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## GENERAL

This section discusses type forces available to conduct counter guerrilla operations and how these forces are used in an IDAD environment. The organization and employment of these forces will depend upon IDAD objectives and a careful analysis of the situation.

## CONCEPTS

During the past several decades, the nature of battle has changed significantly. Recent conflicts between small nations have developed intensities and sophistication formerly considered within the capabilities of large states only. Great numbers of advanced weapons have been provided by major powers to smaller states. Some of these weapons may end up in the hands of insurgents.

Insurgents can be expected to employ a wide range of weapons which are used by the counter guerrilla forces. The initial advantage of counter guerrilla forces in firepower, mobility, communications, and combat forces must be carefully used and maintained. Terrain and enemy forces and capabilities must be assessed when tailoring forces for combat. The basic combat element in the counter guerrilla force is organized to fight as light infantry. See FM 7-7, FM 7-8, FM 7-10, and FM 7-30 for details on infantry employment.

## AIRBORNE FORCE EMPLOYMENT

The essential difference between airborne forces and other combat forces employed against guerrillas is the capability of parachuting into an area. An airborne infantry unit will conduct tactical operations in the same general manner as other infantry units.