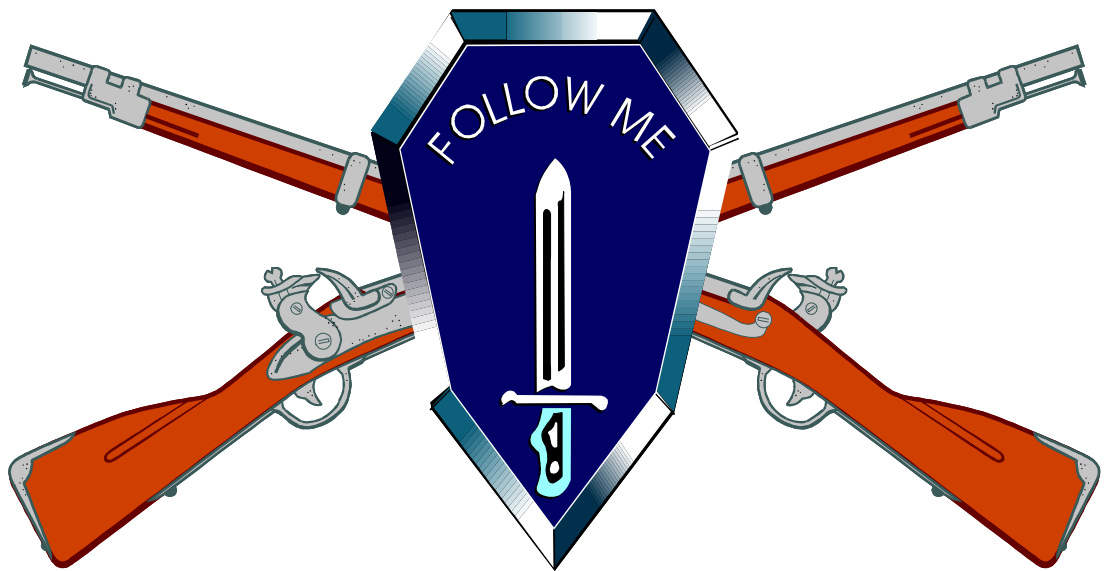


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PREFACE

This manual is based on the premise that although the unit organization, weapon systems, and conditions have changed, section and platoon maneuver, movement, reconnaissance, and surveillance have not.

This manual describes the doctrinal and tactical employment principles for the Stryker reconnaissance vehicle (RV)-equipped infantry battalion reconnaissance platoon, which is an element of the Stryker brigade combat team (SBCT). It provides emerging doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) for the SBCT infantry battalion reconnaissance platoon and its teams and sections.

This manual provides the platoon and team leaders with tactics, techniques, and procedures to exploit reconnaissance platoon capabilities through situational understanding (SU), which will reduce vulnerabilities and enable the parent unit to obtain the required information to defeat the enemy on the battlefield. Although this manual reemphasizes critical information from other manuals, the user must continue to refer to other manuals for in-depth discussions of particular subjects.

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CHAPTER 1

OVERVIEW OF THE SBCT INFANTRY BATTALION RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

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 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 prevent, contain, stabilize, or resolve a conflict

The infantry battalion reconnaissance platoon is comprised of handpicked, highly motivated, expert infantry soldiers and serves as the forward "EYES AND EARS" for the battalion commander. The primary mission of the reconnaissance platoon is to conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in support of the battalion commander's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) operation to determine enemy composition and disposition along named areas of interest. The commander and his staff use this information during the planning and execution of combat operations.

Section I. CAPABILITIES, LIMITATIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The mission of the infantry is to close with the enemy by means of fire and movement to defeat him, capture him, or repel his assault by fire, close combat, or counterattack. The reconnaissance platoon is organized, equipped, and trained to conduct reconnaissance, surveillance, and limited security missions for its parent battalion. The platoon's primary mission is to provide battlefield information and assist in the tactical control, movement, and positioning of the battalion's companies and platoons. Its organization enables the platoon to conduct both mounted and dismounted reconnaissance tasks simultaneously. It provides the battalion commander with the ability to reconnoiter throughout his battalion's battle space. To ensure understanding, the following definitions apply:

- Reconnaissance is a mission undertaken to obtain, by visual observation or other detection methods, information about the activities and resources of an enemy or potential enemy or to secure data concerning the meteorological, hydrographic, or geographic characteristics of a particular area.
- Security operations are designed to provide reaction time, maneuver space, and protection to the main body.

1-1. CAPABILITIES

The reconnaissance platoon's vehicles and design parameters provide it with the ability to maintain "eyes on" four to six named areas of interest (NAIs). The SBCT infantry battalion reconnaissance platoon can also accomplish the following: