

FISTs move with the companies. If the terrain and situation permit, battalion bases may be moved as the companies move their patrol bases. If civilian communities are located in the area and if security conditions permit, battalion bases may be located near (but not within) the community. Here, the battalion may conduct psychological, intelligence, and military civic action operations.

Raids, ambushes, and night operations will be used to destroy guerrilla forces. Daylight operations are directed primarily against guerrilla encampments or fortified installations.



Brigade commanders use all available means to locate guerrilla forces and bases, and, once located, they give priority to destroying the guerrilla forces. An attack on a guerrilla force normally requires superior combat power. Reserves (ready forces) attempt to immediately engage and destroy moving guerrilla forces before they can disperse. Depending on the situation, either hasty or deliberate attacks are made on guerrilla bases which contain fortifications. After a successful attack on guerrilla forces, troops thoroughly search the area for guerrilla personnel, supplies, equipment, and documents. Pursuit operations are undertaken to destroy or capture forces attempting to flee. Artillery, air support, and airmobile forces support ground pursuit.

The brigade will not normally occupy the area for an extended time following a successful attack. Operations to search out guerrillas will continue. Elements of the brigade may be rotated through the "home base" for periods of rest and training.

## SECTION X CONSOLIDATION CAMPAIGN

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General