

THE BRIGADE (DIVISIONAL AND SEPARATE)

In IDAD operations, brigades may be employed as subordinate elements of the division, or they may be provided with reinforcing combat, combat support, and combat service support units and employed as independent or semi-independent forces. The brigade can command and control up to five attached maneuver battalions and operate with host country regular armed forces and paramilitary forces.

- **ATTACHMENT OR SUPPORT.** Combat, combat support, and combat service support units are attached to, or placed in support of, the brigade as required by the mission. On independent operations, the emphasis is normally on the attachment of units.
- **CONSOLIDATION CAMPAIGNS.** When the brigade is assigned consolidation campaign missions, it may require civilian as well as military personnel support to assist with intelligence, psychological, populace and resources control, CA, and advisory assistance operations. Host country regular armed forces, paramilitary forces, and police may also provide support.
- **STRIKE CAMPAIGNS.** When the brigade is organized to conduct strike campaign operations, the emphasis is on the attachment of primary combat and combat support units. Host country police, military units, or paramilitary units may participate with US units.

BATTALIONS

Battalions are the basic maneuver elements of the brigade. The battalion command and staff structure is designed to accept augmentation.

In tactical operations, infantry battalions normally are subordinate elements of a brigade. In exceptional cases, they may be directly under the control of a higher headquarters, or they may conduct independent operations. Because of the decentralized nature of counter guerrilla operations, combat, combat support, and combat service support units may be attached to, or be placed in direct support of, the battalion. They also may receive support from host country military, paramilitary, or police units.

COMPANIES

Companies are the basic maneuver elements of the battalion. Under exceptional circumstances, they may be detached for employment as part of combined arms or joint task forces. They may receive support from host country military, paramilitary, or police units.

RECONNAISSANCE PLATOONS AND ARMORED CAVALRY TROOPS

If the terrain permits use of vehicles, the platoon or troop may be employed as an