

## US Forces TO&E

The source material used to derive this Battlefield TOE was from several sources. Squads were used at a 1-1 ratio while crew served LMG/HMG/Mortars were used at a 2 to 1 ratio as stated in the BF rulebook

The US Armed Forces formed the vast bulk of the western forces serving in Vietnam. They were involved in every aspect of the war from convoy escorts, to firebase defense, to search and destroy missions; just to name a few.

Many US Divisions were organized around a variety of smaller operating units from Armored Cavalry Squadrons, to Riverine Battalions, to Mechanized Battalions; with the infantry battalion forming the fighting core. The divisions would utilize the best unit to achieve the task at hand. For example, the 4<sup>th</sup> ID had 3 Brigades sharing 8 Infantry, 1 Mechanized, 1 Armored, and 1 Combat Aviation battalion(s) plus an Armored Cavalry Squadron. The 1<sup>st</sup> ID had 3 Brigades sharing 9 Infantry, 1 Combat Aviation Battalion, and 1 Armored Cavalry Squadron. The 9<sup>th</sup> ID had 3 Brigades sharing 5 Infantry, 2 Mechanized, 3 Riverine, and 1 Combat Aviation Battalion(s) plus 1 Armored Cavalry Squadron. The 25<sup>th</sup> ID had 3 Brigades each of 1 Infantry and 1 Mechanized Battalion(s), plus all 3 divisional battalions/squadrons. The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division had 1 Armored, 1 Infantry, and 1 Mechanized battalion(s).

A basic TOE for the US Armed Forces in Vietnam for Battlefield more or less follows this outline:

### US Infantry Battalion      Note A      (1966 to 1968 - NoteB)

1x Bn Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

#### **3x Companies 1, 2, & 3; each with:**

...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

...9x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)

...3x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

...1x 81mm Mortar (card# VNUS34) Note C

...1x 160mm RCL (no card) Note C

#### **1x Support Company:**

...0-2x 4.2inch Mortars (no card) Note C

**Modified US Infantry Battalion for Vietnam** Note A (1968 to 1972-Note B)

1x Bn Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**4x Companies 1, 2, 3, & 4; each with:**

...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

...9x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)

...3x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

**1x Support Company:**

...0-2x 4.2inch or 120mm Mortars (no card/no card) Note C

**US Mechanized Battalion**

Note A, B

1x Bn HQ-M113 (card# VNUS 8, VNUS 8a)

1x Bn Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**3x Companies 1, 2, & 3; each with:**

...1x Co HQ-M113 (card# VNUS 8, VNUS 8a)

...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

...6x M113 (card# VNUS 8, VNUS 8a)

...9x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)

...3x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

...1x M125 (card# VNUS 11)

...1x 81mm Mortar (card# VNUS34)

**1x Support Company:**

...1x Co HQ-M113 (card# VNUS 8, VNUS 8a)

...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)

...1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

...3x M106 (card# VNUS 12)

**US Armored Battalion**      Note A      (1966 to 1972)

1x Bn HQ M48 MBT  
1x M577 (card# VNUS 13)  
1x OP/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**3x Companies 1, 2, & 3; each with:**

...1x CoHQ M48 (card# VNUS 2, VNUS 3)  
...6x M48 (card# VNUS 2, VNUS 3)

**1x Platoon:**

...1x M48 AVLB (card# VNUS 5)  
...2x M88 ARV (card# VNUS 6)

**0-1x Recon Platoon:**

...4x M113 ACAV (card# VNUS 9, VNUS 9a)  
...4x Scouts (card# VNUS 25)

**1x Battery:**

...1x M577 (card# VNUS 13)  
...1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)  
...3x M106 (card# VNUS 12)

**1x Engineer Platoon:**

(1968 Onward)

...1x M728 CEV (card# VNUS 7)  
...1x Engineer (card# VNUS 25)

