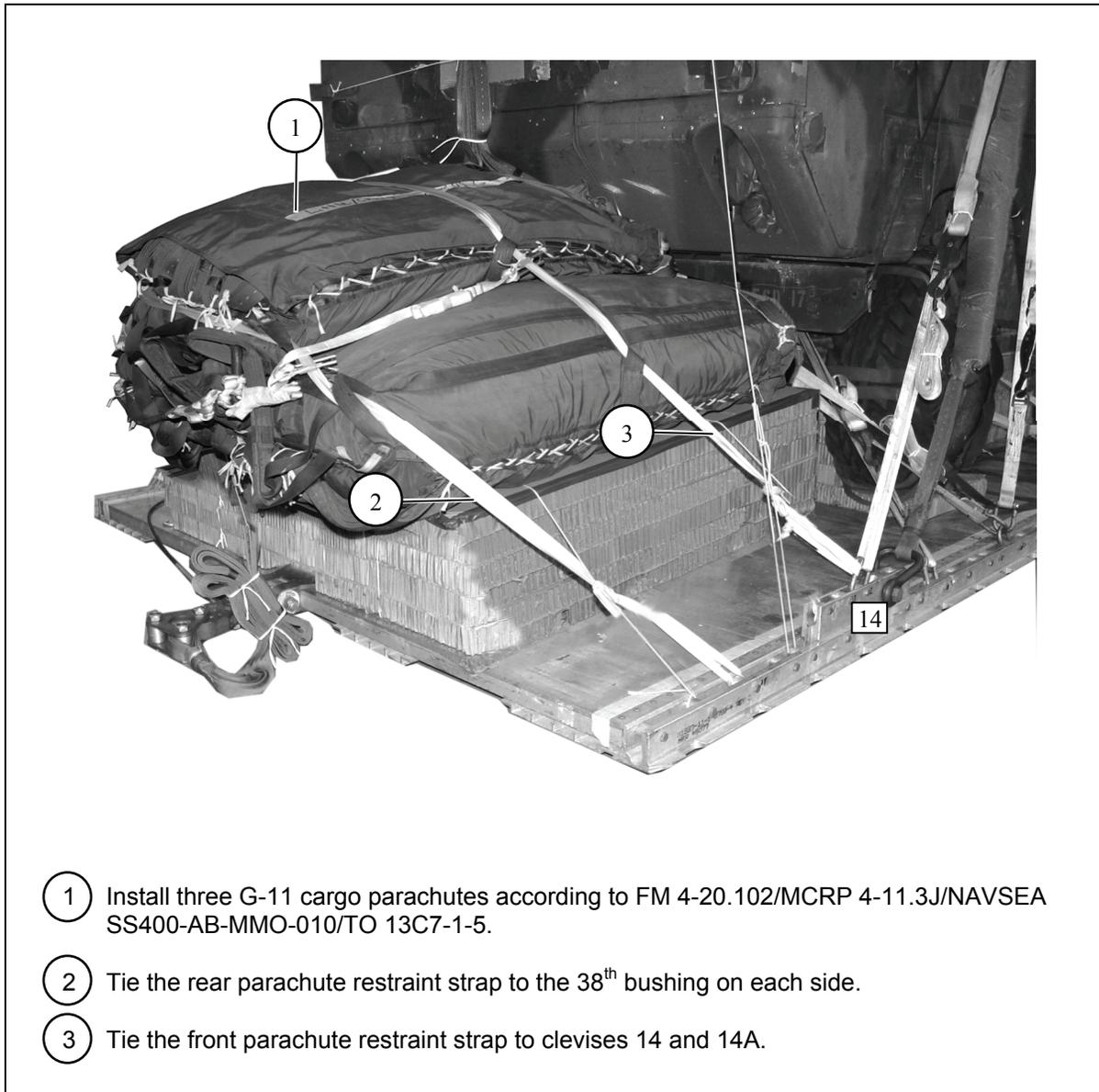
**Figure 1-23. Suspension Slings and Deadman's Tie Installed**

## STOWING CARGO PARACHUTES

1-9. Prepare and install the parachute stowage platform as shown in Figure 1-24. Weigh the load and install the correct number of parachutes according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5. The load shown in Figure 1-25 requires three G-11 cargo parachutes.



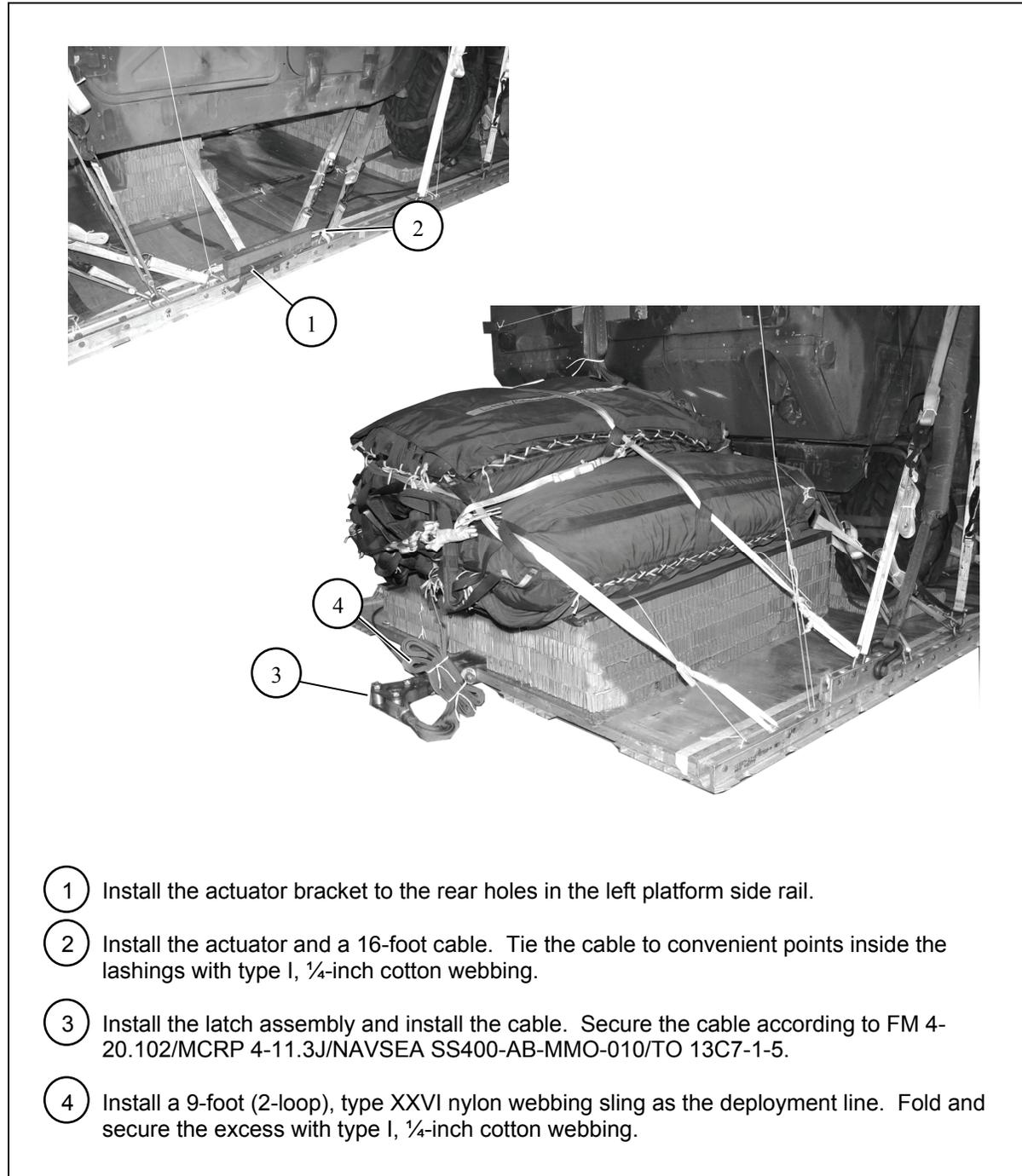
**Figure 1-24. Parachute Stowage Platform Prepared and Installed**



**Figure 1-25. Parachutes Installed**

## INSTALLING EXTRACTION SYSTEM

1-10. Install the extraction force transfer coupling (EFTC) according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 1-26. If applicable, install the extraction parachute jettison system (EPJS) according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.



- 1 Install the actuator bracket to the rear holes in the left platform side rail.
- 2 Install the actuator and a 16-foot cable. Tie the cable to convenient points inside the lashings with type I, 1/4-inch cotton webbing.
- 3 Install the latch assembly and install the cable. Secure the cable according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.
- 4 Install a 9-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing sling as the deployment line. Fold and secure the excess with type I, 1/4-inch cotton webbing.

**Figure 1-26. EFTC Installed**

## INSTALLING PARACHUTE RELEASE

1-11. Install an M-1 cargo parachute release according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 1-27.

## INSTALLING PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESTRAINTS

1-12. Install provisions for emergency restraints on the front of the platform according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.

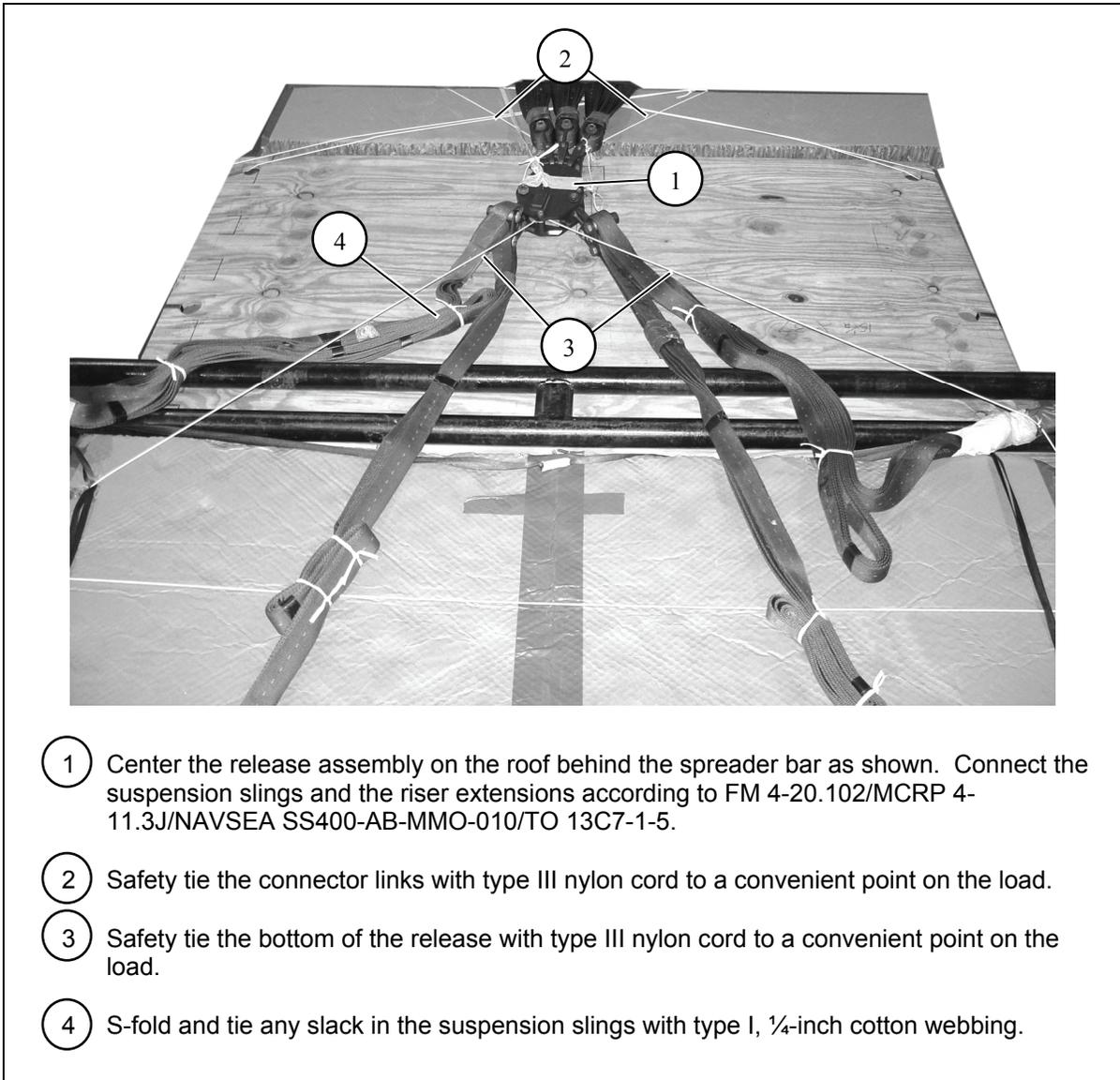


Figure 1-27. M-1 Release Installed

## **PLACING EXTRACTION PARACHUTE**

1-13. Select the extraction parachute and extraction line needed using the extraction line requirements table in FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5. Rig the extraction line in an extraction line bag according to TM 10-1670-286-20/TO 13C5-2-41. Place the extraction parachute and extraction line on the load for installation in the aircraft. If a drogue parachute and drogue line are required, place them on the platform for installation in the aircraft as well.

## **MARKING RIGGED LOAD**

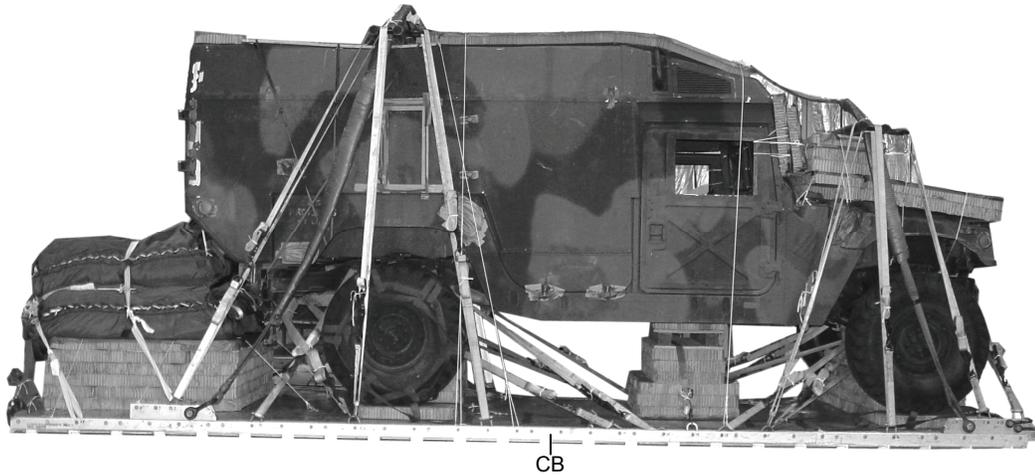
1-14. Mark the rigged load according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 1-28. Complete the Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods. If the load varies from the one shown, the weight, height, CB, and parachute requirements must be recomputed.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

1-15. Use the equipment listed in Table 1-1 to rig this load.

