

APPENDIX B

BRANCH AND FUNCTIONAL AREA PRECIS

INTRODUCTION

This appendix summarizes branch and functional area doctrine for IDAD operations. References cited indicate the sources of detailed information in each area. (See appendix A for list of references.)

The US Army has designated its basic and special branches as arms and services and has identified functions and duties of the branches. The system of branches in foreign military forces will probably differ somewhat from that of the United States; however, every military system must generally accommodate the functions and duties ascribed to each of the US Army branches. AR 10-6 provides detailed coverage of the functions of each US Army branch.

Combat arms are those branches whose personnel are primarily concerned with fighting. They are Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Corps of Engineers, and Air Defense Artillery.

Combat support arms are those branches whose personnel provide operational assistance to the combat arms. They are Corps of Engineers, Chemical Corps, Signal Corps, Military Police Corps, and Military Intelligence.

The services are those branches whose personnel are primarily concerned with providing combat service support or administrative support to the Army. The services are Adjutant General's Corps, Corps of Engineers, Finance Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Army Medical Department, Chaplains, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Ordnance Corps, Signal Corps, Military Police Corps, and Transportation Corps.

The Corps of Engineers, Military Police, and Signal Corps branches are classified as both combat support arms and as services. Additionally, the Corps of Engineers is also classified as a combat arm.

Some US Army functions - - aviation and psychological operations, for example - - are performed by several branches. This appendix addresses these as functional areas, and special units - - Special Forces, for example - - are addressed as special functional units.

COMBAT ARMS

In IDAD operations, Infantry, Armor, and Field Artillery are mainly concerned with tactical operations. They are charged with seeking out and destroying insurgent armed forces and their base areas and with defending populated areas and critical installations. The Engineers are concerned with tactical operations; also, they can help significantly in internal development assistance operations. Air Defense Artillery can play a significant role in protecting critical installations and in a ground