

Attack Formation

Normally, the *attack formation* is assumed immediately before combat. In prebattle formation, platoons, and possibly companies remain in column. Attack formation is assumed when platoons disperse laterally into line formation. Within their company, however, platoons need not be formed on line but may be also arrayed in wedge or echelon formations, based on the situation. However, an array of platoons on line is most common. Tanks on line normally precede BTRs or BMPs. If troops dismount, they normally follow closely behind the tanks. BTRs or BMPs normally follow between 100 to 400 meters behind the tanks. Attack

formation normally is assumed within about 1000 meters of enemy positions.

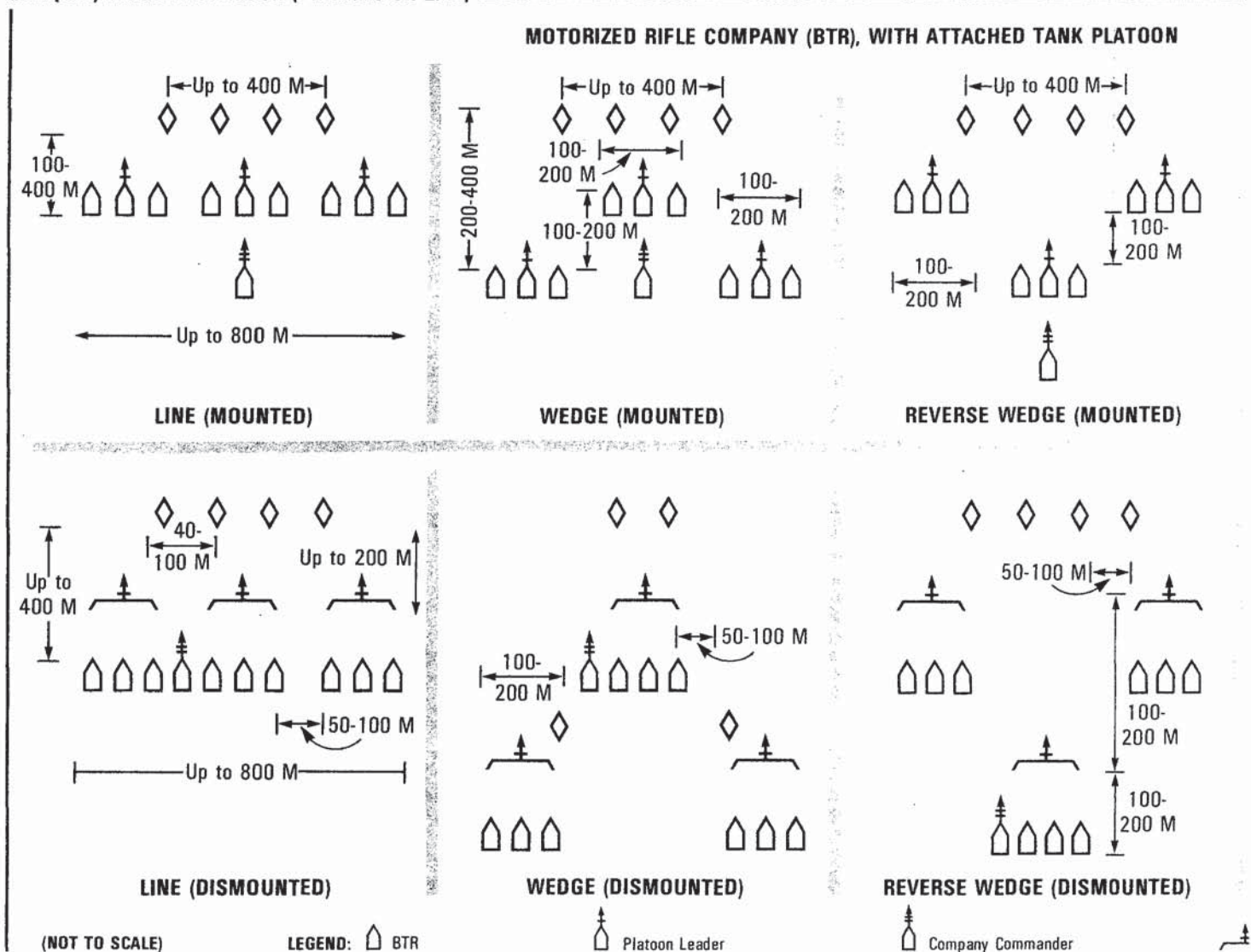
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Battle formation is the organization of a unit or

group of forces. For example, the formation of platoons in echelon, or echelon formations on points in the defense, or antitank or other support or operative

Company Attack Formation (Platoons on Line)



