General Structure of U.S. Army Forces

(Numbers are approximate)

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Squad/Section (9-10 soldiers)

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Platoon (16-44 soldiers)

I

Company/Battery/Troop (62-190 soldiers)

II

Battalion/Squadron (300-1000 soldiers)

X / III

Brigade/Regiment/Group (3,000-5,000 soldiers)

XX

Division (10,000-15,000 soldiers)

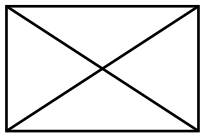
XXX

Corps (20,000-45,000 soldiers)

XXXX

Numbered Army (50,000+ soldiers)

Typical Symbols for U.S. Army Units



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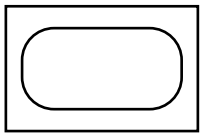

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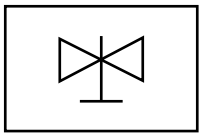

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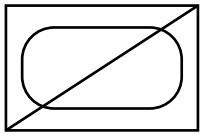

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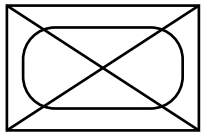

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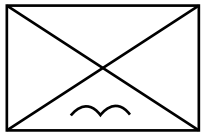

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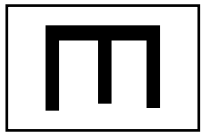

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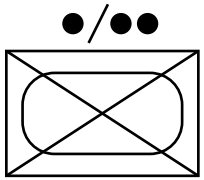
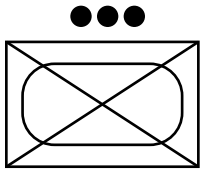
3d Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Infantry Unit Structure



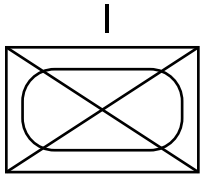
INFANTRY SQUAD/SECTION

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) **squads/sections** are supported by a 3-man Bradley Fighting Vehicle crew. The squad/section is the smallest element in the Army organizational structure. The leader is a non-commissioned officer (usually a Sergeant or Staff Sergeant). The size of the squad/section is dependent on its function.



INFANTRY PLATOON

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) **platoons** consists of two to four squads/sections. The platoon leader is usually a Lieutenant. A Staff Sergeant or Sergeant First Class is second-in-command.

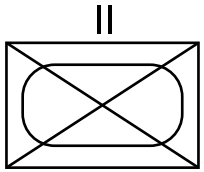


INFANTRY COMPANY

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) **companies** consists of three to five platoons. The company commander is usually a Captain. A First Sergeant typically the Company Commander's principal non-commissioned assistant.

A **company** is capable of receiving and controlling additional combat and combat support elements. It is the basic tactical element of a battalion.

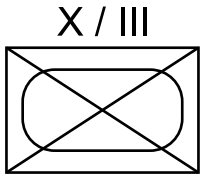
3d Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Infantry Unit Structure



INFANTRY BATTALION

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) **battalions** consist of four to six companies. A battalion is normally commanded by a Lt. Colonel. The Command Sergeant Major is the commander's principal NCO.

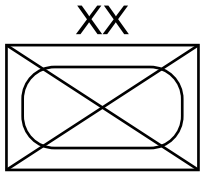
A **battalion** is tactically and administratively self-sufficient and is capable of independent operations of a limited duration and scope. They are capable of adding other companies to form a battalion-size task force.



INFANTRY BRIGADE

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) **brigades** consists of two to five organic and/or combat battalions. The brigade is commanded by a Colonel with a Command Sergeant Major as the senior NCO. The 3d ID(M) has three Brigade Combat Teams (two at Fort Stewart, one at Fort Benning) and an aviation brigade and Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah.

Brigades may be employed on independent or semi-independent operations. Each maneuver **brigade** has an organic field artillery battalion and support battalion in direct support.



INFANTRY DIVISION

3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) peforms major tactical operations for the XVIII Airborne Corps and can conduct sustained battles and engagements. The **division** is commanded by Major General Buford C. Blount, III. Since it is a mechanized infantry **division**, there are more infantry battalions than armor battalions.