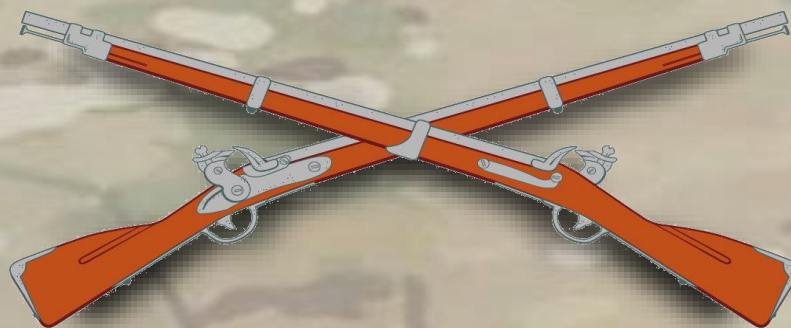




U.S. ARMY INFANTRY



Branch Brief | *A guide to the first 4 years*

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AGENDA

1. What makes the Infantry unique
2. Duty stations and types of formations
3. The first 4 years in the Infantry
4. Branching process





THE INFANTRY

“Of all branches in the U.S. Army, the Infantry is unique because its core competency is founded on the **individual soldier** – the Infantry Rifleman. While other branches tend to focus on weapon systems and platforms to accomplish their mission, the Infantry alone relies almost exclusively on the human dimension of **the individual rifleman** to close with and destroy the enemy.”





IBCT INFANTRY PLATOON

PLT HQ



TOTAL
PERSONNEL = 41

3x IN SQDs



WPN
SQD

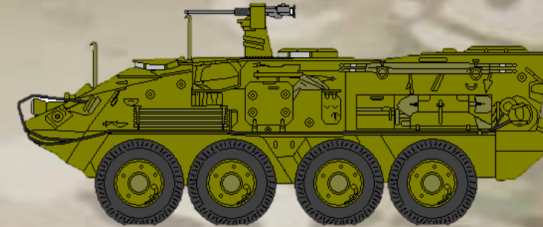
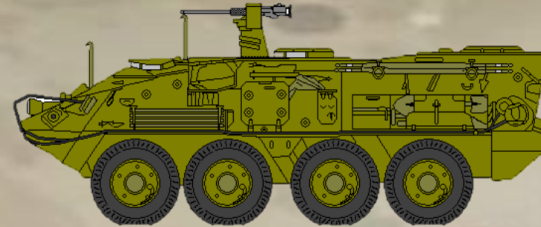
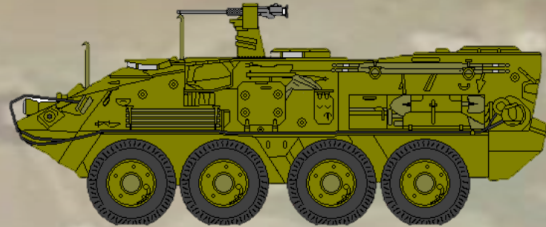
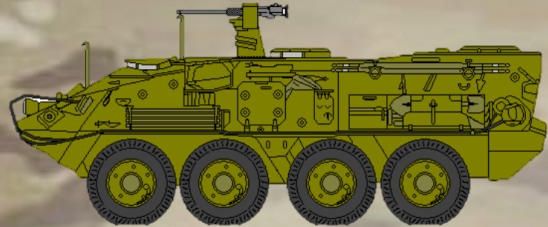


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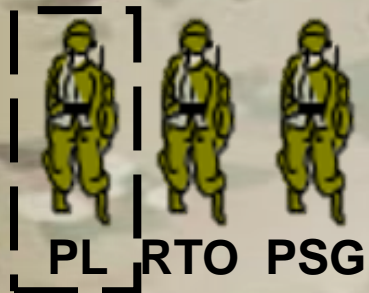
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SBCT INFANTRY PLATOON