**CAUTION**

Make the final rigger inspection required by FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 before the load leaves the rigging site.



**RIGGED LOAD DATA**

Weight: Load shown.....	11,680 pounds
Maximum load allowed.....	13,500 pounds
Height .....	100 inches
Width .....	108 inches
Overall Length with EFTC .....	258 inches
Overall Length with EPJS .....	270 inches
Overhang: Front .....	0 inches
Rear (EFTC).....	18 inches
Rear (EPJS).....	30 inches
Center of Balance (from front edge of platform) .....	110 inches

**Figure 1-28. M996, 2-litter Armored Ambulance (HMMWV) Rigged for Low-Velocity Airdrop**

Table 1-1. Equipment Required for Rigging M996 Ambulance for Low-Velocity Airdrop

<i>National Stock Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
8040-00-273-8713	Adhesive, paste, 1-gallon	As required
1670-00-003-4389	Bar, attitude control	2
4030-00-090-5354	Clevis, suspension, 1-inch (large)	5
4020-00-240-2146	Cord, nylon, type III, 550-pound	As required
1670-00-434-5785	Coupling, airdrop, extraction force transfer with cable, 16-foot	1
1670-00-360-0328	Cover, clevis, large	3
8135-00-664-6958	Cushioning material, packaging, cellulose wadding	As required
8305-00-958-3685	Felt, ½-inch thick	As required
1670-01-183-2678	Leaf, extraction line (line bag)	2
1670-01-064-4452	Line, drogue, 60-foot (1-loop), type XXVI (for C-17)	1
	Line, extraction	
1670-01-062-6313	60-foot (3-loop), type XXVI (for C-130)	1
1670-01-107-7651	140-foot (3-loop), type XXVI (for C-17)	1
	Link assembly, two-point	
1670-00-003-1953	3 ¾-inch	2
	Lumber:	
5510-00-220-6148	2- by 6-inch	As required
5510-00-220-6274	2- by 4-inch	As required
5315-00-010-4659	Nail, steel wire, 8d	As required
1670-00-753-3928	Pad, energy-dissipating (honeycomb)	20 sheets
	Parachute:	
	Cargo:	
1670-01-016-7841	G-11	3
	Cargo extraction:	
1670-01-063-3716	22-foot	1
1670-01-063-3715	15-foot (drogue for C-17)	1
	Platform, airdrop, type V, 20-foot	
1670-01-353-8425	Bracket assembly, coupling	(1)
1670-01-162-2372	Clevis assembly, type V	(28)
1670-01-353-8424	Extraction bracket assembly	(1)
1670-01-247-2389	Suspension link	(2)
1670-01-162-2381	Tandem link assembly (multipurpose link)	(2)
5530-00-128-4981	Plywood, ¾-inch	4 sheets
1670-01-097-8816	Release, cargo parachute, M-1	1

**Table 1-1. Equipment Required for Rigging M996 Ambulance for Low-Velocity Airdrop  
(Continued)**

<i>National Stock Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
	Sling, cargo, airdrop:	
	For suspension:	
1670-01-062-6302	20-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	4
	For lifting:	
1670-01-062-6301	3-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	1
1670-01-062-6303	12-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-063-7761	16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
	For deployment:	
1670-01-062-6304	9-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	1
	For riser extension:	
1670-01-062-6302	20-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-062-6313	60-foot (3-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	3
4910-01-313-8839	Spreader bar assembly	1
5340-00-040-8219	Strap, parachute release multi-cut, with 3 knives	2
7510-00-266-5016	Tape, adhesive, 2-inch	As required
1670-00-937-0271	Tie-down assembly, 15-foot	34
1670-01-483-8259	Tow release mechanism (H-Block for C-17)	1
1670-01-344-0825	Vehicle drive-off aid	1
	Webbing:	
8305-00-268-2411	Cotton, ¼-inch, type I	As required
8305-00-082-5752	Nylon, tubular, ½-inch	As required
8305-00-263-3591	Type VIII	As required

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## Chapter 2

# Rigging the M997 Ambulance on a 20-Foot, Type V Airdrop Platform for Low-Velocity Airdrop

## DESCRIPTION OF LOAD

2-1. The M997 ambulance (shown in Figure 2-1) is rigged on a 20-foot, type V airdrop platform for low-velocity airdrop. The load requires three G-11 cargo parachutes, depending upon the accompanying load in the vehicle.

### CAUTION

This load may be dropped from C-17 aircraft only.

## PREPARING PLATFORM

2-2. Prepare a 20-foot, type V platform as described below and as shown in Figure 2-2.

- **Inspecting Platform.** Inspect, or assemble and inspect the platform according to TM 10-1670-268-20&P/TO 13C7-52-22.
- **Installing Tandem Links.** Install tandem links as shown in Figure 2-2.
- **Installing Suspension Links.** Install the suspension links as described in Figure 2-2.
- **Attaching and Numbering Clevises.** Attach and number 28 clevis assemblies as shown in Figure 2-2.

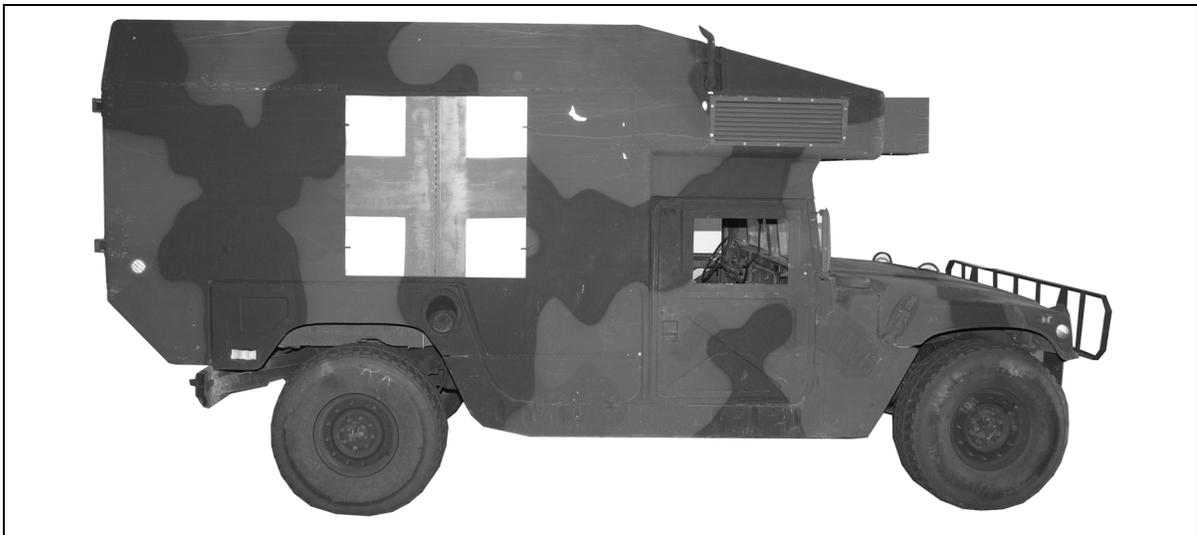


Figure 2-1. M997 4-Litter Ambulance

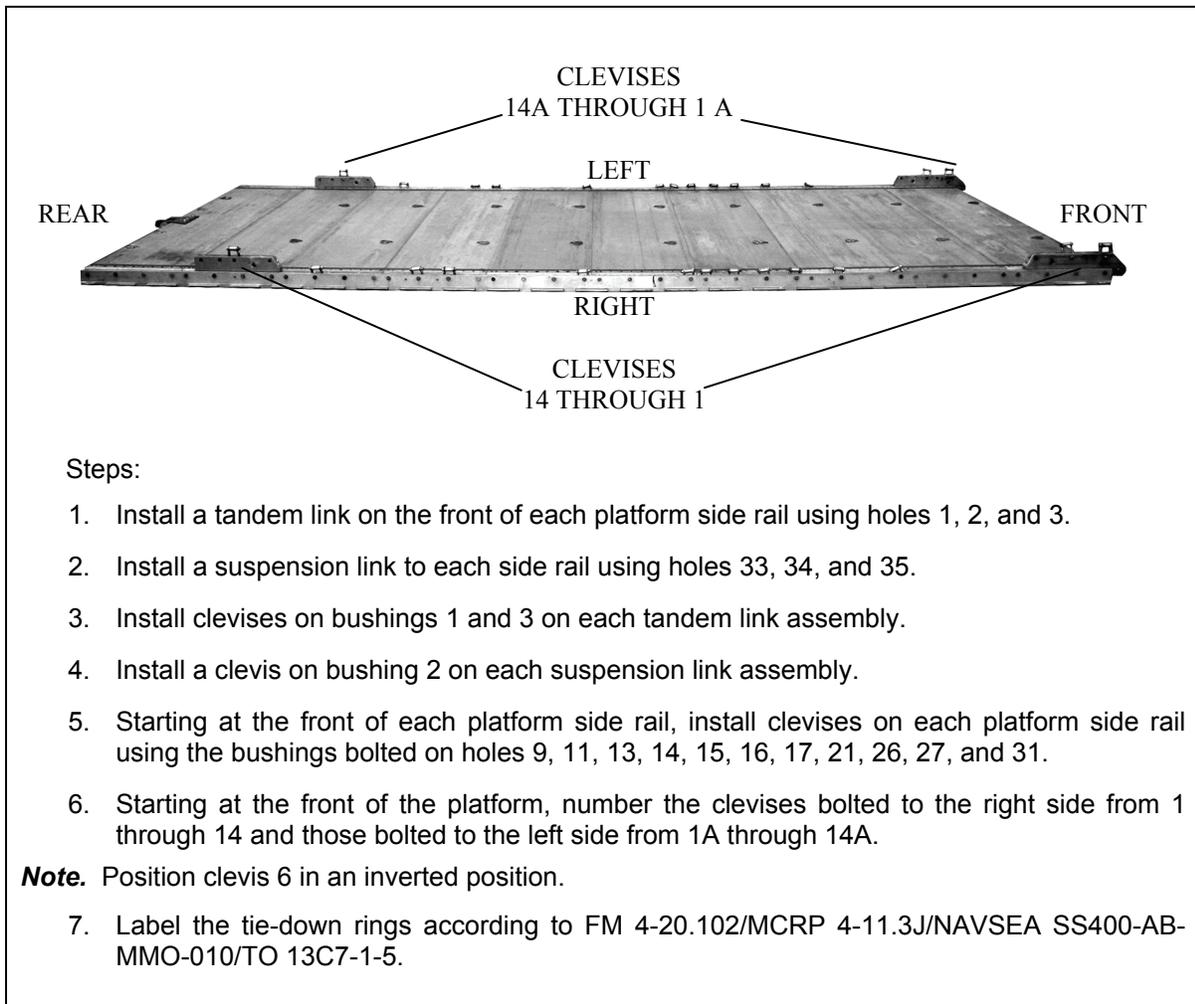


Figure 2-2. Platform Prepared

## BUILDING AND POSITIONING HONEYCOMB STACKS

2-3. Build the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figures 1-3 and 1-4. Position the honeycomb stacks as shown in Figure 2-3.

## INSTALLING OPTIONAL DRIVE-OFF AIDS ON PLATFORM

2-4. Install the drive-off aids on the platform as described in Paragraph 1-4.

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*Note.* Drive-off aids are optional and not shown in this chapter.

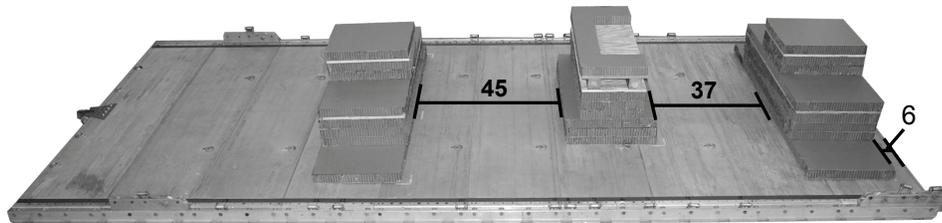
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## PREPARING AMBULANCE

2-5. Prepare the ambulance as described below.

- Make sure the fuel tank is no more than 3/4 full. Prepare the fuel tank filler cap and fuel filler opening as shown in Figure 1-7. Prepare the fuel tank drain plug as shown in Figure 1-8.
- Make sure the batteries and battery compartment comply with AFMAN 24-204(I)/TM 38-250.
- Stow the ambulance OVE equipment in the compartment behind the driver's door. Fill the empty space with honeycomb and close the compartment door. Tape the latches (not shown).
- Tape all lights and reflectors.
- Prepare the underside of the truck as shown in Figure 1-10.
- Prepare and secure the pioneer tool kit according to TM 9-2320-280-10/TO 36A12-1A-2091-1/TM 2320-10/6 and as shown in Figure 1-12.

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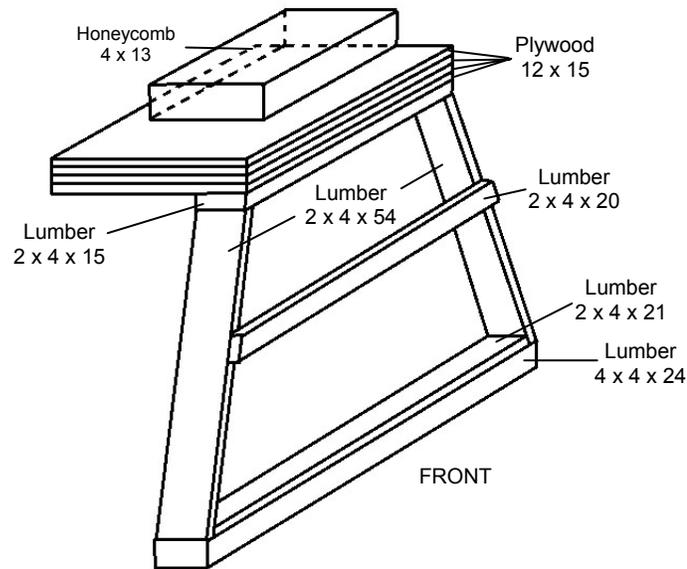


Stack Number	Position of Stack on Platform
1	Position stack 1 centered and 6 inches from the front edge of the platform.
2	Position stack 2 centered and 37 inches from stack 1.
3	Position stack 3 centered and 45 inches from stack 2.