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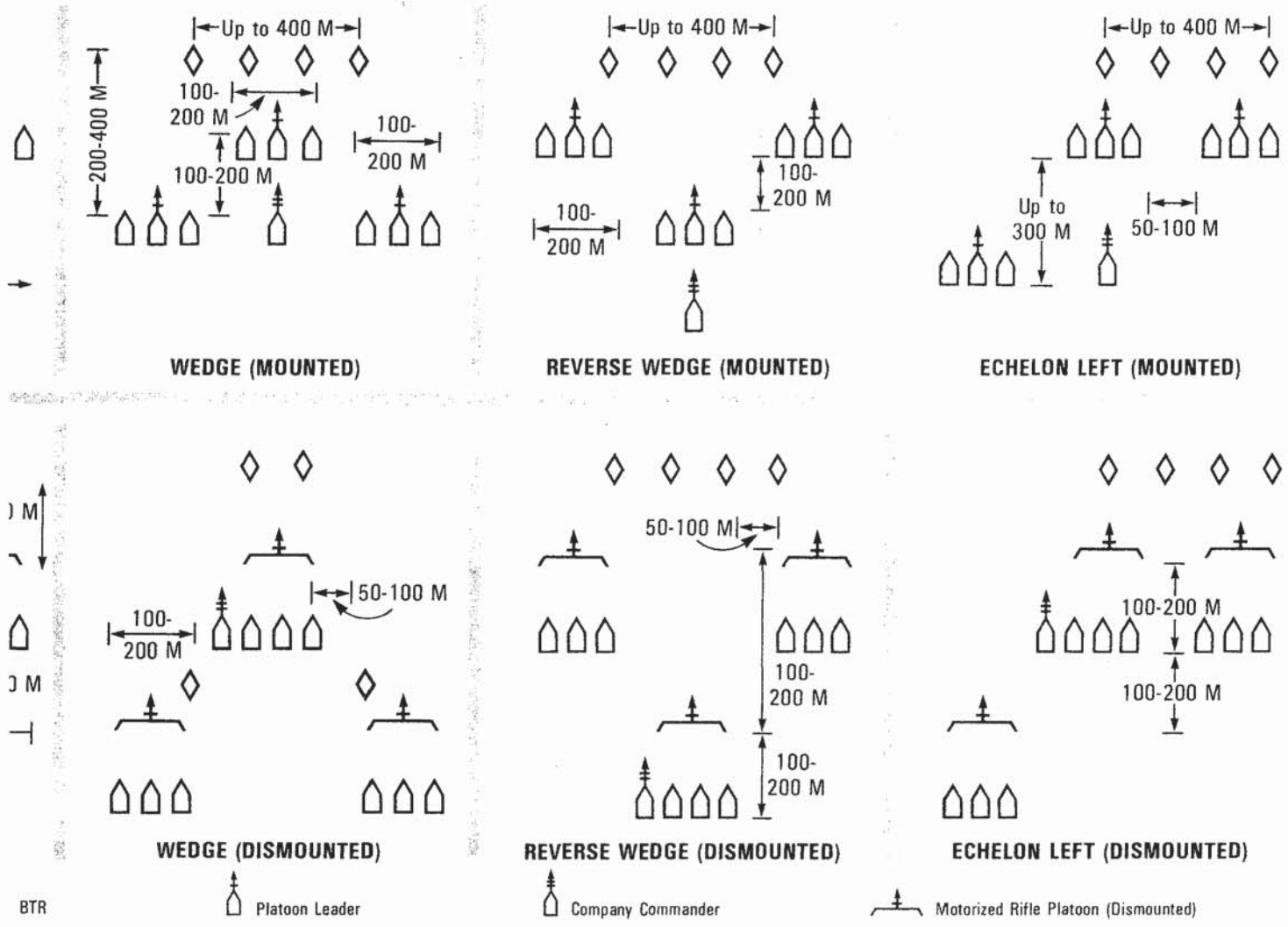
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Battle formation is the organization of a unit or

group of forces for offensive or defensive combat. For example, the battle formation of a motorized rifle regiment in the attack may be two tank-reinforced battalions in the first echelon and one in the second echelon, or it may be three battalions in the first echelon with a company held in reserve (see illustrations on page 5-12). The battle formation of a battalion in the defense might require two company strongpoints forward and one to the rear, and a platoon-sized antitank reserve. The manner in which artillery and other support elements are deployed for a given battle or operation is also part of the battle formation.

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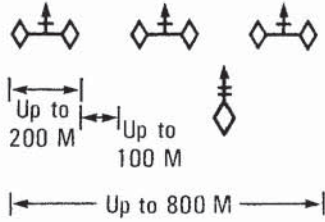
MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANY (BTR), WITH ATTACHED TANK PLATOON



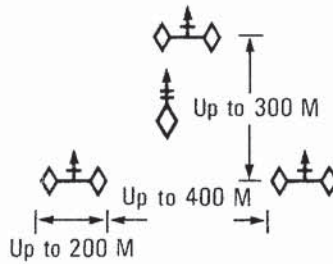
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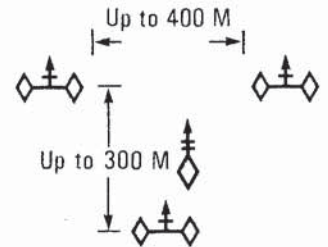
TANK COMPANY



