

Command and staff service

**No.**

## **2 Seminar on the topic No.1**

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## Course objectives:

- the main aim of this seminar is to improve students' knowledge about the place, role, duties, and responsibilities of platoon commander and other platoon leaders in the fight,,
- second aim of this one is check students of the doctrinal framework on how an infantry rifle commander to command and control in fight.

## **Summary:**

### **Preface**

#### 1. Performance of individual students to specified issues:

- Platoon organization and tasks
- Platoon leaders and their responsibilities
- Responsibilities and obligations of command combat platoon in combat

#### 2. Evaluation of performances of individual students

### **Conclusion**

### **List of tasks for students**

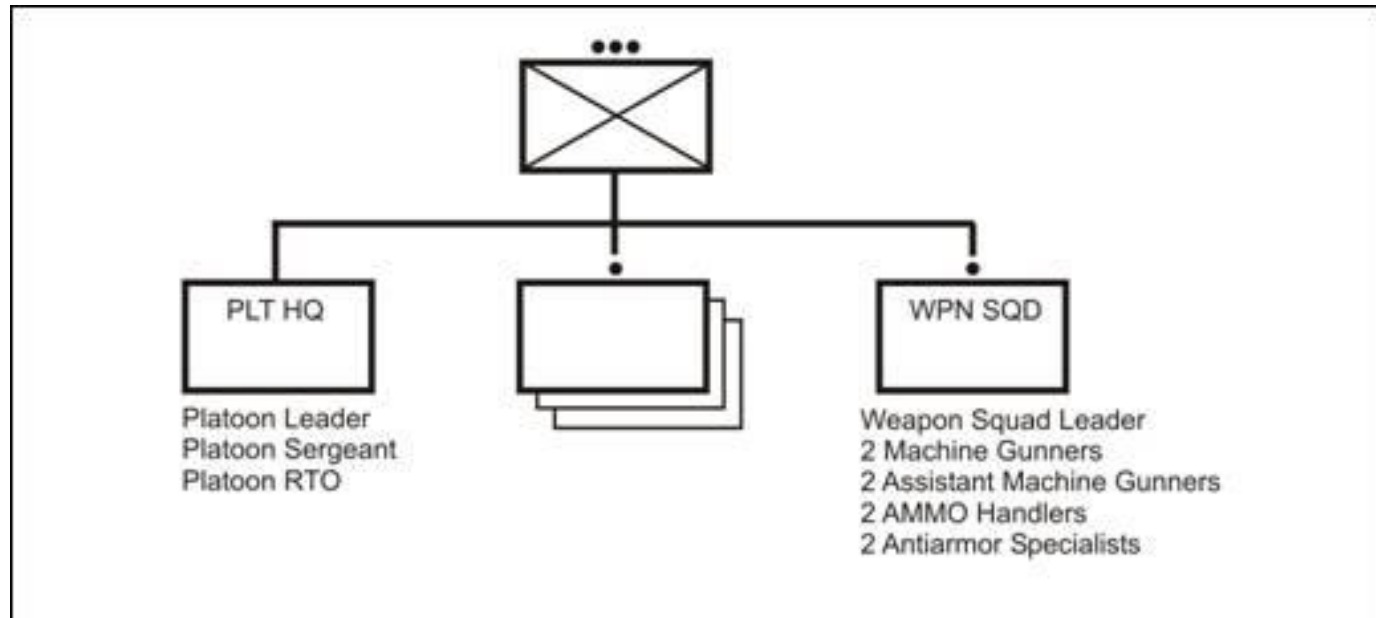
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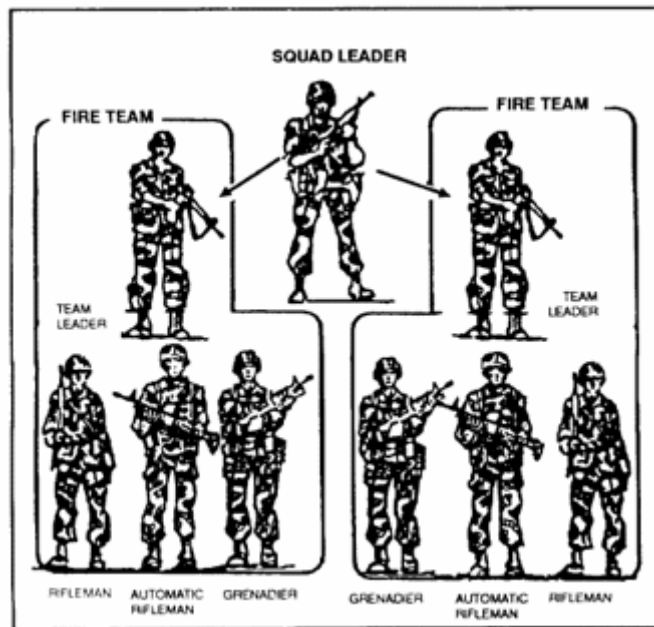
**1. Performance of individual students to specified issues:**

**QUESTION**

## Platoon organization and tasks



## The light infantry squad



## Platoon leaders and their responsibilities

A **platoon leader** (NATO) or **platoon commander**:

This person is usually a junior officer — a second or first lieutenant or an equivalent rank. The officer is usually assisted by a platoon sergeant.