**Figure 2-3. Honeycomb Stacks Placed on Platform**

- Construct and position inner door support frame as shown in Figures 2-4 and 2-5.

- Notes.**
1. All measurements are given in inches.
  2. This drawing is not drawn to scale.
  3. Glue the honeycomb after the frame is positioned.



<b>Support Number</b>	<b>Pieces</b>	<b>Width (inches)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
1	1		24	4x4 lumber	Cut to form base.
	1		21	2x4 lumber	Nail centered on base.
	2		54	2x4 lumber	Nail upright against the 2 by 4 nailed on base.
	1		15	2x4 lumber	Nail flush against the top of the 54-inch 2 by 4 lumber.
	1		20	2x4 lumber	Nail to the side of the 54-inch 2 by 4 22 ½ inches above the 4 by 4 lumber.
	4	12	15	¾-inch plywood	Nail flush against the 15-inch 2 by 4.
	1	4	13	Honeycomb	Glue the honeycomb 4 inches from the front edge the ¾-inch plywood and flush against the 12-inch side of the ¾-inch plywood after the support frame is positioned.

**Figure 2-4. Inner Door Support Constructed**

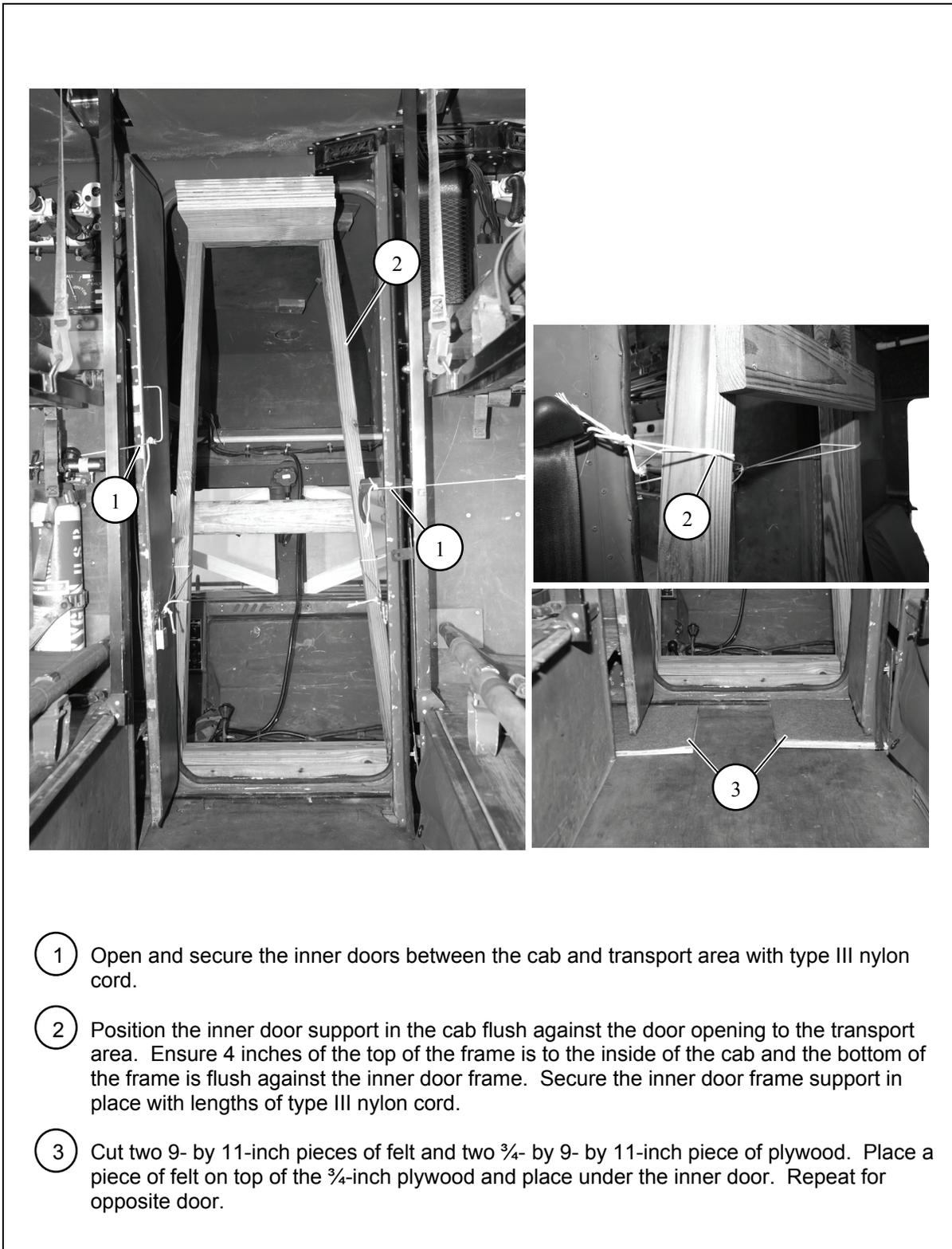
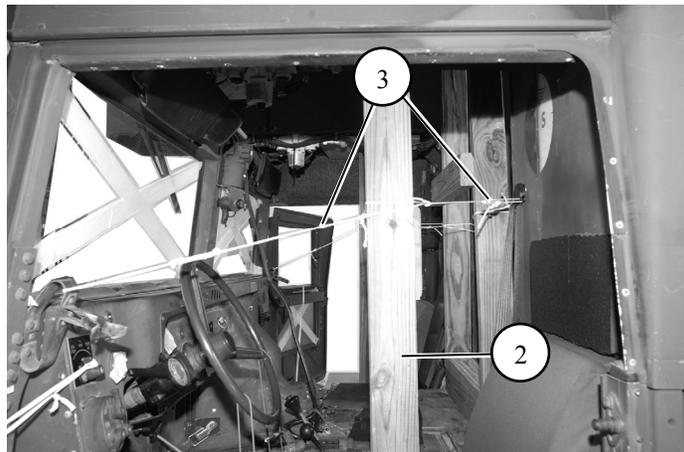
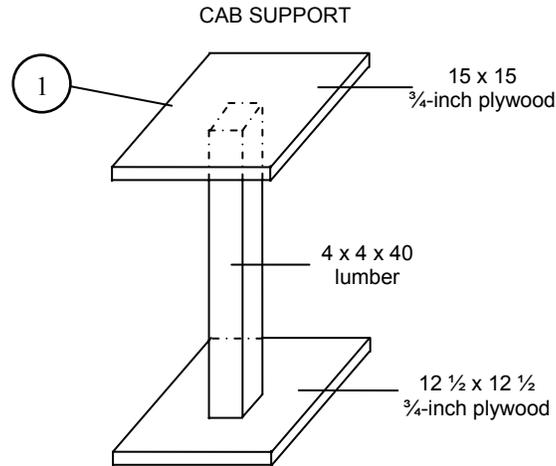


Figure 2-5. Inner Door Support Positioned

- Prepare the cab of the ambulance as shown in Steps 1 through 10 of Figure 1-9 and Figure 2-6.

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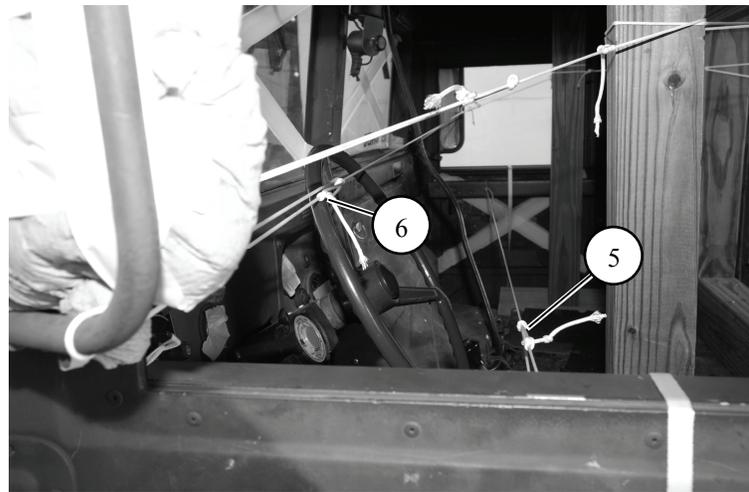
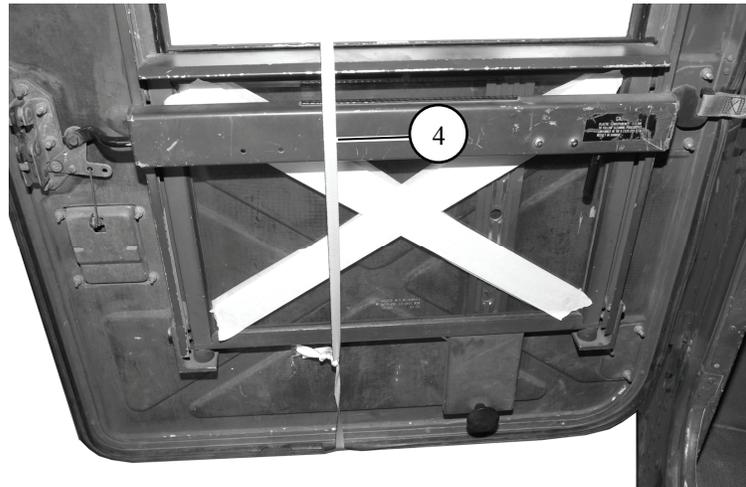


- 1 Construct two cab supports as shown.
- 2 Position the driver's side and passenger side cab support on the respective seat. Ensure the supports do not make contact with the air and heat elements running along the inside of the cab roof.

**Note.** If the seats are worn additional wood shims may be needed to make contact with the top of the cab and the seat.

- 3 Secure the cab supports in place with a length of type III nylon cord horizontally to convenient places within the cab.

**Figure 2-6. Cab Prepared**



- ④ Secure the windows in the down position with lengths of ½-inch tubular nylon over the window and around the door.
- ⑤ Secure both doors of the cab with a length of type III nylon cord from door-to-door.
- ⑥ Rotate the mirrors inward toward the doors and secure with a length of type III nylon cord from the mirror bracket-to-mirror bracket.

**Figure 2-6. Cab Prepared (Continued)**

- Prepare the transport area of the ambulance as shown in Figures 2-7 through 2-19.

