

THE INFANTRY BRIGADE

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PREFACE

This manual describes how the dismounted infantry brigade fights Army operations. It is designed to assist the brigade commander and his staff in planning, preparing, and executing combat operations within the range of military operations. While consideration is given the full spectrum of operations within that range, the primary focus of this manual is infantry warfighting and conventional combat operations. It also serves as a guide regarding the organization, capabilities, and employment of the brigade. This manual provides the link in our warfighting doctrine between the division and the battalion. In this manual, infantry includes all types of dismounted infantry brigades—infantry, light, airborne, air assault, and ranger. For the purposes of this manual, the enhanced infantry brigades of the Army National Guard are considered separate infantry brigades. The organizational charts provided are for general planning purposes only. Readers should refer to the most recent TOE for information which may have changed after this manual was printed.

Users of this manual must apply its tactical concepts within the capabilities of their brigades. Also, they must develop SOPs that address specific techniques and procedures.

This manual is aligned with the Army's operations doctrine and is not intended to be a stand-alone document. A thorough understanding of FMs 7-8, 7-10, 7-20, 7-98, 71-100, 100-5, 101-5, and 101-5-1 is essential for effective use of this manual. The specifics of how to train the brigade are found in the ARTEP series of mission training plans, FM 25-100, and FM 25-101.

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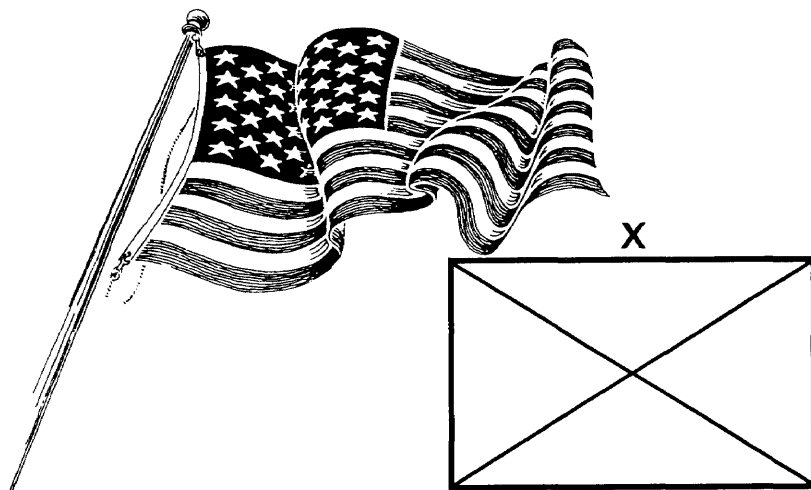
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Chapter 1

BRIGADE

The infantry brigade is a critical piece in the Army's force structure because of its ability to operate both independently or as part of a division. The brigade fights combined arms battles and engagements employing every tactical means available. It integrates and coordinates different kinds of maneuver battalions, field artillery, aviation, engineer, ADA, combat air support, and naval gunfire to accomplish its mission. The brigade is the first level of command that requires the commander to integrate across all the BOSs. The brigade provides the link between the division deep and close battle. Because the only permanently assigned element of the divisional brigade is the HHC, the brigade can accommodate a variety of task organizations depending on the METT-T situation. The brigade commander is responsible for setting the conditions necessary for these assets to make their contributions to the battle in an organized and synchronized fashion. The brigade commander is also responsible for placing the battalions in the right place, at the right time, and in the right combination to decisively defeat the enemy. The brigade commander commands a powerful combined arms team.