PLT HQ



3x IN SQDs



FO MEDIC

WPN SQD



SL TL GRN AR RFLM TL GRN AR RFLM

SL GUNNER AG GUNNER AG

VEH CREW X 4



DRV GUN

TOTAL
PERSONNEL = 45

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ABCT INFANTRY PLATOON



FO

3x IN SQDs



SL TL AR GRN RFLM TL AR GRN RFLM



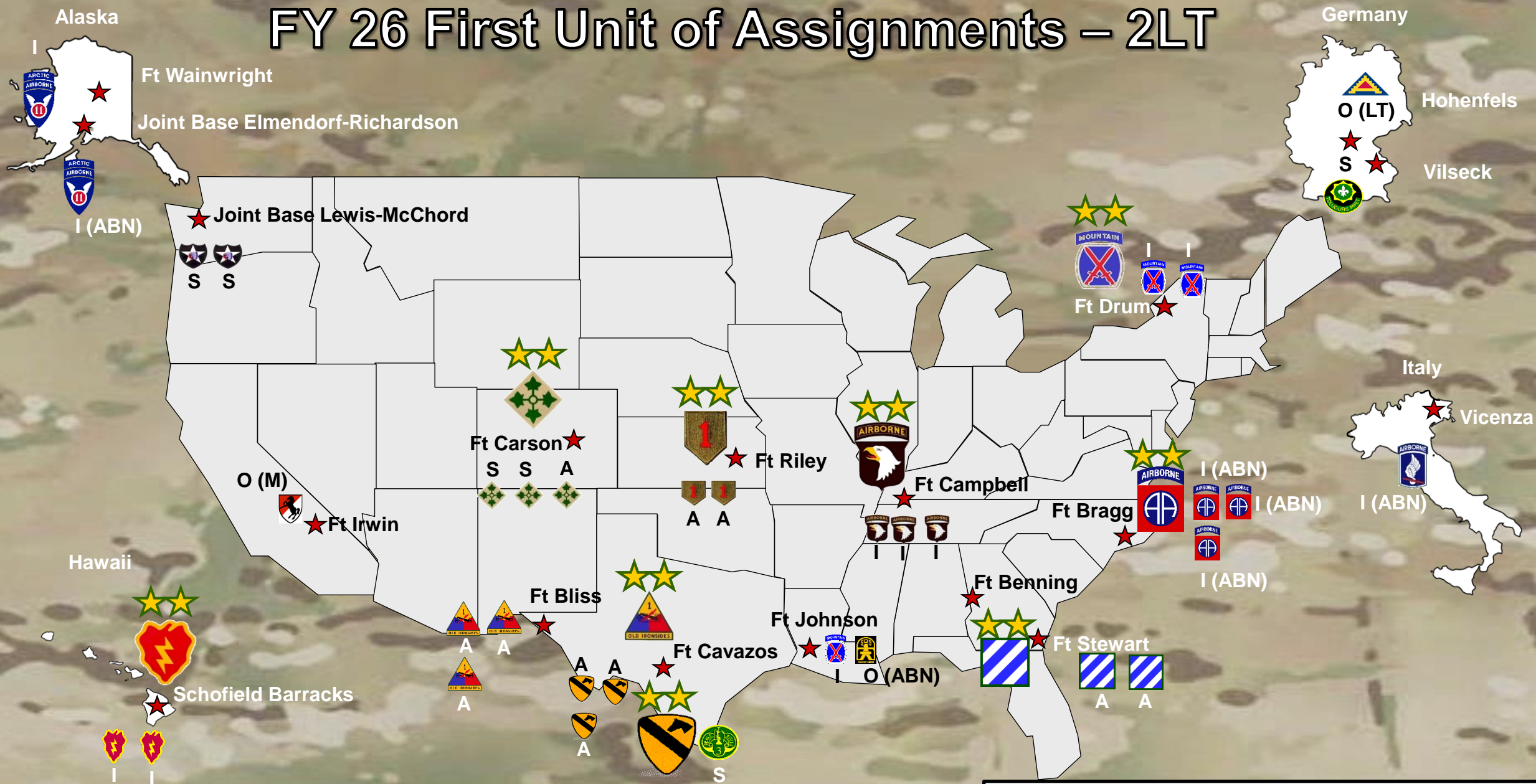
MEDIC

TOTAL
PERSONNEL = 43

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FY 26 First Unit of Assignments – 2LT



FY 26: 11 ABCT, 9 IBCT, 5 IBCT (ABN), 6 SBCT, 3 OPFOR
(Light, Mechanized, Airborne)



INFANTRY LIEUTENANT TIMELINE

COMMISSION

12
MONTHS

24
MONTHS

36
MONTHS

48
MONTHS

INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING

- IBOLC
- ABN / SLC / BCC
- Ranger Course



LIEUTENANT ASSIGNMENTS

Key Developmental Assignment

- Rifle Platoon Leader (9-18 months)