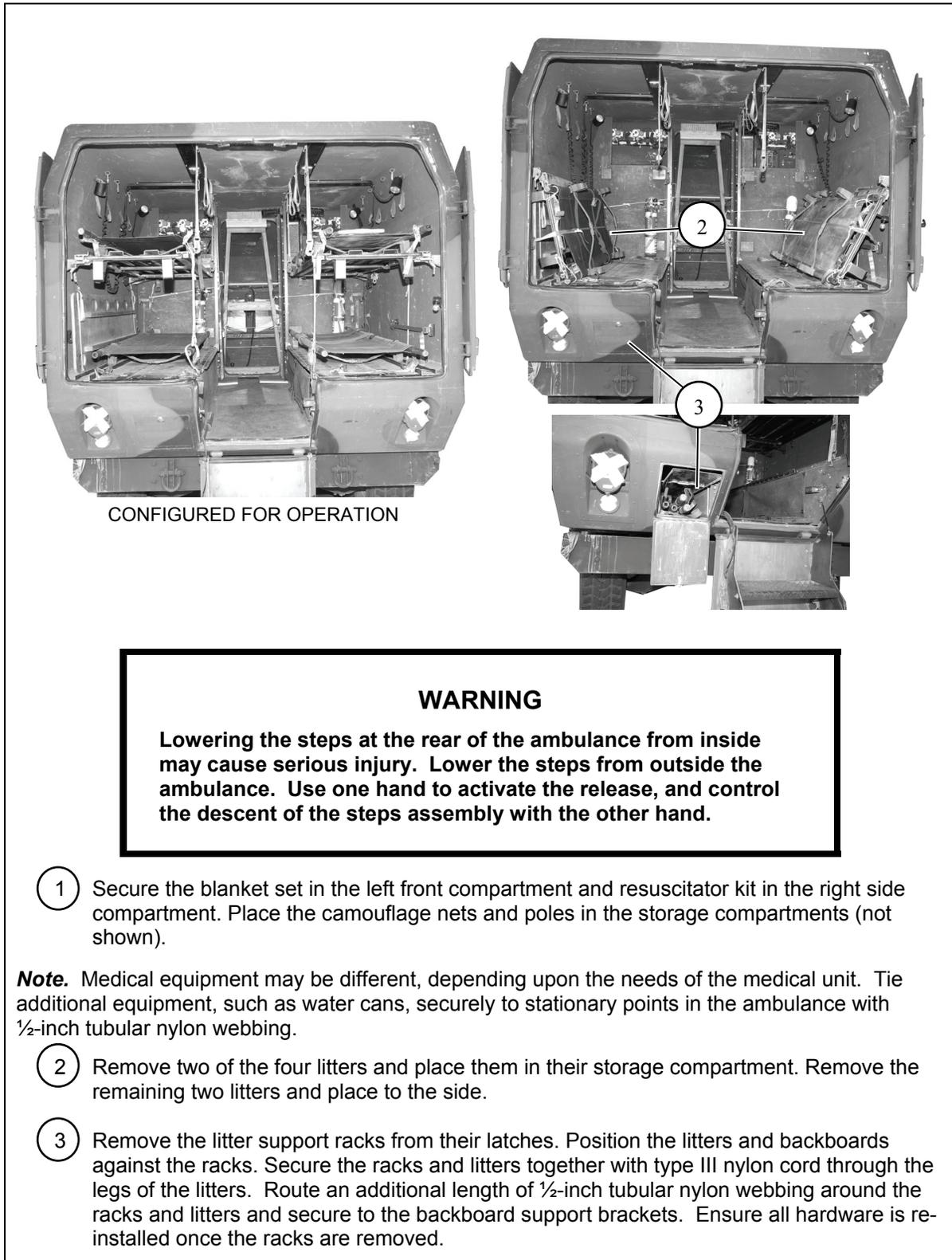
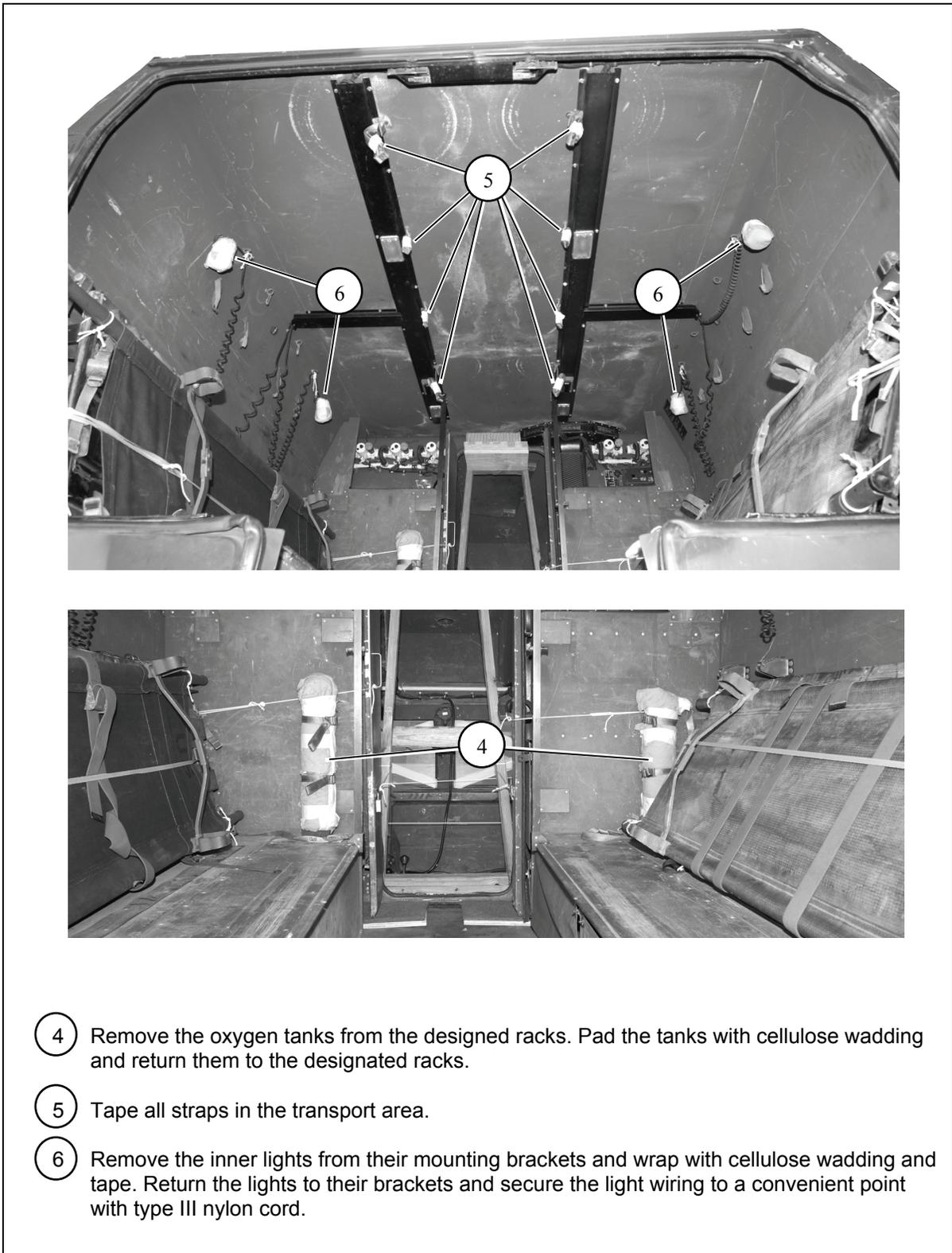
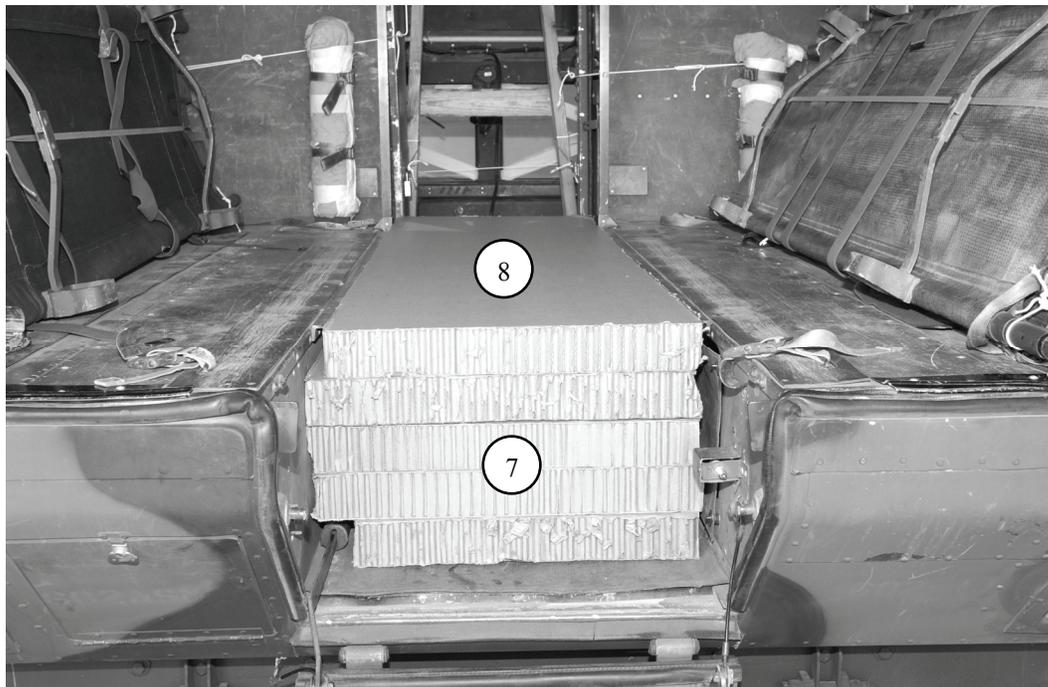


Figure 2-7. Transport Area Prepared



- ④ Remove the oxygen tanks from the designed racks. Pad the tanks with cellulose wadding and return them to the designated racks.
- ⑤ Tape all straps in the transport area.
- ⑥ Remove the inner lights from their mounting brackets and wrap with cellulose wadding and tape. Return the lights to their brackets and secure the light wiring to a convenient point with type III nylon cord.

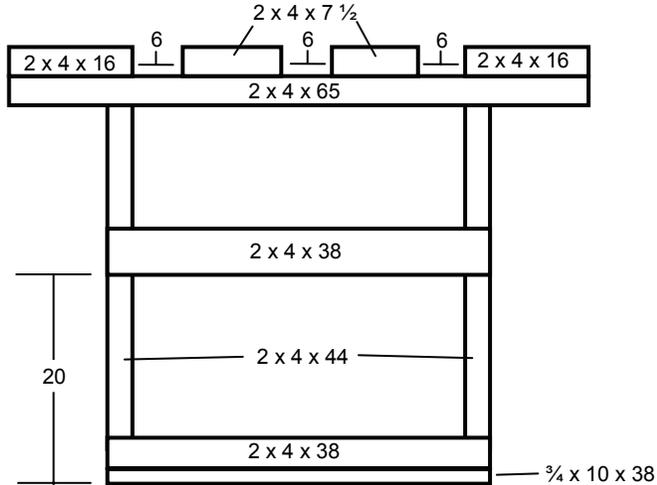
Figure 2-7. Transport Area Prepared (Continued)



- ⑦ Cut four 77- by 24-inch pieces of honeycomb. Position the pieces on the floor of the transport area and flush against the opened inner doors. Cutouts on the bottom piece may be necessary to fit on the floor.
- ⑧ Cut and position a 77- by 23-inch piece of honeycomb on top of the pieces from step 7.

**Figure 2-7. Transport Area Prepared (Continued)**

- Notes.** 1. All measurements are given in inches.  
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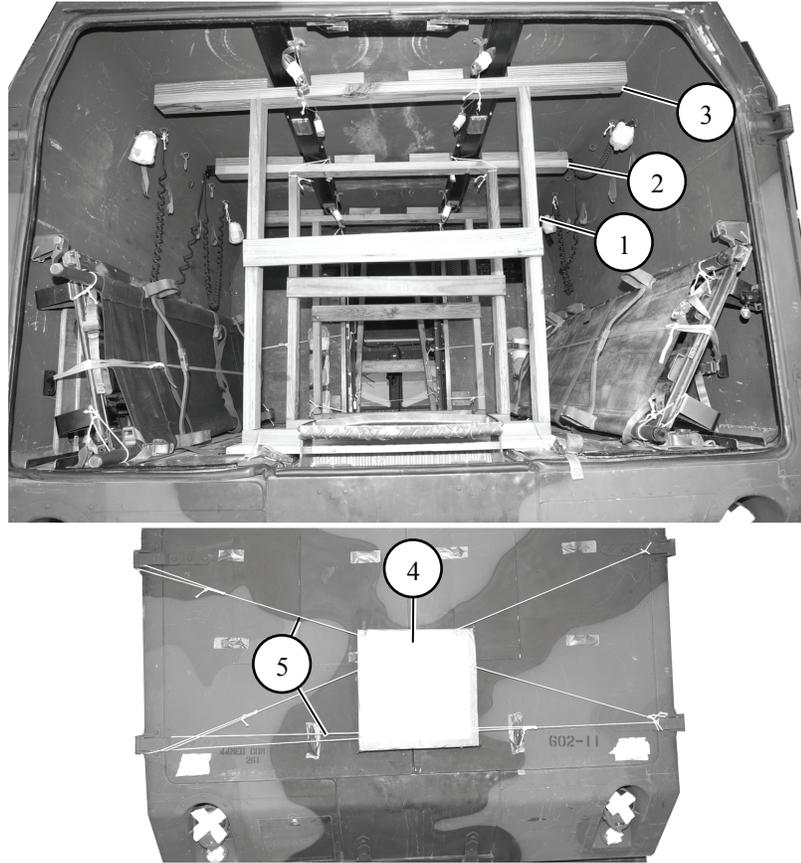


Step:

1. Construct three transport area roof supports.

<b>Support Number</b>	<b>Pieces</b>	<b>Width (inches)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
1, 2, and 3	1	10	38	3/4-inch plywood	Cut to form base.
	1		38	2 by 4 lumber	Nail centered on the 3/4-inch plywood.
	2		44	2 by 4 lumber	Nail one piece upright on the end of the base.
	1		38	2 by 4 lumber	Nail to the uprights 20 inches above base.
	1		65	2 by 4 lumber	Nail centered on the uprights.
	2		16	2 by 4 lumber	Nail one on each end of the 65-inch 2 by 4.
	2		7 1/2	2 by 4 lumber	Nail one 65-inch 2 by 4 six inches from the 16-inch 2 by 4.

**Figure 2-8. Transport Area Supports Constructed**



- 1 Position the first transport area roof support on the forward edge of the 77- by 23-inch piece of honeycomb. Secure the support in place with type III nylon cord to convenient places on the top and bottom of the support.
- 2 Position the second transport area roof support centered on the 77- by 23-inch piece of honeycomb. Secure the support in place with type III nylon cord to convenient places on the top and bottom of the support.
- 3 Position the third transport area roof support on the rear edge of the 77- by 23-inch piece of honeycomb. Secure the support in place with type III nylon cord to convenient places on the top and bottom of the support.
- 4 Close the transport area doors. Close the exposed "Red Cross" Markers on the outside of the vehicle. Cut an 18- by 18-inch piece of honeycomb. Make an indentation on one side to fit the handles of the door.
- 5 Secure the honeycomb to the doors with two lengths of type III nylon cord in an "X" from the door hinges. Secure the bottom of the honeycomb with a length of type III nylon cord from hinge to hinge.

**Figure 2-9. Transport Area Support Positioned**

- Prepare the body of the ambulance as shown in Figures 2-10 through 2-12.

