


SPECIALIZATION FOR THE INFANTRY OFFICER

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SUBJECT: Specialization for the Infantry Officer

1. PROBLEM. To determine if the job variations found in the Infantry, Armor, Airborne, and Mechanized Divisions for MOS 1542 require specialized Infantry Officers.
2. ASSUMPTIONS.
 - a. The assignments currently given Infantry Officers within the different ROAD Divisions will not significantly change.
 - b. The current Table of Organization and Equipment of the ROAD Infantry, Armor, Airborne, and Mechanized Divisions will not be radically changed.
 - c. The mission of Infantry units will not change.
3. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM.
 - a. The Organizations of the Infantry maneuver battalions of the four ROAD Divisions, with minor exception, are the same.
 - b. The mission given each Infantry maneuver battalion is the same.
 - c. The jobs held by Infantry Officers within the three type maneuver battalions are the same.
4. DISCUSSION.
 - a. The battalion is the basic maneuver element of the ROAD Division. The organization of each type battalion is the same except for minor differences in the number of assigned personnel, the degree of mobility each has, and type weapons and equipment they possess.
 - b. The mission of all Infantry units is the same. Each type battalion is capable of maneuvering in all types of terrain and under varying climatic conditions.
 - c. Within the Infantry battalion are found the examples of the type command and staff jobs an Infantry Officer can expect to fill up through Division level. One exception is being that of Aide-de-Camp.
5. CONCLUSION. Infantry Officers can expect to be given the same jobs regardless of the type ROAD Division they are assigned to.
6. ACTION RECOMMENDED. That Infantry Officers not receive specialized training, but be capable of performing any Command or staff job in an Infantry, Armor, Airborne or Mechanized Division.


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ANNEXES:

- A - Extracts of TOE's 7-15E, 7-45E, and 7-35E
- B - Extracts of AR 611-101
- X - Bibliography

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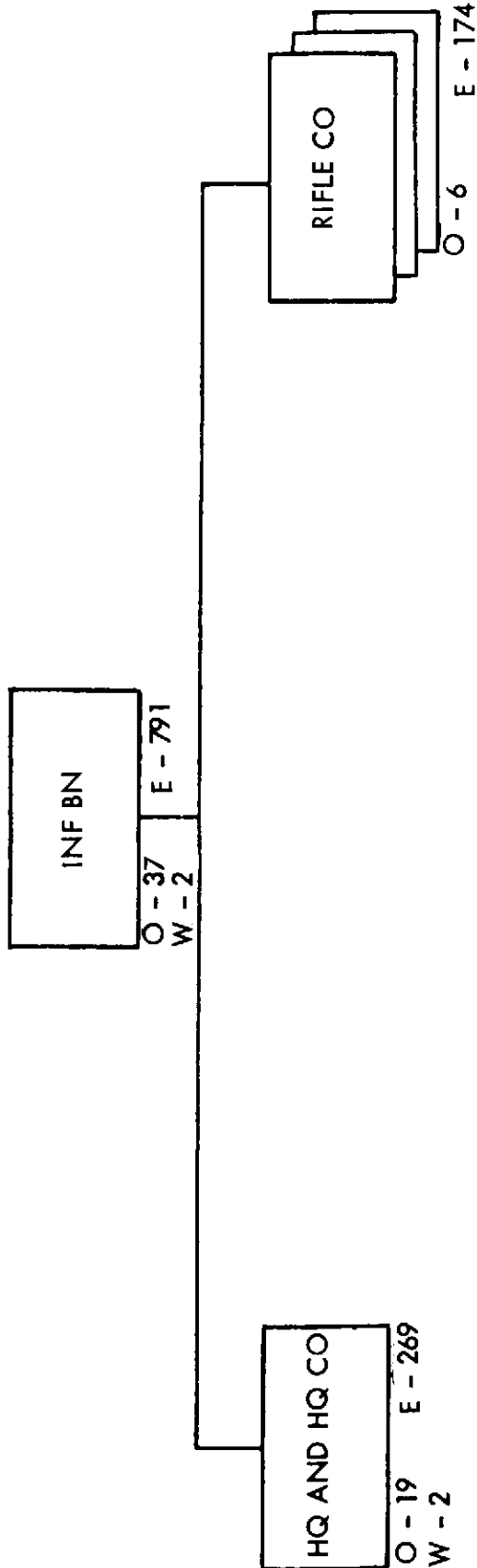
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INFANTRY BATTALION INFANTRY DIVISION (TOE 7-15E)

MISSION: -- To close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him or to repel his assault by fire, close combat and counterattack.