Developmental Assignment

- Company Executive Officer
- Specialty Platoon Leader
 - Scout / Mortar PL
- Battalion Staff Officer
- OSUT Platoon Leader / XO

Additional Functional Training

- Air Assault
- Pathfinder
- Jumpmaster
- Maneuver Leaders Maintenance Course (MLMC)
- Infantry Mortar Leader Course (IMLC)
- Reconnaissance & Surveillance Leaders Course (RSLC)



Nominative Assignment

- 75th Ranger Regiment
- Aide de Camp
- Old Guard
- OC-T

MCCC



IBOLC and IMT



COMMITTEE		WEEK	FOCUS	FIELD DAYS					GATES
Administration (A CO)	Admin	0	Arrival / In Processing	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 1 HT&WT and Land Navigation
		1	In Processing	M	T	W	TR	F	
		2	IDF Systems and UTM 1	M	T	W	TR	F	
	BRM	3	Land Navigation	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 2 M4 Qualification and ACFT
		4	BRM	M	T	W	TR	F	
Doctrine (B CO)	Doctrine	5	Infantry Skills Week	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 3 HPDT and Peers #1
		6	Doctrine Foundations	M	T	W	TR	F	
		7	TM and SQD Operations	M	T	W	TR	F	
		8	Intro to PLT Operations	M	T	W	TR	F	
	TLPs	9	Defensive Operations	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 4 OPORD #3 and 12 Mile Ruck
		10	TLPs 1	M	T	W	TR	F	
		11	TLPs 2	M	T	W	TR	F	
Assessment (C CO)	TLPs	12	TLPs 3	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 5 First Hundred Yards Peers #2
		13	PLT Operations 1	M	T	W	TR	F	
		14	PLT Operations 2	M	T	W	TR	F	
Live Fires (D CO)	TLPs	15	PLT Operations 3	M	T	W	TR	F	Gate 6 Comp Exam and 12 Mile Ruck Retest Honor Hill
		16	TM LFX and UTM 2	M	T	W	TR	F	
		17	TM BFX and FSCX SIM	M	T	W	TR	F	
Admin (A CO)	TLPs	18	FSCX Sim and TEWT	M	T	W	TR	F	Comp Exam Retest
		19	Recovery and Graduation	M	T	W	TR	F	

Course Length: 19-weeks Class Size: 160 TRNG Week: 5-Days

Annual MAX Capacity: 1440 Classes Scheduled: 09

Field Days: 33

Course Critical Events

- Height/Weight
- 12 Mile Foot March
- ACFT
- M4 Qualification
- Land Navigation
- HPDT
- TLP #3 OPORD
- Peer Evaluation
- Comprehensive Exam

Infantry Lieutenant Glide path at Fort Benning





RANGER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Ranger Physical Assessment**

- Part 1 (14 minutes, ACUs with boots)
- 800m run
- 30 Dead stop pushups
- 100m sprint
- 16x 40lb sandbag lift to a 68in platform
- 50m farmer carry of two 40lb water cans
- 25m high crawl and 25m 3-5 second rush
- 800m run

- Part 2
- 4 mile run in 32 minutes
- 6 Chin ups

- **Combat Water Survival Assessment**

- Slide for Life
- Log walk/Rope Drop
- Ditch & Swim

- **Land Navigation**

- 4/5 Points in 5 hours
- Night to Day

- **12 Mile Foot march**

- 3 Hrs w/35lbs (Dry)

- **Darby Queen**

- 23/26 Obstacles
- Fail 3+ obstacles and receive a Major Minus

- **Darby Phase FTX**

- Pass at least 1 graded patrol
- 60% or better in Peers
- Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports

- **Mountaineering**

- Identify and Tie 5/7 knots (3 mandatory). Must pass the clove hitch, munter hitch, and rerouted figure eight.
- Conduct 1.8 mile foot march at MT Yonah in 45-65 minute pace (not a drop event and temperature dependent)

- **Mountain Phase FTX**

- Pass at least 1 graded patrol
- 60% or better in Peers
- Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports

- **Florida Phase FTX**

- Pass at least 1 graded patrol
- 60% or better on Peers
- Less than 3 Major Minus spot reports

- **Miss less than 72 Hours of Training**

“Ranger School is the best combat life insurance available for you and your men.”