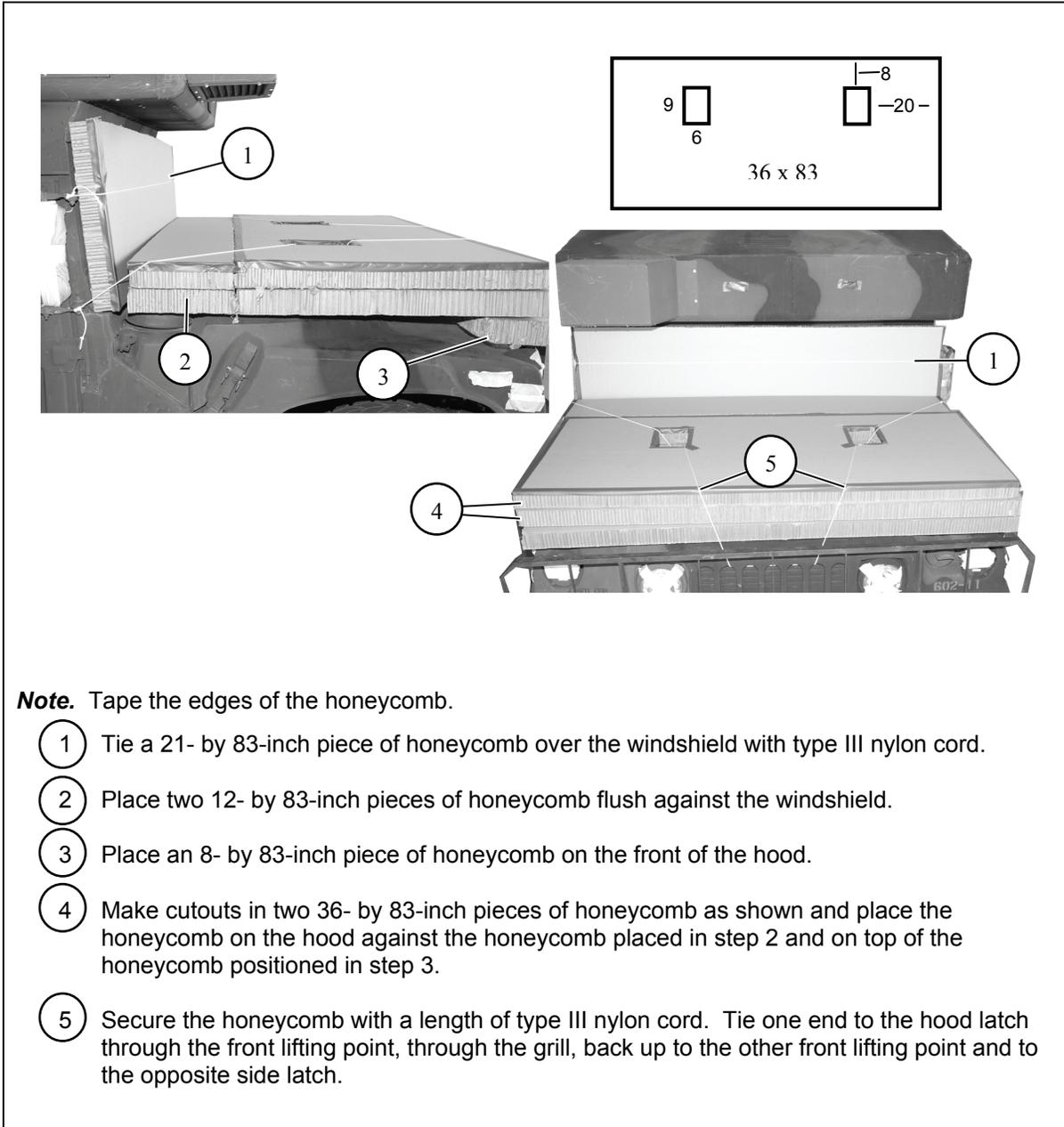


Figure 2-10. Honeycomb Placed on Front of Ambulance



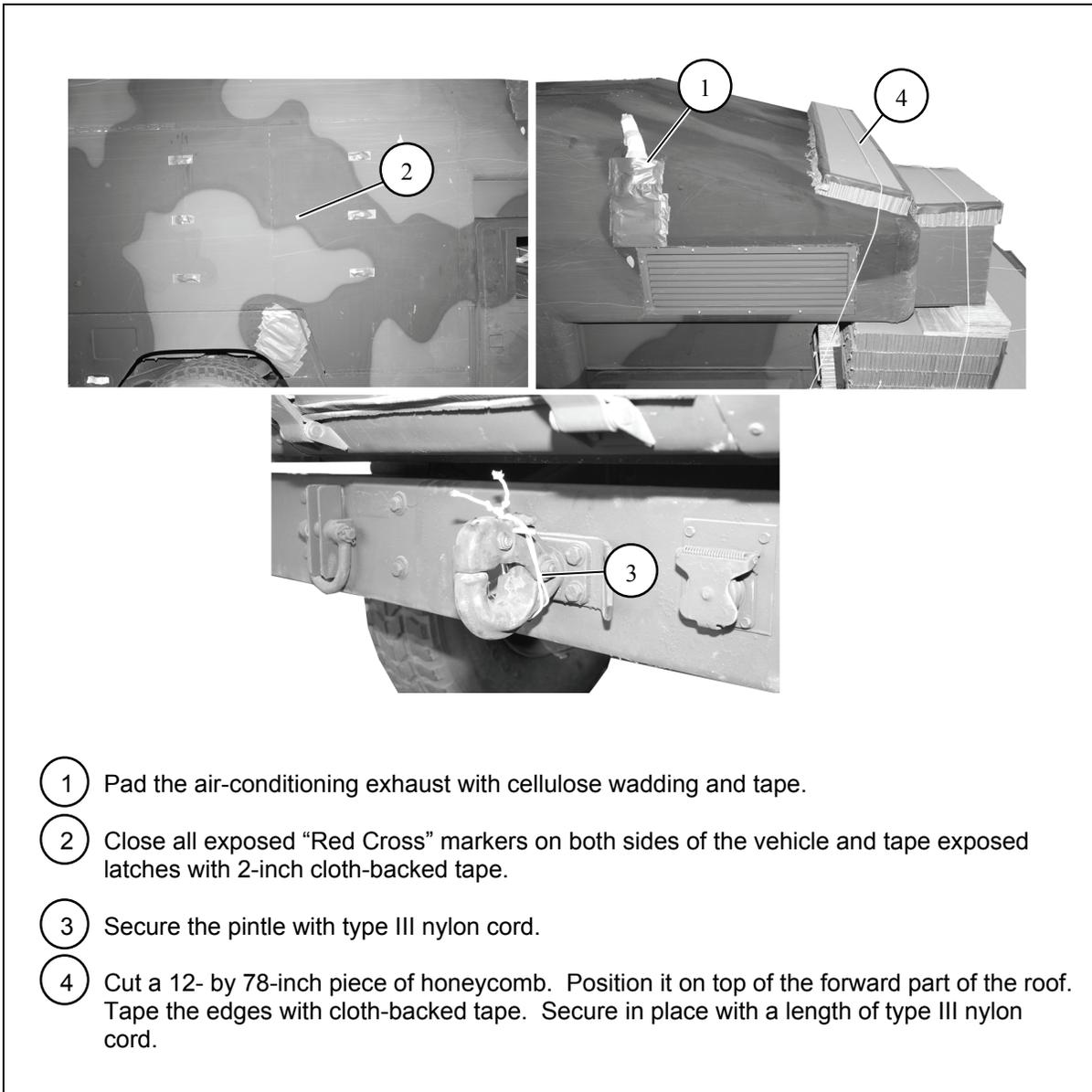
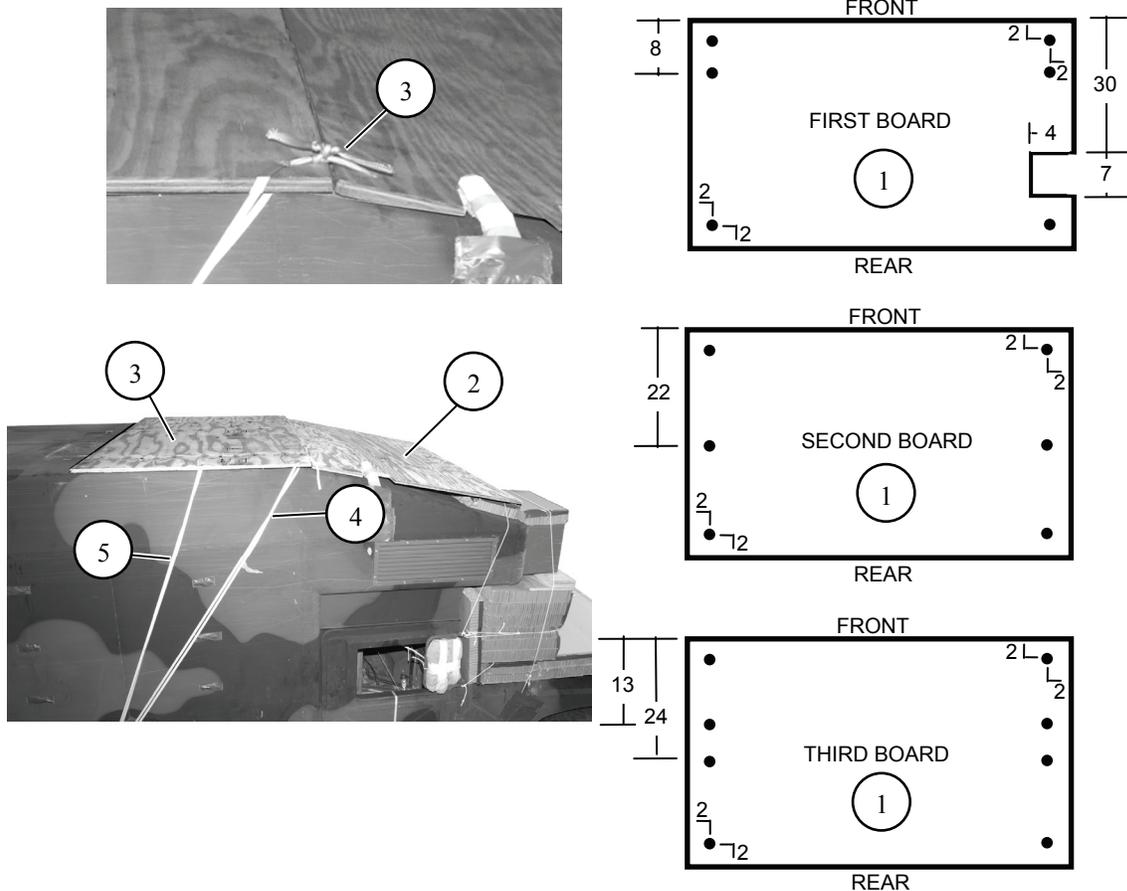


Figure 2-11. Vehicle Body Prepared

- Notes.** 1. All measurements are given in inches.  
 2. This drawing is not drawn to scale.



- 1 Prepare three 48- by 76-inch  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch pieces of plywood as shown.
- 2 Position first board with the cutout around the air-conditioning exhaust. Place the front end of the board on top of the piece of honeycomb from Figure 2-11, step 4.
- 3 Position second board flush against the previous board. Secure the rear holes of first board to the front holes of second board with a piece of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tubular nylon webbing on each side.
- 4 Route a length of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tubular nylon webbing up through the front hole of second board and secure to the suspension. Repeat for opposite side.
- 5 Route a length of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch tubular nylon webbing up through the center hole of second board and secure to the suspension. Repeat for opposite side.

**Figure 2-12. Roof Cover Installed**

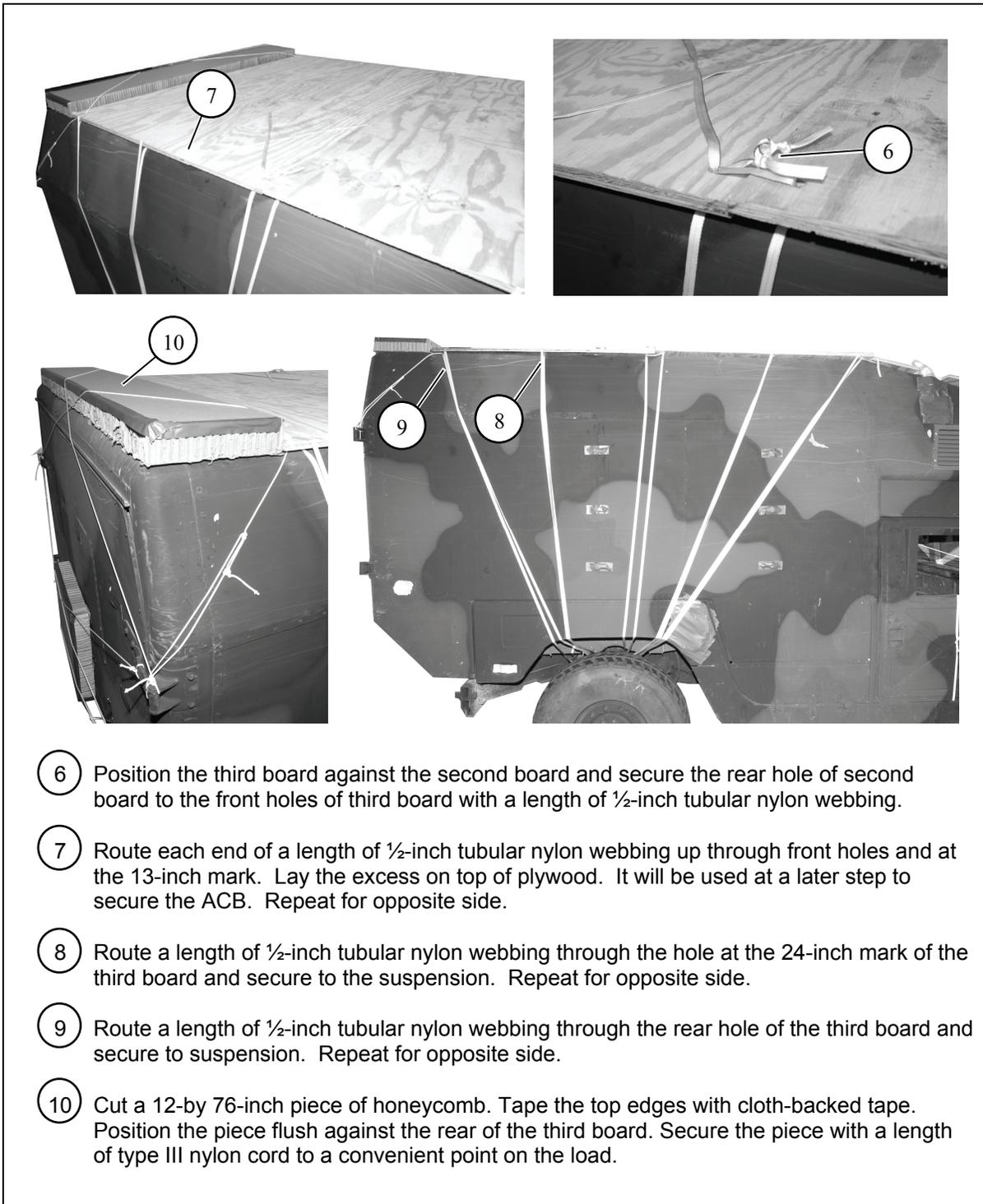


Figure 2-12. Roof Cover Installed (Continued)

## LIFTING AND POSITIONING AMBULANCE

2-6. Lift and position the vehicle as shown in Figure 2-13.