ASSIGNMENT: -- Organic to Infantry Division.

CAPABILITIES: -- a. Closes with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him. b. Repels enemy assault by fire, close combat and counterattack. c. Provides base of fire and maneuver elements. d. Seizes and holds terrain. e. Conducts independent operations on a limited scale. f. Furnishes limited antitank protection. g. Provides indirect fire support for organic and attached units. h. Conducts long-range patrolling when appropriately equipped. i. Participates in motorized, mechanized, airmobile and joint airborne operations when provided with sufficient transportation. j. Maneuvers in all types of terrain and under varying climatic conditions. k. Individuals of this unit, except chaplain and medical personnel, can fight as Infantrymen when required.



INFANTRY BATTALION (MECHANIZED), ARMD OR INF DIV (MECH) (TOE 7-45E)

MISSION: -- To close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him or to repel his assault by fire, close combat and counterattack.

ASSIGNMENT: -- Organic to Infantry Division (Mechanized), TOE 37E or Armored Division, TOE 17E.

CAPABILITIES: -- a. Close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him. b. Repels enemy assault by fire, close combat and counterattack. c. Provides base of fire and maneuver elements. d. Seizes and holds terrain. e. Conducts independent operations on a limited scale. f. Furnishes limited antitank protection. g. Provides indirect fire support for organic and attached units. h. Conducts long-range patrolling when appropriately equipped. i. Participates in air-transported (airmobile) operations when provided with sufficient air transport. j. Maneuvers in all suitable types of terrain and climatic conditions. k. Possesses high cross-country mobility with light armor protection and multiple communications. l. Exploits the effects of nuclear weapons. m. Complements and enhances the inherent capabilities of tank elements, when employed in tank/infantry teams. n. Provides a highly mobile exploitation force when suitably reinforced with appropriate combat and combat support elements. o. Individuals of this unit, except Chaplain and medical personnel, can fight as infantrymen when required.

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(MECH)

O - 37 E - 862
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HQ AND HQ CO

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RIFLE CO

O - 6 E - 193

RECAPITULATION

ARMAMENT

	Rifle (3)	Hq & Hq Co	Total
Mortar SP full tracked			
81mm T257E1	3		9
Flamethrower Portable	3		9
Guidance and launching station/ENTAC-TR-10		3	3
Rifle 7.62mm. w/bipod	18	2	56
Gun mach. cal. 50 brg hv barrel flex	1	21	24
Gun mach 7.62mm light- weight CP	15	9	54
Gun submachine cal. 45	2	8	14
Launcher grenade 40mm	24	17	89
Launcher rocket 3.5-inch	4	7	19
Dispenser riot con sgt	4		12
Mortar SP full tracked			
4.2-inch		4	4
Pistol automatic cal. 45	61	76	259
Rifle 90mm	6		18
Rifle 7.62mm semiautomatic light barrel	120	226	586
Tank combat full tracked			
light gun		2	2
Rifle 106mm: on mount	2		6

VEHICULAR

	Rifle (3)	Hq & Hq Co	Total
Carr comd post light tracked		7	7
Carr pers full tracked	15	3	48
Recov veh FTRAC lt arm'd M578 w/equip	1	2	5
Carr comd and recon arm'd M114		7	10
Tlr ammo 1 1/2-1 2 whl	1	4	4
Tlr amph ego 1/4-T 2 whl	2	21	27
Tlr ego 3/4-1 2 whl	1	9	12
Tlr ego 1 1/2-T 2 whl	2	11	17
Tlr tk water 1 1/2-1 2 whl		4	4
Trk amb frontline 1/4-T 4x4		3	3
Trk ego 3/4-T 4x4	1	12	15
Trk ego 2 1/2-T 6x6 LWB	1	6	9
Trk ego 5-T 6x6 LWB		14	14
Trk utility 1/4-T 4x4	2	21	27
Trk van shop 2 1/2-T 6x6		2	2
Trk wkr mdm 5-T 6x6 WVN		1	1
Trk utility 1/4-T 4x4 carr for 106mm rifle	2		6