**Armored Cavalry Squadron**

...1x Sqd. HQ M577 (card# VNUS 13)  
...1x Sqd. Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)  
...1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**3x Troops 1, 2, & 3; each with:**

...1x Trp. HQ M113ACAV (card# VNUS 9, VNUS 9a)  
...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)  
...4x M113ACAV (card# VNUS 9, VNUS 9a)  
...4x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)  
...1x M125 (card# VNUS 11)  
...3x M48 MBT (1965-68) or M551 Sheridan MBT (1969+) (card# VNUS 2,3 VNUS 1)

**1x Flame Troop:**

...3x M132 (card# VNUS 10)

**1x Air Cavalry Troop:**

- ...1x TrpHQ. UH1D Huey Transport (card# VNUS 42)
- ...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)
- ...1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)
- ...4x UH1D Huey Transport (card# VNUS 42)
- ...9x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)
- ...3x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

**Support for Air Cav. Troop**

- ...2x UH1B Huey Gunship (1965-72) or AH1G Cobra (1967 – 72) (card# VNUS 41 or ...VNUS 38)
- ...2x OH-6A or OH58A (card# VNUS 40 or VNUS 39)
- ...2x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**Riverine Battalion**

- Adequate Command Riverine ATC to transport the above units. (no card)
- 1x Bn Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)
- 1x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

**3x Companies 1, 2, & 3; each with:**

- ...Adequate Riverine ATC to transport the above units. (no card)
- ...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)
- ...9x Inf. (all with Laws) (card# VNUS 23)
- ...3x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)
- ...1x 81mm Mortar (card# VNUS34) Note C
- ...1x 160mm RCL (no card) Note C
- ...2x Riverine Monitors (no card)

**1x Support Company:**

- ...Adequate Riverine ATC to transport the above units. (no card)
- ...0-2x 4.2inch or 120mm Mortars (no card/no card) Note C

## **Divisional Support:**

### **1x Engineer Company:**

- ...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)
- ...12x Engineers (card# VNUS 26)
- ...2x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

### **1x LRRP Company:**

- ...1x Cmd. (card# VNUS 30)
- ...16x Scouts (card# VNUS 25)
- ...8x GPMG (card# VNUS 24)

Usually assigned to Battalions sized units in (2 Scouts + 1 GPMG) sized patrols or smaller.

### **Combat Aviation Battalion:**

1x Bn HQ. UH1D Huey Transport (card# VNUS 42)

3-4x Transport Companies, each with:

- ...1x CoHQ UH1D Huey Transport (card# VNUS 42)
- ...4x UH1D Huey Transport (card# VNUS 42)

1x Aviation Support Platoon: with:

- ...2x UH1B Huey Gunship (1965-72) or AH1G Cobra (1967 – 72) (card# VNUS 41 or ...VNUS 38)
- ...2x OH-6A or OH58A (card# VNUS 40 or VNUS 39)
- ...2x FO/FAC (card# VNUS 31)

### **Artillery Support:**

Most US field Battalions operated within range of firebases which provided a minimum of artillery support as follows:

- 1 Battalion of 105mm in Direct Support (6x Large templates in Battlefront terms)
- 1 Battery of 155mm in General Support (2x Large templates in Battlefront terms)

### **Notes:**

- A) Radios were issued to all US forces from the squad level on up, as well as in all ..... individual AFV.
- B) Infantry units were organized under 1963 ROAD (Reorganization Objective Army Division) tables and shortly thereafter a new series of new infantry TOEs was published. Test TOEs were prepared for new infantry unit types, one of which was a light infantry battalion. All infantry types retained the ROAD structure of a headquarters and headquarters company and three rifle companies but gradually all Vietnam bound/stationed units were allowed to modify their TOEs to utilize their combat support company as a forth rifle company. This transition was completed by the end of 1968. This did not affect Mechanized or Riverine Units which retained the 3 company structure.
- C) These items were usually left behind at camp and the manpower used to fill shortages in the lines.