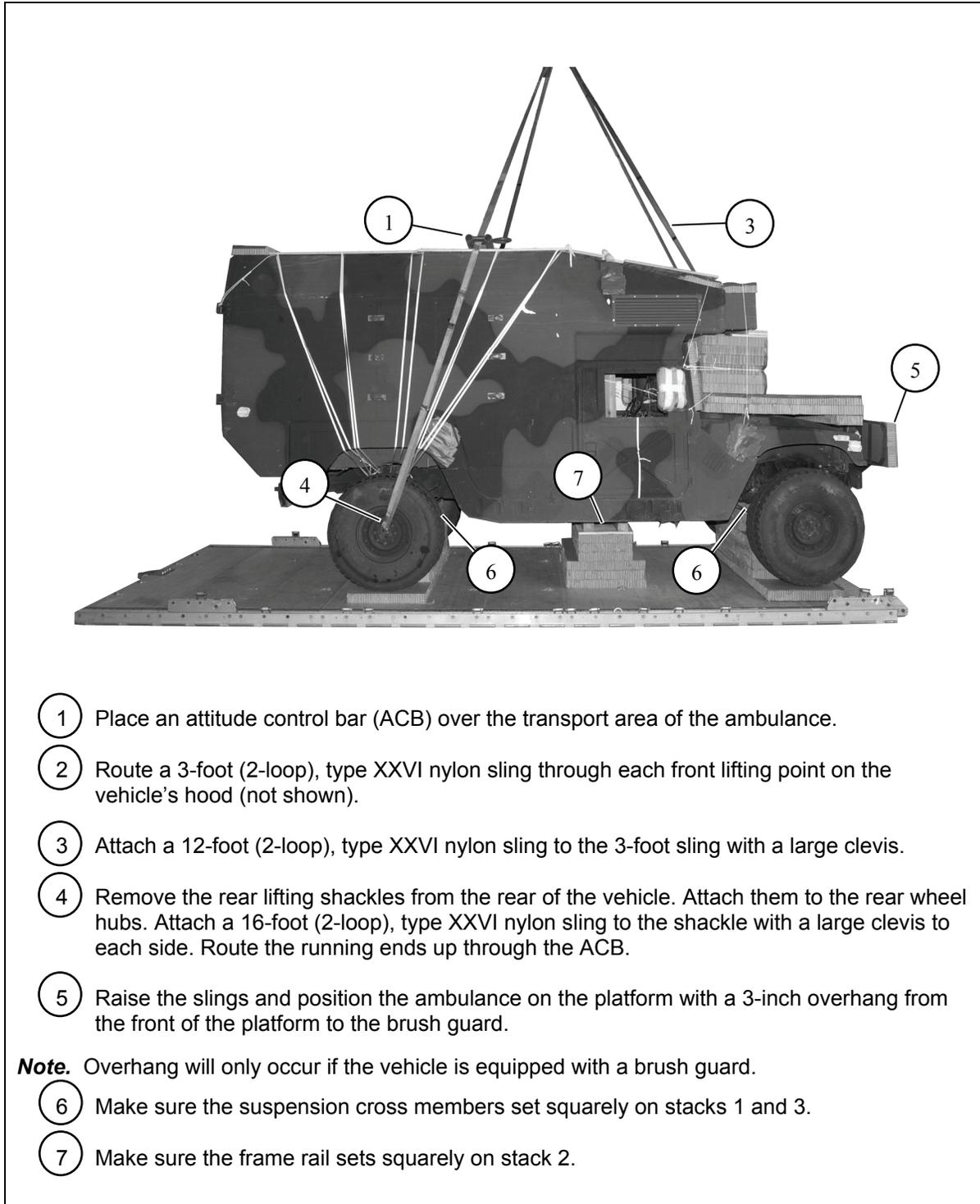
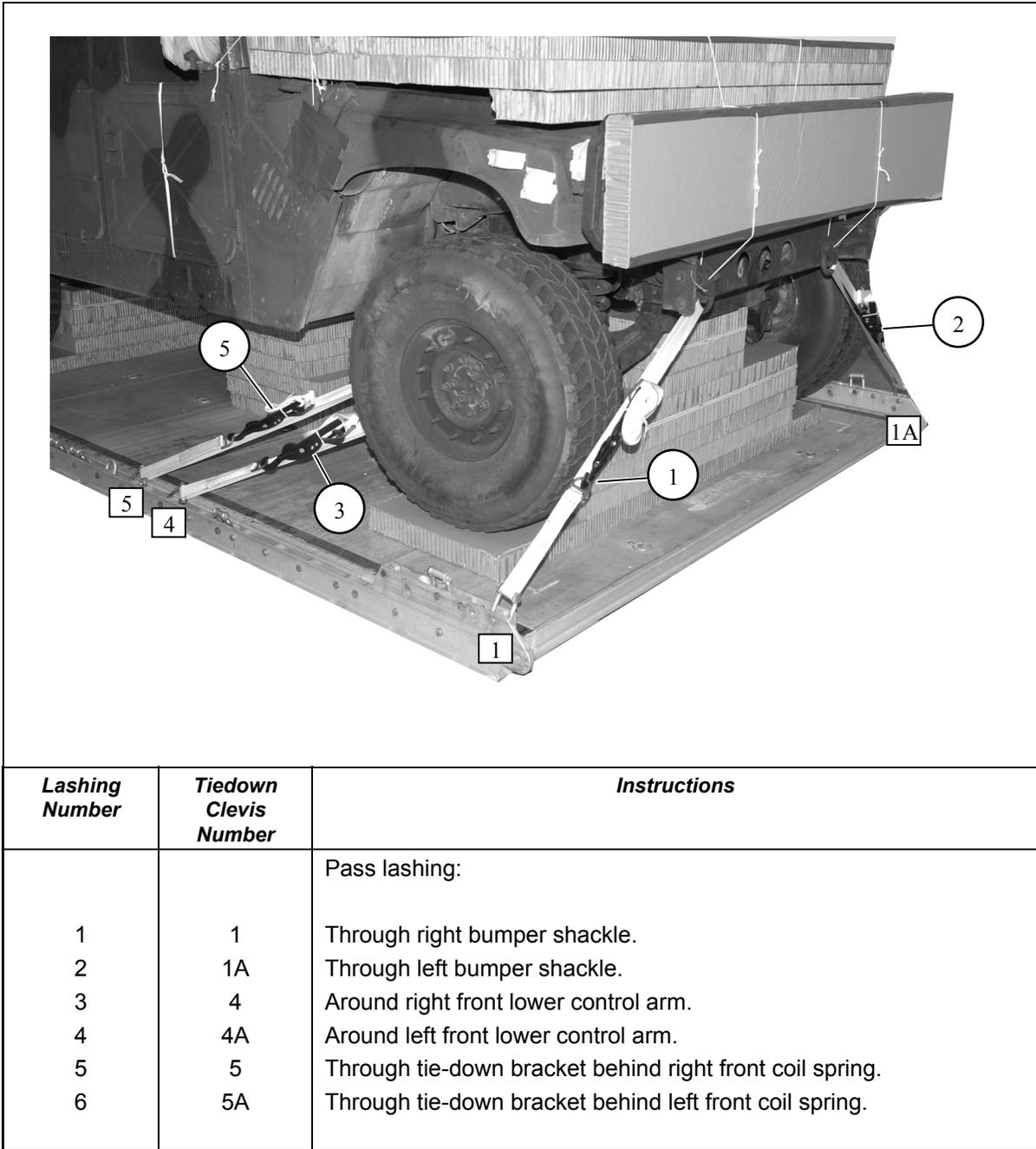


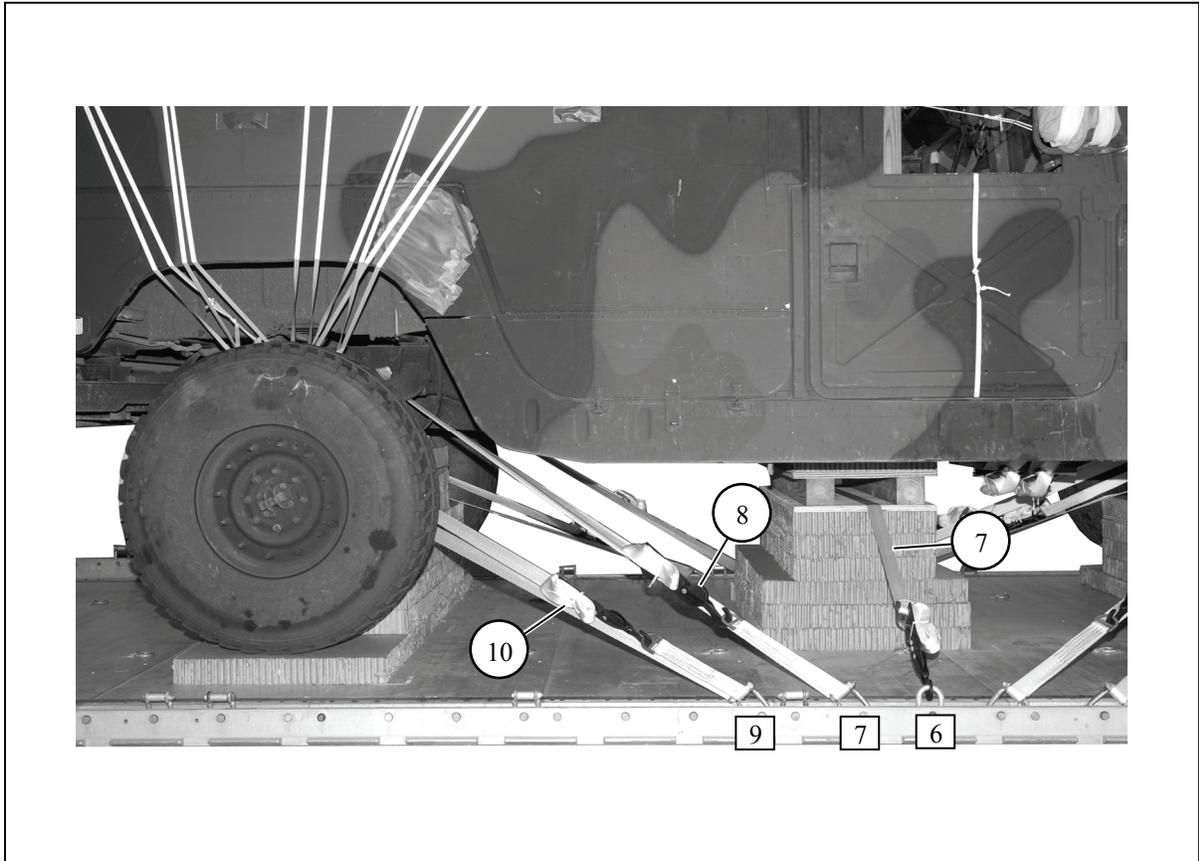
Figure 2-13. Ambulance Positioned

## LASHING AMBULANCE

2-7. Lash the ambulance to the platform as shown in Figures 2-14 through 2-16.

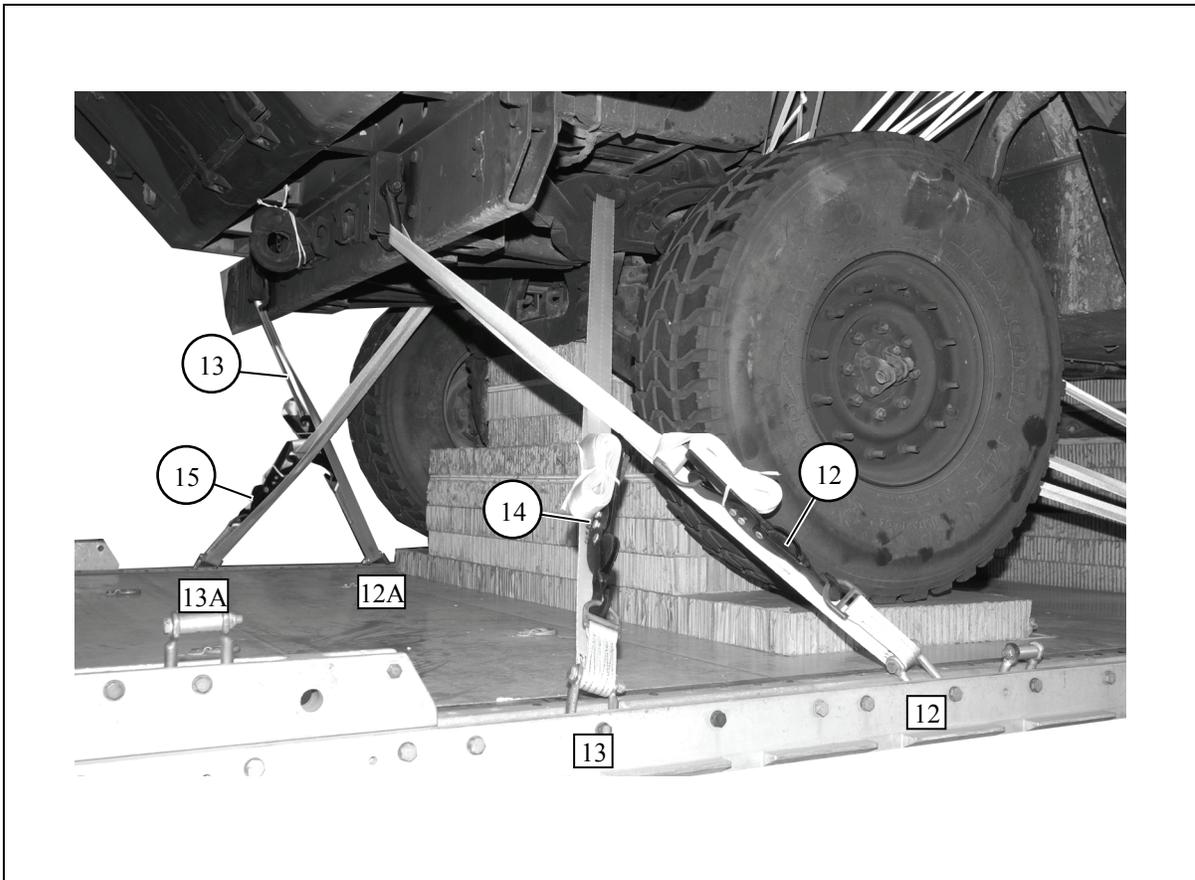


**Figure 2-14. Lashings 1 through 6 Installed**



<b>Lashing Number</b>	<b>Tiedown Clevis Number</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
7	6 and 6A	Pass lashing: Pass a 15-foot lashing through clevis 6A and through its own D-ring. Pass the lashing through the hole in stack 2. Attach the lashing to clevis 6 with a load binder.
8	7	Through tie-down bracket in front of right rear coil spring.
9	7A	Through tie-down bracket in front of left rear coil spring.
10	9	Around right rear lower control arm.
11	9A	Around left rear lower control arm.