## Platoon sergeant

Platoon Sergeant – The old saying, “Be, Know, Do” is a perfect way to capture the essence of a Platoon Sergeant.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist the Platoon Leader in achieving everything we discussed above!
- The platoon expert on squad and platoon tactics.
- The logistician of the platoon. Ensures platoon has the food, water, ammunition, fuel, parts and supplies it needs to accomplish its' mission.
- Second in command of the platoon. Assumes the role of platoon leader if required.
- Mentors his platoon leader.
- Ensures the squad leaders are leading their squads.
- Ensures the platoon is prepared for combat operations (pre-combat checks, inspections, etc...).
- Directs casualty collection efforts within the platoon.
- Knows the men in the platoon.
- The eyes and ears of the platoon.



## The platoon commander

The platoon headquarters obviously, provides the command and control for the platoon.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- First, and foremost he is responsible for everything that occurs in the platoon. This is a huge responsibility for someone who may be executing their first duty position.
- Achieve his purpose and task from his higher headquarters, many times utilizing initiative within the parameters of the commander's intent.
- Understand how to employ all the weapons/weapon systems he has at his disposal.
- Maneuver his squads and synchronize their fire and maneuver.
- Ask for additional assets if he believes they are needed to achieve his mission.
- Keep the company commander informed to what is occurring on the ground.
- Keep the squad leaders informed to what is occurring on the ground.
- Place himself in a location where he can influence the decisive point of the mission.
- Develop and maintain an understanding of the terrain, the enemy and the friendly situation.
- Set the example in the platoon. Do what they do!
- Know his men.
- Listen and heed the advice of the Platoon Sergeant!

## The Squad leader

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The squad leader is responsible for the squad.
- b. He controls the maneuver of his squad and its rate and distribution of fire.
- c. He exercises his command through the fire team leaders.
- d. He manages the logistical and administrative needs of his squad. He requests and issues ammunition, water, rations, and special equipment.
- e. He maintains accountability of his soldiers and equipment.
- f. He completes casualty feeder reports and reviews the casualty reports completed by squad members.
- g. He supervises the maintenance of the squad's weapons and equipment.
- h. He conducts inspections of his soldiers, their weapons and their equipment.
- i. He keeps the platoon sergeant and platoon leader informed on his squad's supply status and equipment readiness.
- j. He ensures that supplies and equipment are internally cross-leveled.
- k. He designates and supervises special teams to include: Enemy POW and Aid & Litter teams.
- l. He ensures compass and pace count duties are assigned.

## The Team leader

### RESPONSIBILITIES

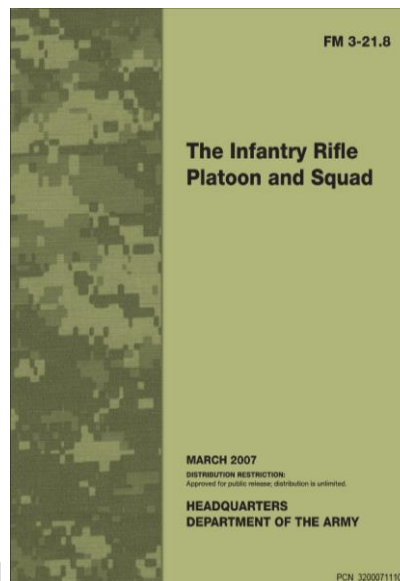
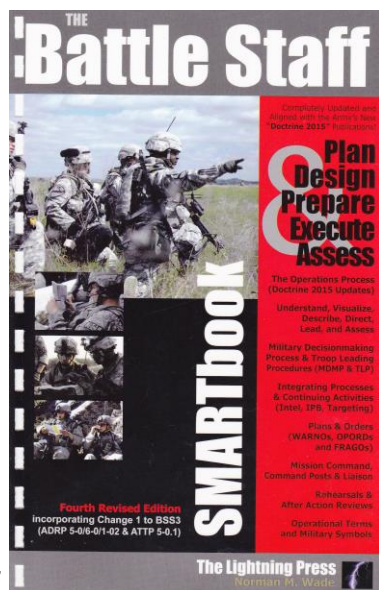
- a. The team leader is a fighting soldier who leads by personal example and helps the squad leader as required.
- b. He controls the movement of his fire team
- c. He controls the rate and placement of fire by leading from the front and using the proper commands and signals.
- d. He maintains accountability of his soldiers and equipment
- e. He ensures his soldiers maintain the unit standards in all areas
- f. He is responsible for one Automatic Rifleman, one Rifleman, and one Grenadier

He ensures that his Specialty Teams are trained to standard

## Conclusion

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## List of tasks for students:



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