COMM, SURVL AND DETECTION

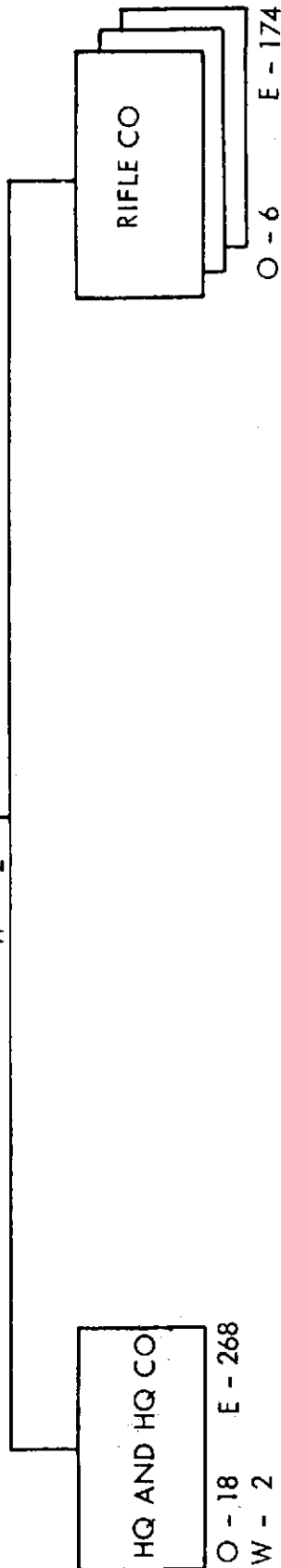
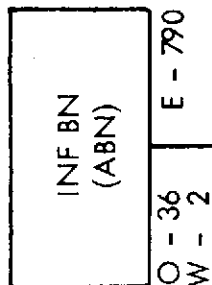
	Rifle (3)	Hq & Hq Co	Total
Detector kit cml agt	5	8	23
Detecting set mine pitbl metallic		3	3
Metascope assembly image infrared transistORIZED	5	6	21
Weapon sight infrared		10	10
Control radio set C-2299/VRC		2	2
Radar set AN/PFS-4		2	4
Radar set AN/TPS-33		2	2
Radiacmeter IM-93/UD	10	21	51
Radiacmeter IM-174/PD	5	12	27
Radio set AN/GRR-5 mtd in carr CP It tracked		1	1
Radio set AN/GRC-106 mtd in carr CP It tracked		1	1
Radio set AN/VRC-53	10	6	36
Radio set AN/GRC-125	4	12	24
Radio set AN/PRC-6	18		54
Radio set AN/PRC-25	12	10	46
Radio set AN/VRC-12		4	4
Radio set AN/VRC-24 mtd in carr CP It tracked		1	1
RAPT set AN/VRC-29 mtd in carr CP It tracked		1	1
Radio set AN/VRC-46	2	13	19
Radio set AN/VRC-47	7	13	34
Radio set AN/VRC-49		1	1
Radio set: con gp AN/GRA-39	6	11	29
Speech: scty equip TSEC/KY-8	2	2	2
Swbd tel manual SB-993/CT	1	1	7
Swbd tel manual SB-22/PT	1	3	6
Telephone set TA-1/PT	28		84
Telephone set TA-312/PT	4	41	53

INFANTRY BATTALION AIRBORNE DIVISION (TOE 7-35E)

MISSION:-- To close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him or to repel his assault by fire, close combat and counterattack.

ASSIGNMENT:-- Organic to Airborne Division.

CAPABILITIES:-- a. Closes with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him. b. Repels enemy assault by fire, close combat and counterattack. c. Provides base of fire and maneuver elements. d. Seizes and holds terrain. e. Conducts independent operations on a limited scale. f. Furnishes limited antitank protection. g. Provides indirect fire support for organic and attached units. h. Conducts long-range patrolling when appropriately equipped. i. Participates in air-transported (airmobile) operations when provided with sufficient transportation. j. Maneuvers in all types of terrain and climatic conditions. k. Capable of frequent airborne assault by parachute or assault aircraft with minimum marshaling and planning procedures.



