United States Army: Operational Unit Diagram

Corps: 20,000 to 40,000 soldiers. The Corps is the deployable level of command required to synchronize and sustain combat operations. It also provides the framework for multinational operations. The Corps provides command, control and logistical support of two to five divisions. The Corps is commanded by a Lieutenant General (0-9) who is assisted by a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) and an extensive Corps staff. There are currently four Corps in the Active Army - three with Headquarters in the Continental United States (I, III, and XVIII Corps) and one in Germany (V Corps).

Division: 10,000 to 16,000 soldiers. The Division performs major tactical operations and can conduct sustained battles and engagements. Divisions are numbered (e.g., 1st Armored Division, 82nd Airborne Division) and are categorized by one of five types: Light Infantry, Mechanized Infantry, Armor, Airborne or Air Assault. The Division is commanded by a Major General (0-8) who is assisted by two principal Brigadier Generals (0-7) who perform duties as Assistant Division Commanders - one for Maneuver and one for Support. The Command Sergeant Major (E-9) is the principal non-commissioned officer assistant. Divisions are comprised of three tactical maneuver (Infantry and/or Armor) Brigades and a Division base of combat support and combat service support elements. There are currently ten divisions in the Active Army and eight Divisions in the Reserves/National Guard. In October 1999, The Army established two Integrated Divisions (the 7th Infantry Division and 24th Infantry Division) consisting of an Active Component headquarters commanded by an Active Component Major General (O-8), and three Army National Guard Enhanced Separate Brigades.

Source: http://www.army.mil/info/organization/unitsandcommands/oud/
Brigade/Group/Regiment: 1,500 to 3,200 soldiers. A brigade is a significantly large unit that can be employed on independent or semi-independent operations. The Brigade is normally commanded by a Colonel (0-6) although in some cases a Brigadier General (0-7) may assume command. The Command Sergeant Major (E-9) is the principal non-commissioned officer assistant. During combat operations, Infantry, Armor and Cavalry Brigades normally have a field artillery battalion, engineer battalion and combat service support battalion in direct support. Brigades also exist in combat service and combat service support branches (e.g., Engineer Brigade, Signal Brigade). Armored Cavalry units of this size are referred to as Regiments (e.g., 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment). Ranger and Special Forces units this size are referred to as Groups.

Battalion: 300 to 1,000 soldiers. The Battalion is a unit that is both tactically and administratively self-sufficient. In warfare, Battalions are capable of independent operations of limited duration and scope. The Battalion is typically composed of four to six companies, and is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel (0-5) with a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) as the primary non-commissioned officer assistant. The Commander has a Battalion Staff of officers and non-commissioned officers to oversee missions, training, administration and logistics. A Battalion Task-Force is a Battalion-size unit with additional companies attached in direct support to enhance mission capability. An armored or air cavalry unit of equivalent size is referred to as a squadron.

Company/Troop/Battery: 60 to 200 soldiers. The Company is a cohesive tactical sized unit that can perform a battlefield function on its own. It is capable of receiving and controlling additional combat, combat support or combat service support elements to enhance its mission capability. The Company has a small headquarters element to assist the Commander. Typically, three to five platoons form a Company, with between 15-25 vehicles. For example, an Armor Tank Company is composed of five officers, 57 enlisted soldiers, 14 M1A2/A3 Main Battle Tanks and several wheeled vehicles. The Company is normally commanded by a Captain (0-3). A First Sergeant (E-8) is the commander's principal non-commissioned assistant. Depending on the type of unit, a Company may be called a Troop or Battery. Ground or Air Cavalry units (armor and aviation units specially trained for reconnaissance missions) refer to these units as Troops. Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery units refer to these elements as Batteries.
Platoon: 16-44 soldiers. The Platoon is the basic combat unit capable of maneuvering in the conduct of combat operations and is led by a Lieutenant 0-1/0-2 who is assisted by a Platoon Sergeant who is a Sergeant First Class (E-7). A platoon consists of two to four squads/sections depending on the type of unit. For example, an infantry Platoon consists of three squads. A Mechanized Infantry Platoon consists of four fighting vehicles (M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle), divided into two sections. Each vehicle holds 8-9 soldiers. A Tank Platoon consists of four tanks organized into two sections of two tanks each.

Squad/Section: eight to 16 soldiers. Typically led by a Sergeant (E-5) or Staff Sergeant (E-6), the squad is the smallest element in the Army organizational structure. Its size is dependent on its function. In some units, two squads may compose a Section led by a Staff Sergeant. In a light infantry (non-mechanized) squad, there are normally nine soldiers and a squad leader. In a mechanized infantry squad, there are up to 16 soldiers, organized into two teams. Each team is assigned to a tactical vehicle (e.g., Bradley Fighting Vehicle). In an Armor (Tank/Cavalry) unit the term Section is used in lieu of squad. A section consists of two vehicles (e.g., M1A2 Abrams). Each tank has a crew consisting of four personnel.
Order of Battle: 82nd Airborne Division (of 10 Corps, 29th September 1943)

82nd Airborne Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company
- 325th Glider Infantry Regiment [-1co]
- 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment [-band]
- 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment
- 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion
  - 1st Ranger Battalion [att]
  - 3rd Ranger Battalion [att]
  - 4th Ranger Battalion [att]
  - 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment [att]
  - Detachment, 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion [att]
- 82nd Airborne Division Artillery
  - Headquarters and Headquarters Battery
  - 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion (75mm Pack Howitzer)
  - 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion (75mm Pack Howitzer)
- 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion
- 307th Airborne Medical Battalion
- 782nd Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company
- 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company
- 82nd Airborne Signal Company
- Military Police Platoon
  - A Battery, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion (105mm Howitzer) [att]
  - A Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm Howitzer) [att]
  - C Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion (155mm Howitzer) [att]
  - F Company, 540th Engineer Shore Regiment [att]
- C Company, 83rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized) [att]
- D Company, 83rd Chemical Battalion (Motorized) [att]
- 405th Medical Collecting Company [att]
  - 2nd Platoon, 602nd Medical Clearing Company [att]

[att]: attached to us for operations.
[u/c ---]: under command of --- for operations.