**Figure 2-15. Lashings 7 through 11 Installed**



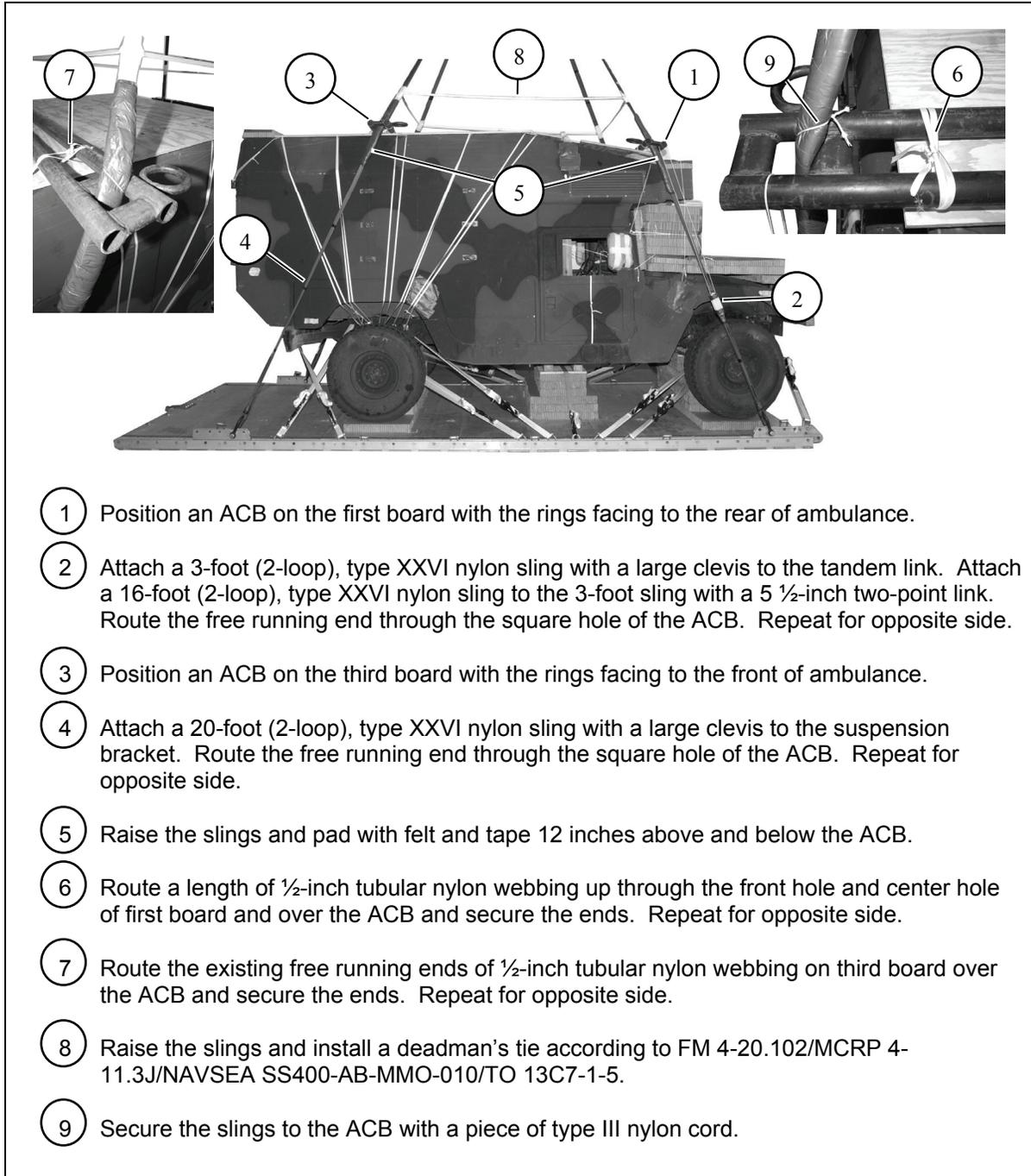
<b>Lashing Number</b>	<b>Tiedown Clevis Number</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
12	12	Pass lashing: Through tie-down shackle on right side of bumper.
13	12A	Through tie-down shackle on left side of bumper.
14	13	Through tie-down bracket behind right rear coil spring.
15	13A	Through tie-down bracket behind left rear coil spring.

**Figure 2-16. Lashings 12 through 15 Installed**

## INSTALLING SUSPENSION SYSTEM

2-8. Install the suspension system as given below:

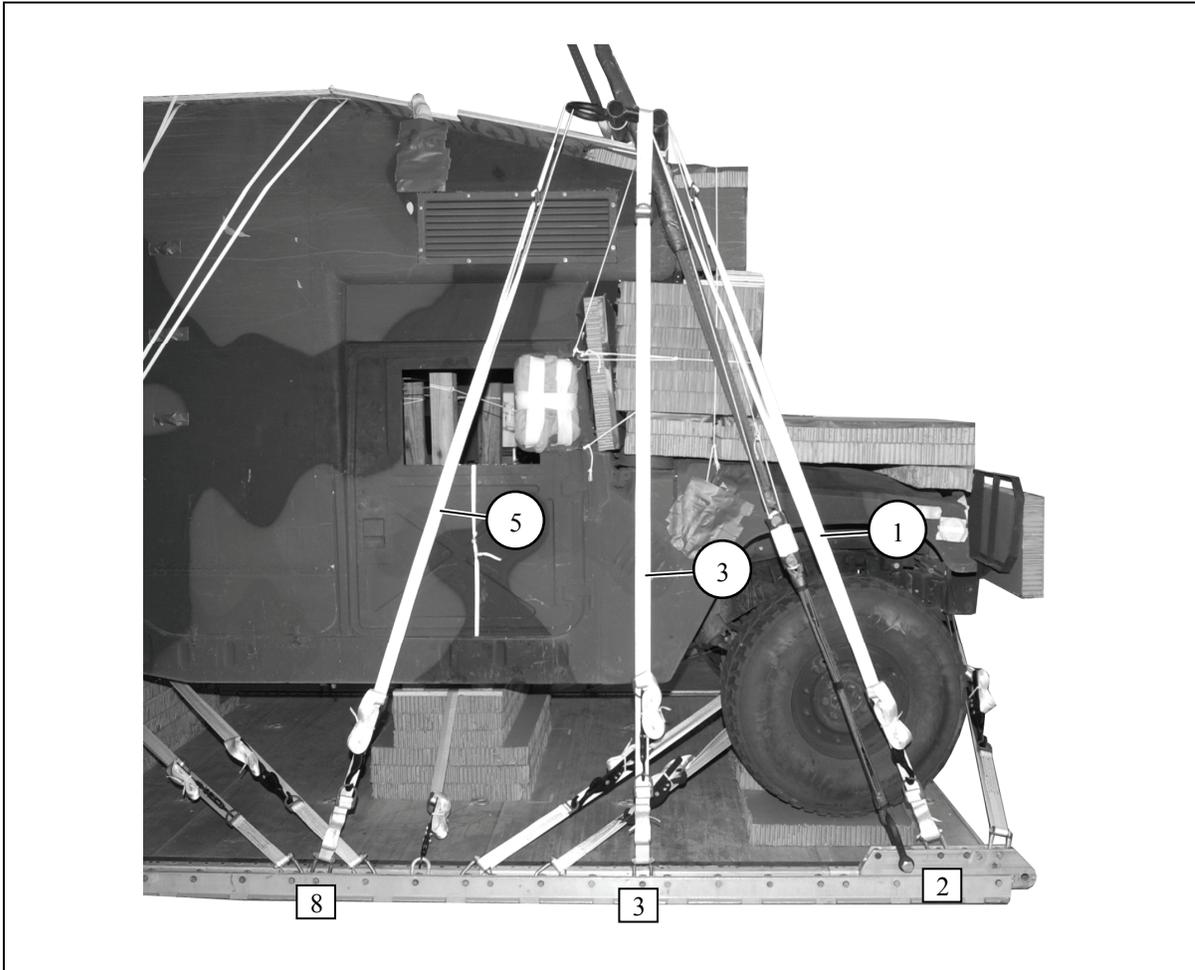
- Install the suspension slings and the deadman's tie as shown in Figure 2-17.



- 1 Position an ACB on the first board with the rings facing to the rear of ambulance.
- 2 Attach a 3-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon sling with a large clevis to the tandem link. Attach a 16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon sling to the 3-foot sling with a 5 ½-inch two-point link. Route the free running end through the square hole of the ACB. Repeat for opposite side.
- 3 Position an ACB on the third board with the rings facing to the front of ambulance.
- 4 Attach a 20-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon sling with a large clevis to the suspension bracket. Route the free running end through the square hole of the ACB. Repeat for opposite side.
- 5 Raise the slings and pad with felt and tape 12 inches above and below the ACB.
- 6 Route a length of ½-inch tubular nylon webbing up through the front hole and center hole of first board and over the ACB and secure the ends. Repeat for opposite side.
- 7 Route the existing free running ends of ½-inch tubular nylon webbing on third board over the ACB and secure the ends. Repeat for opposite side.
- 8 Raise the slings and install a deadman's tie according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.
- 9 Secure the slings to the ACB with a piece of type III nylon cord.

**Figure 2-17. Suspension Slings and Deadman's Tie Installed**

- Lash the front ACB to the ambulance as shown in Figure 2-18.

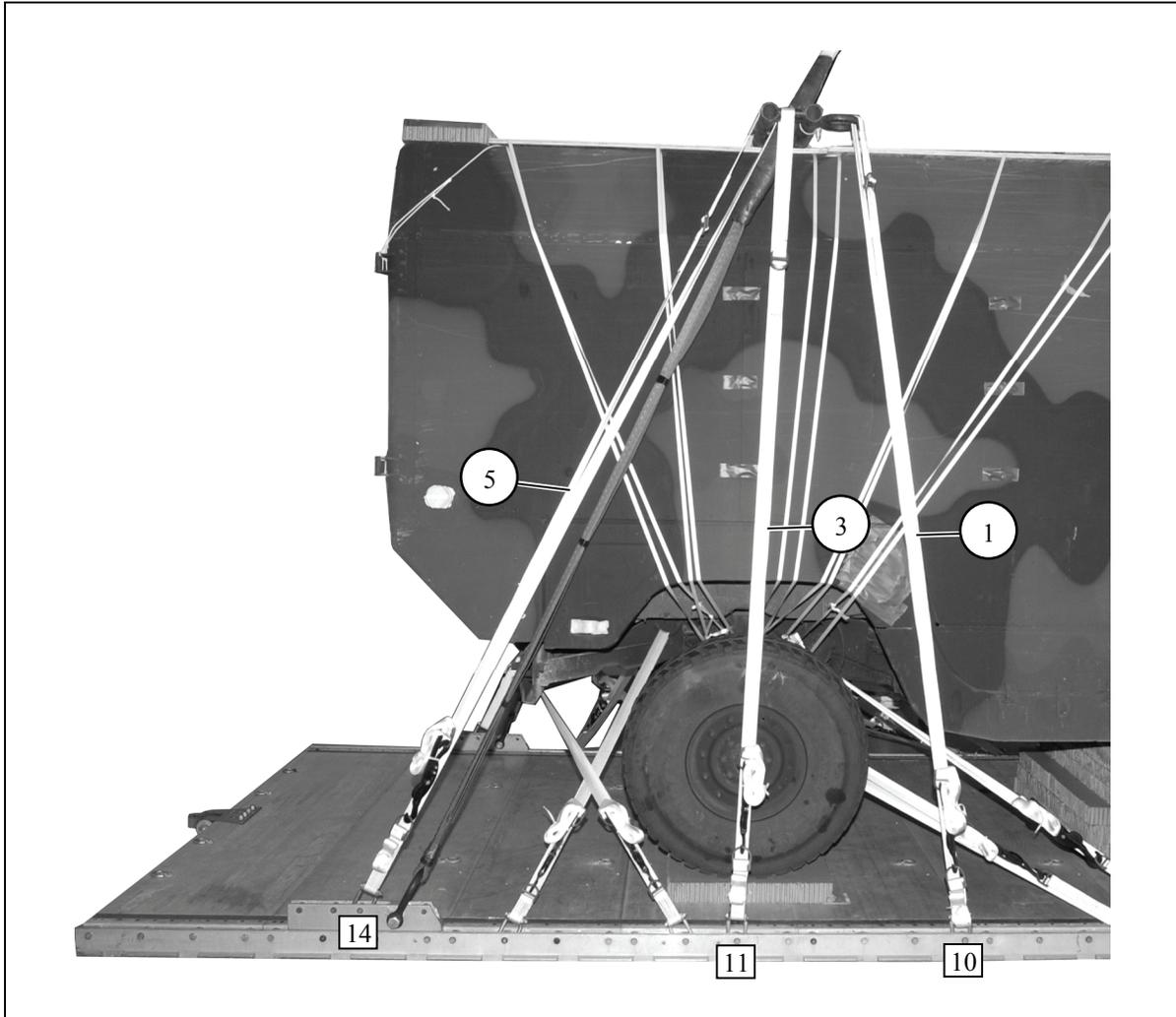


<i>Lashing Number</i>	<i>Tiedown Clevis Number</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
		Pass lashing:
1	2	Around front bar of ACB.
2	2A	Around front bar of ACB.
3	3	Through square hole of ACB.
4	3A	Through square hole of ACB.
5	8	Through ring of ACB.
6	8A	Through ring of ACB.

**Note.** Tighten all lashings at the same time to prevent shifting of the ACB.

**Figure 2-18. Front ACB Lashed to Platform**

- Lash the rear ACB to the ambulance as shown in Figure 2-19.