RECAPITULATION		VEHICULAR		COMM, SURVL AND DETECTION		
ARMAMENT	Rifle (3)	Hq & Hq Co	Total	Rifle (3)	Hq & Hq Co	Total
Gun mach cal .50 brg hv barrel flex w/mount	14	14	14	Trk amb frontline 1/4-T 4x4	6	6
Gun mach 7.62mm light-weight GP	6	6	6	Trk cgo 3/4-T 4x4	17	17
Launcher grenade 40mm	23	14	83	Trk cgo 3/4-T 4x4	2	2
Lchr rocket 3.5-inch	3	8	17	Trk cgo 2 1/2-T 6x6 LWB	14	14
Mortar 4.2-inch on mount	4	4	4	Trk tk fuel avc 2 1/2-T 6x6	1	1
Mortar 81mm on mount	3	4	4	Trk util 1/4-T 4x4	5	53
Pistol automatic cal .45	58	77	251	Trk util 1/4-T 4x4 carr for 106mm rifle	2	2
Rifle 90mm	6	2	18	Trk wkr lt 2 1/2-T 6x6 WVN	1	1
Rifle 7.62mm semiauto lt barrel	104	211	523			
				Carr lt weapons inf 1/2-T 4x4	3	13
				Tlr amph cgo 1/4-T 2 whl	5	43
				Ltr cgo 3/4-T 2 whl	1	16
				Tlr cgo 1 1/2-T 2 whl	8	8
				Tlr tk water 1 1/2-T 2 whl	5	5
				Trk amb frontline 1/4-T 4x4	6	6
				Trk cgo 3/4-T 4x4	1	20
				Trk cgo 3/4-T 4x4	2	2
				Trk cgo 2 1/2-T 6x6 LWB	14	14
				Trk tk fuel avc 2 1/2-T 6x6	1	1
				Trk util 1/4-T 4x4	5	53
				Trk util 1/4-T 4x4 carr for 106mm rifle	2	2
				Trk wkr lt 2 1/2-T 6x6 WVN	1	1
				Detector kit cml agt M15A1	3	12
				Detector kit cml agt M18	1	3
				Detecting set mine ptbl metallic	3	3
				Metascope Assembly Image infrared	8	27
				Wpn sight infrared	10	10
				Elct TT acty equip TSEC/ KW-7	2	2
				Radar set AN/PSS-4	4	4
				Radar set AN/TPS-33	2	2
				Radiac set AN/PDR-27J	1	1
				Radiacmeter IM-93/UD	10	18
				Radiacmeter IM-174/PD	5	28
				Radio set AN/GRC-106	1	1
				Radio set AN/GRR-5	2	2
				Radio set AN/PRC-6	18	54
				Radio set AN/PRC-25	17	82
				Radio set AN/VRC-24	31	1
				Radio set AN/VRC-53	1	1
				Radio set AN/VRC-35	1	1
				Radio set AN/VRC-46	13	13
				Radio set AN/VRC-47	18	18
				Radio set AN/VRC-24	1	1
				Radio set AN/VRC-49	2	5
				Radio set con gp AN/GRA-39	1	15
				RATT AN/VSC-1	2	2
				Swbd tel manual SB-993/GT	2	8
				Swbd tel manual SB-22/PT	1	3
				Tel set TA-1/PT	18	54
				Tel set TA-312/PT	7	67

MOS Code 1367

AMPHIBIOUS BOAT AND SHORE UNIT COMMANDER

Summary: Commands amphibious unit engaged in amphibious combat support operations.

Duties: Directs and controls tactical employment of unit in combat. Directs contact with unit components. Evaluates intelligence, estimates situations, and formulates decisions. Directs unit in transportation and landing of troops and supplies on coastal areas, beaches, and islands. Directs landing force of amphibious engineers in assault on hostile forces defending shore positions, to prepare landing area for ground force combat team. Commands engineering activities in support of combat team. Directs construction and maintenance of improvised wharves and temporary landings. Directs establishment of obstructions designed to protect landing operations against mechanized or armored attacks. Directs repair and maintenance of traffic routes from shore edge to combat area. Directs administration, training, communications, supply, equipment, maintenance, transportation, and security of unit.

Qualifications: Must be able to perform duties described above, and possess following special qualifications:

Must have thorough knowledge of infantry combat techniques and combat engineering principles. Must have thorough knowledge of organization and mission of amphibious combat support units. Must be able to control mass operation of small craft.

Must have had appropriate formal training or equivalent military supervisory experience in small craft navigation or combat or construction engineering.

Example of duty position for which qualified:

Amphibious Boat and Shore Unit Commander

Civilian source jobs:

- 0-31.02 Master
- 0-31.03 Mate
- 0-31.11 Dredge Captain
- 0-31.20 Marine Engineer II
- 0-31.31 Ship Pilot

MOS Code 1415

CHEMICAL SMOKE GENERATOR UNIT COMMANDER

Summary: Commands chemical smoke generator unit engaged in laying smoke screens in support of other units.

