

# TRAINING NOTES



## Doctrinal Publications

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The production of doctrinal literature for the field that takes place in the Combined Arms and Tactics Department (CATD) of the Infantry School continues to receive top priority.

One of the most recently published and most significant additions to the Division 86 family of field manuals is the coordinating draft of FM 71-2J, The Tank and Mechanized Infantry Battalion Task Force. This AirLand

battle manual is the result of many months of work with the Armor School, a co-proponent, and with many subject matter experts from various other Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) schools and

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
<u>MECHANIZED INFANTRY</u>		
FM 7-7	The Mechanized Infantry Platoon/Squad (M113)	DA Pinpoint est. Mar-May 85.
FM 7-7J	The Mechanized Infantry Platoon/Squad (BFV)	DA Pinpoint est. Jul-Aug 85.
FM 71-1J	The Tank and Mechanized Infantry Company Team (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Coordinating draft Apr 85.
FM 71-2J	The Tank and Mechanized Infantry Battalion Task Force (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Coordinating draft distributed Dec 84.
FM 71-3	The Mechanized Infantry Brigade (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Coordinating draft Apr 85.
<u>INFANTRY, AIRBORNE, AIR ASSAULT</u>		
FM 7-8 Change 1	The Infantry Platoon/Squad	Published Jun 80. Published Aug 84.
FM 7-10 Change 1	The Infantry Company	Published Jan 82. Scheduled Jun 85.
FM 7-20 FM 7-85	The Infantry Brigade Ranger Operations	Published Dec 84. Coordinating draft Sep 85.
FM 90-4	Air Assault Operations	Coordinating draft Jun 85.

LIGHT DIVISION

FM 7-70	The Light Infantry Platoon/Squad	Coordinating draft Sep 86. (See FC 7-15)
FM 7-71	The Light Infantry Company	Coordinating draft Jun 86. (See FC 7-14)
FM 7-72	The Light Infantry Battalion	Coordinating draft Mar 86. (See FC 7-13)
FM 7-73	The Light Infantry Brigade	Coordinating draft Sep 86. (See FC 7-13)

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MOTORIZED)

FM 7-51	The Motorized Infantry Squad, Platoon and Company	Coordinating draft TBD
FM 7-53	The Assault Gun Squad, Platoon and Company	Coordinating draft TBD
FM 7-54	The Combined Arms Battalion (Heavy/Light)	Coordinating draft TBD
FM 7-56	The Light Attack Squad, Platoon and Company	Coordinating draft TBD
FM 7-57	The Light Attack Battalion	Coordinating draft TBD

OTHER

FM 7-90	Tactical Employment of Mortars	DA Pinpoint est. Jul-Aug 85.
FM 7-91	Antiarmor Operations in Infantry Units	Coordinating draft Mar 85.
FM 7-93	The Long-Range Surveillance Unit	Coordinating draft Jun 85.
FM 21-75	Combat Skills of the Individual Soldier	Published Aug 84.
FM 90-6	Jungle Operations	Published Aug 82.
FM 90-8	Counter guerrilla Operations	Coordinating draft Sep 84.
FM 90-10-1	An Infantryman's Guide to Urban Combat	Published Nov 82.

FIELD CIRCULARS

FC 7-11	Fighting in Forests	Est. Mar 85.
FC 7-12	Fighting in Mountains	Est. Mar 85.
FC 7-13	Light Infantry Battalion and Brigade Operations and AMTP	Est. Mar 85.
FC 7-14	Light Infantry Company Operations and AMTP	Published Dec 84.
FC 7-15	Light Infantry Squad and Platoon Operations and AMTP	Est. Jun 85.
FC 71-1	The Division 86 Company Team SOP (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Est. Mar 85.
FC 71-2	The Division 86 Battalion Task Force SOP (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Est. Jun 85.
FC 71-3	The Armored and Mechanized Infantry Brigade SOP (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Est. Mar 85.
FC 71-6	Battalion and Brigade Command and Control Techniques (Co-produced by Infantry and Armor Schools)	Published Nov 83.
FC 71-50	Attack and Assault of a Complex Obstacle System	

<b>DIALOGUE FILMS</b>		
(Available on order from TASC)		
82-1	Transition Mixes -- M1/M113, M2/M60	Released Feb 82.
82-2	Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Training Strategy	Released Jul 82.
82-3	The Bradley/Abrams Tank Force	Released Sep 82.
83-1	The Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Platoon and Squad	Released Apr 83.
83-3	Heavy/Light Concept	Released Mar 84.

the National Training Center.

In addition, the Mechanized Infantry Platoon/Squad, BIFV (FM 7-7J); Battalion and Brigade Command and Control Techniques (FC 71-6); and The Division 86 Battalion Task Force SOP (FC 71-2) are in their final stages of development prior to publication.

Field Circulars (FC) are currently being prepared for the new light infantry division. These publications will provide light infantry soldiers and leaders with the doctrinal know-how to fight, train, and evaluate. Each circular includes the ARTEP Mission Training Plan (AMTP) and emphasizes the divisional units' unique differences in organization, equipment, and capabilities.

Periodically, CATD receives in-

quiries about its publication process. Doctrinal manuals are initially produced in a preliminary draft format after an outline has been internally developed, staffed, and approved. A coordinating draft is then published and sent to the field for additional review and comment.

CATD regards this field review as one of the most important steps in developing a good manual and depends on a thorough and professional review to make sure its manuals are realistic and complete. The comments from the field are then incorporated into the final draft text process.

The current status of the publications for which CATD has proponentcy is shown on the accompanying chart.

(It should be noted that FMs are normally received through pinpoint distribution channels. FCs are distributed on a one-time selected-distribution basis, and MACOMs are authorized to reproduce the circulars as needed.)

The Infantry School stresses the importance of input from the field in the development of its doctrinal and training publications. Questions or comments on a specific doctrinal manual or field circular should be sent on a DD Form 2028 to Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School, ATTN: ATSH-I-V-PM, Fort Benning, GA 31905; AUTOVON 835-1653/1210.

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# Logical Antiarmor Training

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It seems like everyone has an opinion on how to conduct good antiarmor training for Dragon and TOW gunners and crews. For the most part our leaders have been successful in converting the emphasis on tracking to an emphasis on crew and gunner task performance. As a result, we have increased the proficiency and the basic task performance of our crews and

gunners, although one problem continues to plague our leaders — how to train antiarmor gunners to track not only accurately but confidently. In spite of the obvious differences between the TOW and the Dragon, gunners for both systems suffer from the same frustration and loss of confidence when they cannot track a target effectively, and both can be helped by

a logical tracking program.

The Launch Effects Trainer (LET) for the Dragon and the M70 TOW Trainer are not the most effective ways to train gunners, although they can and should be used as an integral part of an antiarmor tracking program. Anyone who has ever had a chance to use these devices to track realizes the difficulties involved and