

Accuracy Evaluation of the AC-130 Gunship

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Tasking

- ❖ **Aeronautical Systems Center, Strategic Planning (ASC/VXXP) was tasked in mid 1995 by USSOCOM to establish a combat accuracy baseline for the AC-130 gunship**
- ❖ **AFSOC agreed to provide training missions to accomplish this task**

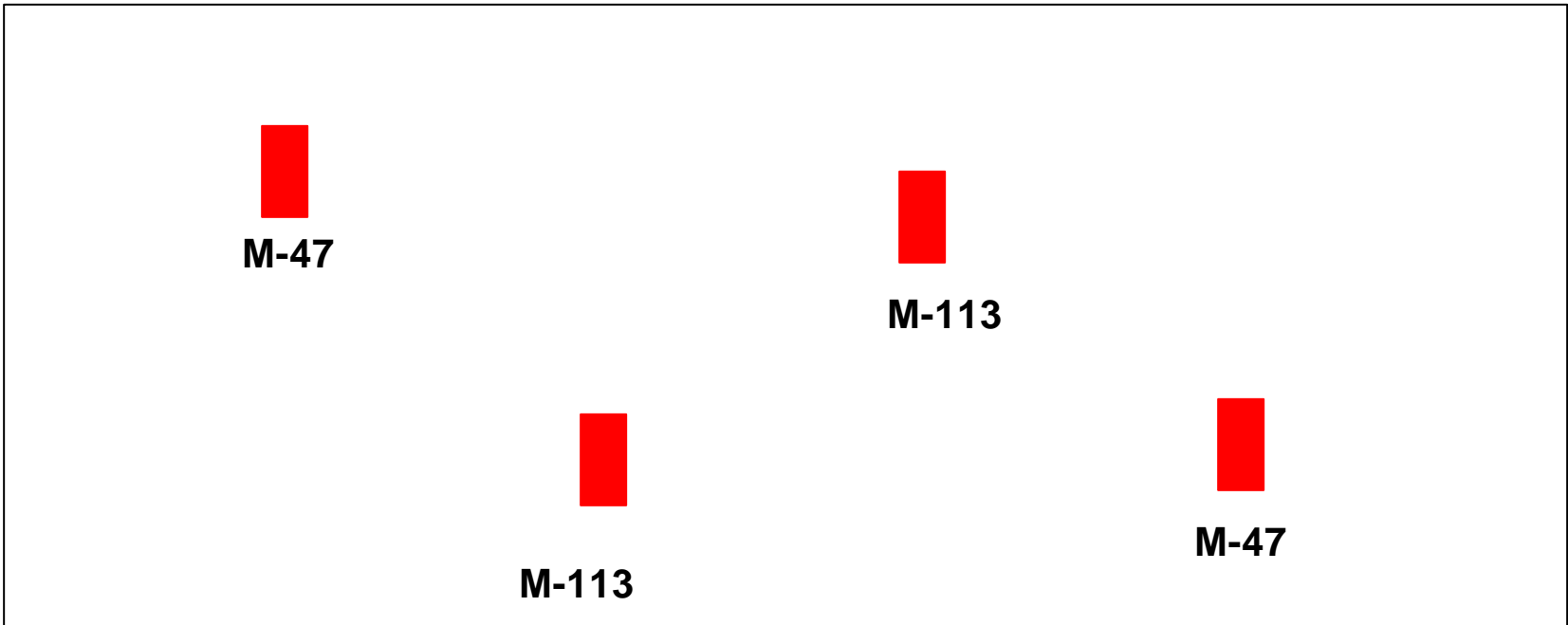
- ❖ **Never Been Done Before – What is Truth**
- ❖ **Need Benchmark for Comparison of Alternative Systems**
- ❖ **Damage Potential Assessment**

- ❖ **Aircraft Parameters**
- ❖ **Crew Notes**
- ❖ **BDA Video**
- ❖ **Impact Locations**
- ❖ **Target Damage Assessment**
- ❖ **Target Video**

- ❖ **Crew must be in combat dress less side arms**
- ❖ **Combat ready crew in each critical position**
 - **Pilot**
 - **Sensor operator**
 - **Fire control officer**

- ❖ **BDA Video Freeze Frame Analysis**
- ❖ **Gun Plane Analysis**
- ❖ **Ground Plane Analysis**

Target Layout



❖ **Circular Error Probable - CEP**

The Number D such that 50% of Miss Distances are Less Than D and 50% are Greater Than D

❖ **Mean Radial Error - MRE**

The Average Radial Miss Distance

❖ **Ammunition:**

- **20 - 105mm,**
- **52 - 40mm,**
- **500 - 25mm**

❖ **Aircraft/Sensors**

- **AC-130H - LLLTV and IR**
- **AC-130U - ALLTV, IR and Strike Radar**

- ❖ **55 Missions Flown**
- ❖ **900+ 105mm Rounds Fired**
- ❖ **2300+ 40mm Rounds Fired**
- ❖ **5500+ 25mm Rounds Fired**

- ❖ **Opened Opportunities for Combined Training on Army Ranges**

- ❖ **Established the Baseline to Measure Alternative Systems Against**

Action Shots

• Start



• Finish