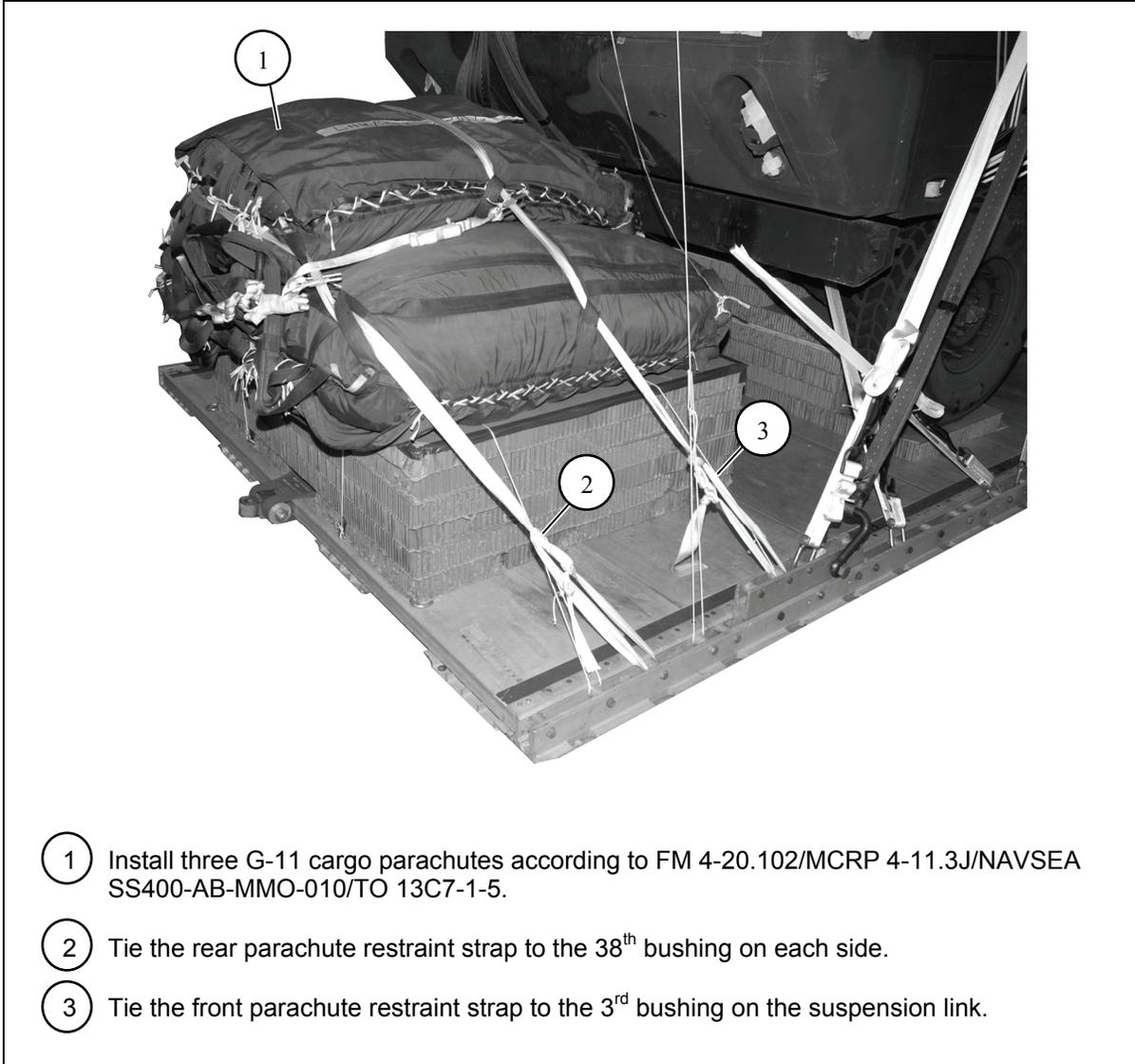
<i>Lashing Number</i>	<i>Tiedown Clevis Number</i>	<i>Instructions</i>
		Pass lashing:
1	10	Around ring of ACB.
2	10A	Around ring of ACB.
3	11	Through square hole of ACB.
4	11A	Through square hole of ACB.
5	14	Through rear bar of ACB.
6	14A	Through rear bar of ACB.

**Note.** Tighten all lashings at the same time to prevent shifting of the ACB.

**Figure 2-19. Rear ACB Lashed to Platform**

## STOWING CARGO PARACHUTES

2-9. Prepare and install the parachute stowage platform according to Figure 1-24. Prepare and install three G-11 cargo parachutes according to Figure 2-20.



**Figure 2-20. Parachutes Installed**

## **INSTALLING EXTRACTION SYSTEM**

2-10. Install the EFTC extraction system according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 1-26. If applicable, install the extraction parachute jettison system (EPJS) according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.

## **INSTALLING PARACHUTE RELEASE**

2-11. Install an M-1 cargo parachute release according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 2-21.

## **INSTALLING PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY RESTRAINTS**

2-12. Install provisions for emergency restraints on the front of the platform according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5.

## **PLACING EXTRACTION PARACHUTE**

2-13. Select the extraction parachute and extraction line needed using the extraction line requirements table in FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5. Rig the extraction line in an extraction line bag according to TM 10-1670-286-20/TO 13C5-2-41. Place the extraction parachute and extraction line on the load for installation in the aircraft. If a drogue parachute and drogue line are required, place them on the platform for installation in the aircraft as well.

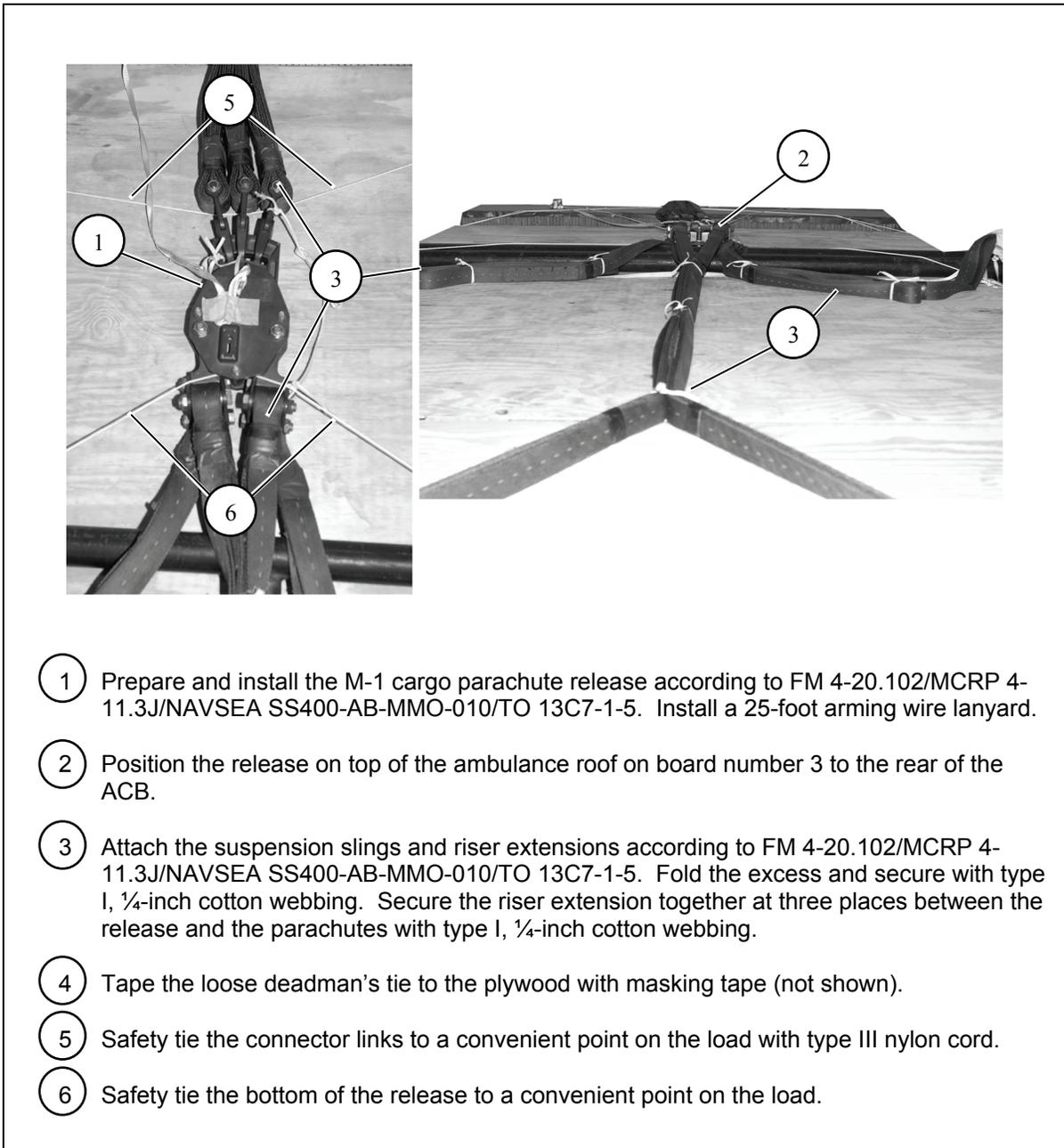


Figure 2-21. M-1 Release Installed

## MARKING RIGGED LOAD

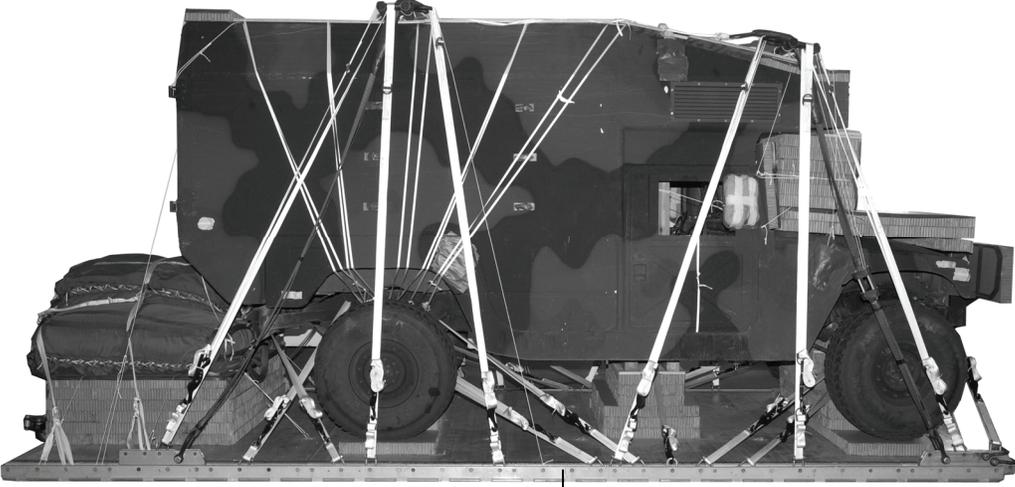
2-14. Mark the rigged load according to FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 and as shown in Figure 2-22. Complete the Shipper's Declaration for Dangerous Goods. If the load varies from the one shown, the weight, height, CB, and parachute requirements must be recomputed.

## EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

2-15. Use the equipment listed in Table 2-1 to rig this load.

**CAUTION**

Make the final rigger inspection required by FM 4-20.102/MCRP 4-11.3J/NAVSEA SS400-AB-MMO-010/TO 13C7-1-5 before the load leaves the rigging site.



**RIGGED LOAD DATA**

Weight: Load shown .....	11,480 pounds
Maximum load allowed .....	13,500 pounds
Height .....	115 inches
Width .....	108 inches
Overall Length with EFTC .....	261 inches
Overall Length with EPJS .....	273 inches
Overhang: Front .....	3 inches
Rear (EFTC) .....	18 inches
Rear (EPJS) .....	30 inches
Center of Balance (from front edge of platform) .....	107 inches

**Figure 2-22. M997, 4-Litter Ambulance Rigged for Low-Velocity Airdrop**

**Table 2-1. Equipment Required for Rigging M997, 4-Litter Ambulance Rigged for Low-Velocity Airdrop**

<i>National Stock Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
8040-00-273-8713	Adhesive, paste, 1-gallon	As required
1670-00-003-4389	Bar, attitude control	2
4030-00-090-5354	Clevis, suspension, 1-inch (large)	8
4020-00-240-2146	Cord, nylon, type III, 550-pound	As required
1670-00-434-5785	Coupling, airdrop, extraction force transfer with cable, 16-foot	1
1670-00-360-0328	Cover, clevis, large	3
8135-00-664-6958	Cushioning material, packaging, cellulose wadding	As required
8305-00-958-3685	Felt, ½-inch thick	As required
1670-01-183-2678	Leaf, extraction line (line bag)	2
1670-01-064-4452	Line, drogue, 60-foot (1-loop), type XXVI	1
1670-01-107-7651	Line, extraction, 140-foot (3-loop), type XXVI	1
	Link assembly, two-point	
1670-00-003-1953	3 ¾-inch	2
1670-00-003-1954	5 ½-inch	2
	Lumber:	
5510-00-220-6274	2- by 4-inch	As required
5510-00-220-6274	4- by 4-inch	As required
	Nail, steel wire,	
5315-00-010-4659	8d	As required
5315-00-753-3885	16d	As required
1670-00-753-3928	Pad, energy-dissipating (honeycomb)	25 sheets
	Parachute:	
	Cargo:	
1670-01-016-7841	G-11	3
	Cargo extraction:	
1670-01-063-3716	22-foot	1
1670-01-063-3715	15-foot drogue	1
	Platform, airdrop, type V, 20-foot	
1670-01-353-8425	Bracket assembly, coupling	(1)
1670-01-162-2372	Clevis assembly, type V	(28)
1670-01-353-8424	Extraction bracket assembly	(1)
1670-01-247-2389	Suspension link	(2)
1670-01-162-2381	Tandem link assembly (multipurpose link)	(2)
5530-00-128-4981	Plywood, ¾-inch	7 sheets
1670-01-097-8816	Release, cargo parachute, M-1	1

**Table 2-1. Equipment Required for Rigging M997, 4-Litter Ambulance Rigged for Low-Velocity Airdrop (Continued)**

<i>National Stock Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
	Sling, cargo, airdrop:	
	For suspension:	
1670-01-062-6301	3-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-063-7761	16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-062-6302	20-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
	For lifting:	
1670-01-062-6301	3-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-062-6303	12-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
1670-01-063-7761	16-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
	For deployment:	
1670-01-062-6304	9-foot (2-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	2
	For riser extension:	
1670-01-062-6313	60-foot (3-loop), type XXVI nylon webbing	3
5340-00-040-8219	Strap, parachute release multi-cut, with 3 knives	2
7510-00-266-5016	Tape, adhesive, 2-inch	As required
1670-00-937-0271	Tie-down assembly, 15-foot	34
1670-01-483-8259	Tow release mechanism (H-block for C-17)	1
	Webbing:	
8305-00-268-2411	Cotton, ¼-inch, type I	As required
8305-00-082-5752	Nylon, tubular, ½-inch	As required
8305-00-263-3591	Type VIII	As required

# Glossary

<b>ACB</b>	attitude control bar
<b>AD</b>	airdrop
<b>AFB</b>	Air Force base
<b>AFMAN</b>	Air Force Joint Manual
<b>AFR</b>	Air Force regulation
<b>AFTO</b>	Air Force Technical Order
<b>ALC</b>	Airlift Logistics Center
<b>attn</b>	attention
<b>CB</b>	center of balance
<b>P</b>	penny
<b>DA</b>	Department of the Army
<b>DC</b>	District of Columbia
<b>DD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>EFTC</b>	extraction force transfer coupling
<b>EPJS</b>	extraction parachute jettison system
<b>FM</b>	field manual
<b>HMMWV</b>	high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle
<b>HQ</b>	headquarters
<b>MCRP</b>	Marine Corps Reference Publication
<b>NSN</b>	national stock number
<b>OVE</b>	on-vehicular equipment
<b>TM</b>	technical manual
<b>TO</b>	technical order
<b>TRADOC</b>	US Army Training and Doctrine Command
<b>US</b>	United States

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