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PREFACE

*The Stryker brigade combat team (SBCT) infantry battalion is designed to be a **full-spectrum, early-entry combat force**. It has utility in all operational environments against all projected future threats. As part of the SBCT, the infantry battalion possesses significant utility for divisions and corps engaged in a major theater war; however, the SBCT is optimized to meet the challenges of smaller-scale contingencies.*

Given current trends, domestic factors, and the worldwide potential for various forms of conflict, the United States can expect to remain heavily engaged on a global basis. The United States will likely respond to serious threats to its national interests from failed and failing states, from transnational entities, and potentially major military competitors as well as from regional or state-centered threats. The proliferation of information and weapons technologies, coupled with asymmetric application of conventional and nonmilitary capabilities, may enable even regional adversaries to oppose United States interests and military forces effectively. This manual provides the battalion commander and staff with the doctrinal base to ensure the SBCT infantry battalion's versatility across the full-spectrum of potential operations.

The Stryker brigade combat team infantry battalion optimizes organizational effectiveness while balancing lethality, mobility, and survivability against requirements for rapid strategic deployability. The infantry battalion includes a reconnaissance platoon, imbedded human intelligence (HUMINT), and three robust combined-arms infantry companies. These organic elements ensure the battalion's versatility across the full range of potential requirements, from providing the security necessary to promote stability and conduct operations during peacetime military engagements to conducting offensive and defensive operations in a major-theater war against localized threats.

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CHAPTER 1

OVERVIEW OF THE SBCT INFANTRY BATTALION

The Stryker brigade combat team (SBCT) infantry battalion's primary mission is to close with and destroy the enemy during full-spectrum operations through close, violent combat. The SBCT infantry battalion is capable of accomplishing all missions historically identified with the infantry and is organized and equipped to conduct operations in restricted terrain, severely restricted terrain, and urban terrain. The battalion, as part of the SBCT, deploys rapidly, executes early-entry operations, and conducts effective combat operations immediately upon arrival to assist in the prevention, containment, stabilization, or resolution of a conflict

Section I. MISSION AND KEY OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES

The SBCT infantry battalion can deploy rapidly and can be sustained by an austere support structure. The battalion conducts operations against conventional and unconventional enemy forces in all types of terrain and climate conditions. The battalion can perform its mission throughout the entire spectrum of military operations. Additionally, the battalion has the following key operational capabilities.

1-1. MISSION

The SBCT infantry battalion's mission is to close with the enemy by fire and to maneuver to destroy or capture him or to repel his assault by fire, close combat, and counterattack.

1-2. MOBILITY

The battalion has a high level of mobility at all three levels of operations. Strategically, the battalion is organized, equipped, and configured to meet the SBCT's 96-hour deployment standard. Operationally, the battalion is capable of intra-theater deployment by ground, by sea, or by C130 air transport. At the tactical level, superior mobility is critical to the success of the force. The battalion has a mobility capability equal to that of a mechanized formation when task-organized within a division for high-end operations in unrestricted terrain across the battlefield. Its unique mobility capabilities allow the battalion to maintain effectiveness in complex and urban terrain that would limit mechanized and armored forces while also maintaining rapid vehicular mobility that is unavailable to light forces. The organic vehicle systems provide tactical mobility that enables the battalion to strike the enemy in depth, reposition its reserve rapidly, secure lines of communications, and conduct noncontiguous platoon and company fights.

1-3. DISMOUNTED ASSAULT AND THE CLOSE FIGHT

The battalion achieves decisive action using combined arms at the company level. It focuses on dismounted assault supported by direct fires from the mobile gun system (MGS) and, when possible, the Stryker. The combined effects of mortars, integrated joint assets, artillery, and mobility support based on robust command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities down to company level allow for highly responsive fires and effects to support decisive