

OCCUPATION OF POSITION OF READINESS

The following table describes a procedure for the preparation of an MLO destroyer for movement into a position in readiness and the actual movement of the destroyer into such a position.

PREPARE FOR ACTION ON M-10 & T-70

GUN COMMANDER	GUNNER	ASSISTANT GUNNER	ASSISTANT DRIVER	DRIVER
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Directs gun crew to traverse gun clockwise to position of readiness.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unlocks travel lock.</li> <li>2. Unlocks left turret lock.</li> <li>3. Traverses gun clockwise to position of readiness. Right front - as close to "front position" as is possible with driver's hatch open; this will put tube directly over assistant driver's hatch and well within the limits of the width of the vehicle.</li> <li>4. Locks travel lock.</li> <li>5. Locks left turret lock.</li> <li>6. Opens sight port.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Removes breech covers.</li> <li>2. Unlocks right turret lock.</li> <li>3. Locks right turret lock.</li> <li>4. Connects solenoid jacks.</li> <li>5. Connects interphone jacks for gunner and commander.</li> <li>6. Checks battery switches to make certain switches are "on".</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closes hatch, inserts and adjusts periscope.</li> <li>2. Connects own interphone</li> <li>3. Continues to listen on radio.</li> <li>4. Inspects radio.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closes hatch.</li> <li>2. Connects own interphone</li> <li>3. Opens hatch after gun has been traversed to position of readiness.</li> <li>4. Moves vehicle as directed by gun commander.</li> </ol>

GUN COMMANDER	GUNNER	ASSISTANT GUNNER	ASSISTANT DRIVER	DRIVER
<p>4. Guides vehicle into the selected position.</p> <p>5. Directs and supervises the gun crew in preparation for action, including preparation of range card.</p> <p>6. Removes muzzle cover.</p> <p>7. Unlocks travel lock.</p> <p>8. Helps check recoil mechanism.</p> <p>9. Inspects and mounts panoramic sight.</p>	<p>7. Checks recoil mechanism.</p> <p>8. Checks eight mount indices.</p> <p>9. Inspects and tests firing mechanism (manual &amp; electric firing).</p> <p>10. Reports to assistant gunner, "Firing mechanism correct."</p> <p>11. Checks elevating mechanism; checks maximum depression to various masks in field of fire.</p> <p>12. Checks traversing mechanism.</p>	<p>7. Partially opens breech and inspects tube.</p> <p>8. Reports to gunner, "Bere Correct".</p> <p>9. Recocks gun.</p> <p>12. Checks ammunition sponsons.</p>	<p>5. Starts auxiliary generator. (T70 only).</p>	<p>5. Moves vehicle as directed by gun commander.</p> <p>6. Closes hatch if open; sets and adjusts periscope.</p> <p>7. Inspects engines for operation.</p> <p>8. Reports to assistant driver, "___ tanks of fuel."</p>

DRIVER

ASSISTANT DRIVER

ASSISTANT GUNNER

GUNNER

GUN COMMANDER

10. Checks boresight.

11. Inspects materiel.

12. Acknowledges report of assistant driver.

13. Reports, "Destroyer correct," to section leader.

13. Boresights.

14. Reports to assistant driver, "Gun correct, \_\_\_ rounds on hand."

11. Reports ammunition to gunner, " \_\_\_ rounds on hand."

12. Opens breech fully and relatches handle.

13. Stands by to load on fire order.

6. Receives gunner's report.

7. Reports gunner's and driver's report to commander, "Gun correct, \_\_\_ rounds on hand; \_\_\_ tanks of fuel."

8. Listens on radio.

After gun is made ready to fire and if time is available, the crew will camouflage the vehicle and improve the position. The commander, in his selection of position, will pay particular attention to field of fire, concealment, route of egress, freedom of antenna from foliage so that he is assured good radio reception.

Application of the above principles will hold true for all destroyers. The only differences will be in methods of preparing for action.