Duties: Directs and controls employment of unit in support of other branches of service when use of smoke is required in tactical situation. Evaluates intelligence, estimates situations, and formulates decisions. Directs employment, maintenance, and operation of smoke-generating equipment. Directs laying of smoke to gain fire superiority for supported units, to prevent observation by enemy units, and to hamper enemy operations. Directs administration, communications, supply, maintenance, transportation, and security of unit.

Qualifications: Must be able to perform duties described above, and possess following special qualifications:

Must have thorough knowledge of construction, maintenance, operation, and tactical employment of smoke-generating equipment. Must have thorough knowledge of weather and terrain features affecting employment of smoke. Must have knowledge of general chemical warfare tactical and technical operations and equipment. Must know capabilities of other equipment used for laying and maintaining smoke screens, such as mortars, artillery, and aircraft.

Examples of duty positions for which qualified:

- Chemical Fuel Supply Officer
- Chemical Smoke Generator Unit Commander
- Chemical Smoke Generator Operations Officer

Civilian source jobs:

- 0-37.01 Chemist
- 0-15.01 Chemical Engineer

MOS Code 1543

INFANTRY UNIT COMMANDER

Summary: Commands infantry units when employed either on foot or motorized.

Duties: Directs and controls tactical employment of unit in combat. Evaluates intelligence,

estimates situations, and formulates decisions. Directs communications. Directs motorized infantry advances. Prescribes policies, missions, and standards for unit. Directs camouflage and concealment of equipment from air and ground observation and attack. Formulates antitank plans. Directs training of personnel in infantry arms, infantry weapons, and tactical employment of appropriate units. Acts as liaison officer in coordination with supporting units and higher headquarters. Directs administration, supply, maintenance, transportation, and security activities of unit.

Qualifications: Must be able to perform duties described above, and possess following special qualifications:

Must have thorough knowledge of infantry tactical and technical operations. Must have thorough knowledge of organization and mission of combat units in field army. Must have thorough knowledge of motorized arms and equipment and infantry arms such as rifles, light and heavy machine guns, mortars, hand grenades, rocket launchers, and recoilless rifles.

Must have had appropriate formal training, such as the associate Infantry Officers' Course, or equivalent military experience.

Examples of duty positions for which qualified:

Infantry Unit Commander
 Infantry Counterfire Unit Commander
 Infantry Demolition and Pioneer Officer
 Infantry Intelligence and Reconnaissance Unit Commander
 Infantry Liaison Officer

MOS Code 1543

INFANTRY HEAVY MORTAR UNIT COMMANDER

Summary: Commands infantry heavy mortar unit and supervises operation of infantry heavy mortar company fire direction center.

Duties: Directs and controls tactical employment of infantry heavy mortar unit in combat. Directs communication with supported units. Directs high explosive and chemical fires to destroy and reduce effectiveness of enemy personnel, equipment, weapons, and installations. Directs establishment and continuance of smoke

screens to hamper enemy observation. Directs heavy mortar fire to disrupt enemy routes of approach. Directs operation of infantry heavy mortar company fire direction center to insure placing heavy mortar fire on designated targets at proper time. Supervises training of heavy mortar personnel, including fire direction and forward observer personnel. Supervises preparation of firing charts. Prepares firing data for observed fires, prearranged fires, and unobserved fires. Specifies elements of fire commands, such as platoons to fire, type of ammunition, direction, mortars to fire, method of fire, elevation, charge, and command to fire. Directs infantry heavy mortar company survey operations, including target area, connection, and position area surveys. Directs administration, supply, maintenance, transportation, and security activities of unit.

Qualifications: Must be able to perform duties described above, and possess following special qualifications:

Must have thorough knowledge of infantry tactical and technical operations. Must have thorough knowledge of tactics and techniques involved in employment of heavy mortars in combat, including principles of chemical warfare involved in employment of chemical and smoke fires. Must know mathematics involved in operation of infantry heavy mortar company fire direction center.

Must know operation and use of fire direction equipment, including aiming circle, surveying equipment, and firing tables. Must know use of maps, photomaps, grid sheets, or plotting board in preparation of firing data.

Must have had appropriate formal training, such as associate Infantry Officers' Course, or equivalent military experience.

Examples of duty positions for which qualified:

Infantry Heavy Mortar Unit Commander
 Infantry Heavy Mortar Fire Direction Officer
 Infantry Heavy Mortar Gunnery Officer
 Infantry Heavy Mortar Reconnaissance and Survey Officer
 Infantry Heavy Mortar Reconnaissance Officer

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