-COL (R) Ralph Puckett



RANGER COURSE OVERVIEW



Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

4th BN
Darby

(Benning)



ASSESSMENT PHASE



PATROLS



Patrols

Peers

Spots

5th BN
Mountain

(Merrill)



MOUNTAINEERING



PATROLS



Patrols

Peers

Spots

6th BN
Swamp

(Rudder)



PATROLS



GRADUATION

Patrols

Peers

Spots

Graduation Rate

- 2020: 47.1%
- 2021: 55.0%
- 2022: 45.8%
- 2023: 46.3%
- 2024: 35.4%





Typical IN BN Annual Training Glidepath



Q1 (OCT-DEC)	Q2 (JAN-MAR)	Q3 (APR-JUN)	Q4 (JUL-SEP)	
Weapon Qualification	Holiday Block Leave	Deployment OPS Execute CTC Rotation	Summer Block Leave	
CO/PLT Level Training	MOUT Training/CCTT Simulators		Inventories	
Range Density/Drivers TRNG	BDE STX		Pre-Deployment OPS	
CO/PLT STX			Deployment Pack-out	
BN STX - PLT LFX/Gunnery	CO LFX & CALFEX	Redeployment OPS	Rail OPS	
	Recovery	Rail OPS	Deploy / CTC	
Recovery	Pre-Deployment Range Density	Maintenance and recovery		
	CTC Pack-out			
Holiday Block Leave	Rail OPS/Gear Prep	Summer Block Leave		
LEGEND	Garrison OPS	Home Station Field OPS	CTC/Deployment	Block Leave Period



Infantry TBB Storyboard

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Proponent Vision: Infantry officers must be able to operate in the most politically, economically, and environmentally adverse situations. To operate in such environments, Infantry Officers must possess the highest levels of mental toughness, problem solving ability, and physical fitness. Infantry Officers must have the ability to devise and prioritize activities rapidly, motivate and employ Soldiers, and have an innate ability to adapt to fluid situations while executing direct ground combat in Large Scale Combat Operations. Infantry Officers must have the ability to remain calm and exercise judgment while subject to a potential violent and lethal enemy threat, in the harshest environmental conditions, and in a state of mental and physical privation. At their core, Infantry Officers must be stress tolerant, emotionally mature, physically fit, possess and display grit, and tenacity; capable of completing the mission under the most difficult of conditions.

Developmental / Experiential Learning:

Key Operational Position: Rifle Platoon Leader.

Broadening Experience: Executive Officer, Scout/Mortar Platoon Leader, 75th Ranger Regiment, USAIS Instructor, Observe/Controller-Trainer.

Experiences: Platoon Live Fire; Combat Training Center Rotations; Overseas Training, Operational, and Contingency Rotations, Global Response Force (Immediate Reaction Force).

Education:

Relevant Education: The Infantry branch desires officers with academic backgrounds that span the entire spectrum of disciplines and majors offered at our nation's undergraduate institutions. Broad individual experiences contribute to the success of the branch.

Relevant Training and Experience: Leadership role in athletics / student government; Cadet Troop Leading Time / Leader Development Time (CTLT / CLDT) with Infantry units; Overseas Academic Enrichment Program; Prior enlisted service in a Maneuver Branch; Contact Sports / Triathlons / Coaching / Mentoring Experience (not all inclusive).

Expected Talents at Entry:

Assertiveness	Creative Problem-Solving	Decision Making	Even Tempered	Physical
Endurance	Lead By Example	Motivating Others	Oral Communications	Resilience
Sound Judgement	Tactical Competence	Virtuous		

TBB Talent Priorities

- 1. PROBLEM SOLVING:** Identifies complex problems, analyzes information, and evaluates results to select the best solution to solve a problem.
- 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS:** Demonstrates good health and physical conditioning by prioritizing good nutrition, physical exercise, and adequate sleep.
- 3. MULTI-TASKING:** Rapidly processes and prioritizes multiple demands at the same time.
- 4. COMMUNICATION:** Skill or ability to convey or receive information through verbal, written, or nonverbal means.
- 5. MOVITATING OTHERS:** Creates support, involvement, energy and enthusiasm for the mission.

Candidate
Branch
Score



HireVue Tips

- Be genuine
- If something from the storyboard applies to you, talk about that
- Understand the mission of the Infantry
- Know and be able to speak on the different talent priorities
- Talk honestly about why you want to join; don't just say things you think we want to hear
- Take a picture of yourself in the interview space and make sure you and your space maintain professional appearance



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