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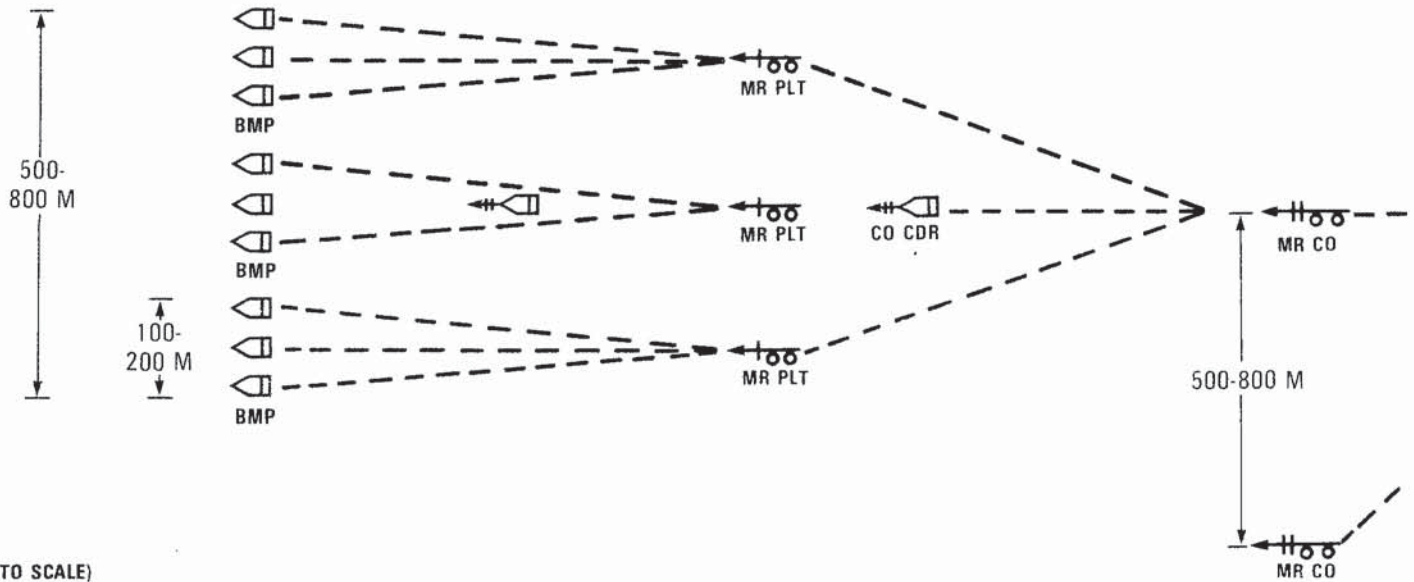


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Tactical Formations of a Motorized Rifle Battalion (BMP)



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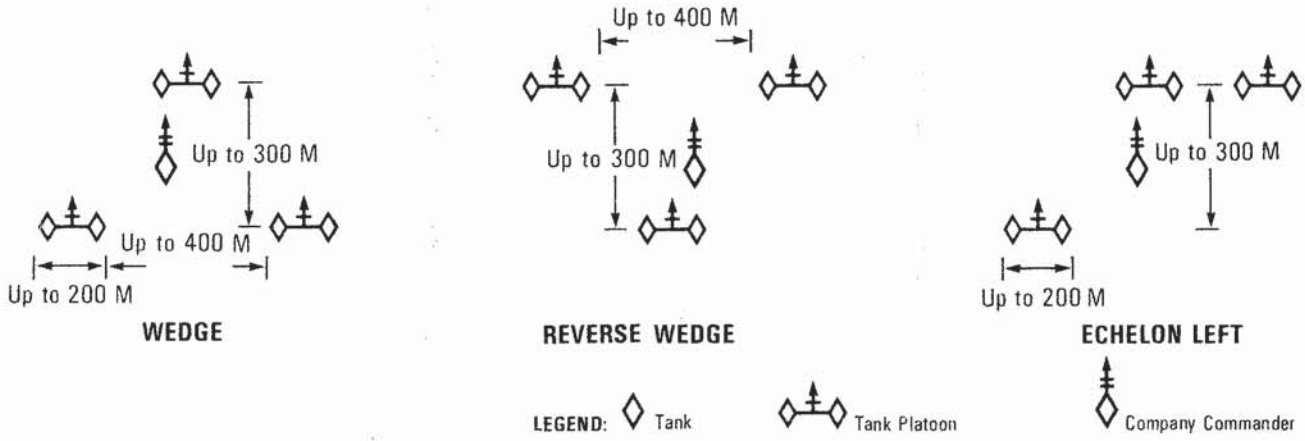
COMPANY ATTACK
FORMATION: LINE
(PLATOONS IN LINE)

COMPANY PREBATTLE
FORMATION: LINE
(PLATOONS IN COLUMNS)

BATTALION PREBATTLE
FORMATION: LINE
(COMPANIES IN COLUMNS)

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TANK COMPANY



Battalion (BMP)

