

Appendix A

Organization for Urban Combat and Fundamental Combat Skills

Successful combat operations in built-up areas depend on training in fundamental skills and proper employment techniques and procedures.

Before conducting urban operations, Marines must be trained in fundamental combat skills to conduct urban operations. Training for this unique environment will reduce casualties because properly prepared Marines will be able to fight more effectively. This appendix supersedes all other fundamental combat skills taught for fighting in urbanized terrain. Urban combat will require Marines to use their best initiative and judgment in applying the techniques and procedures described in this appendix.

Section I

Organization

1. Structure. Basic infantry organization does not change when the battlefield is moved into an urban area. However, infantry units may be task organized or reinforced down to squad level in order for small units to fight and win in this violent, three-dimensional battlespace. Several new terms that address organization and employment have been added to clearly define mission assignments. Figures A-1 through A-3 show platoon through fire team organization breakdown.

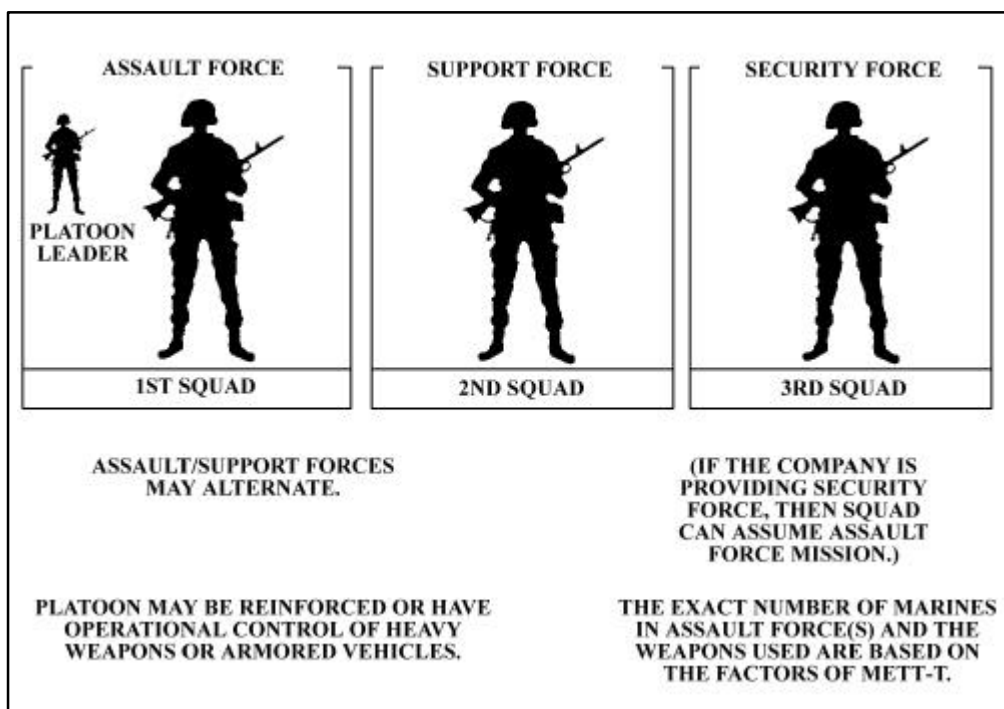


Figure A-1. Task-Organized Marine Platoon

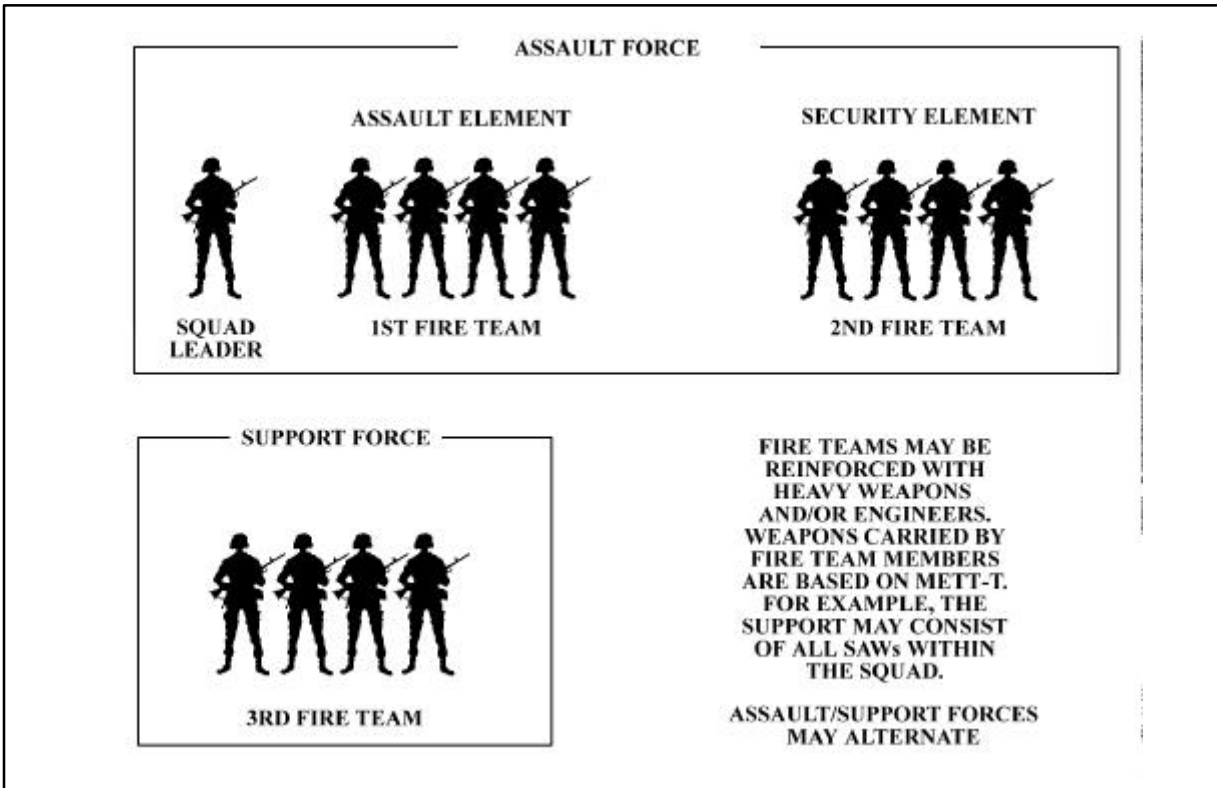


Figure A-2. Task-Organized Marine Squad

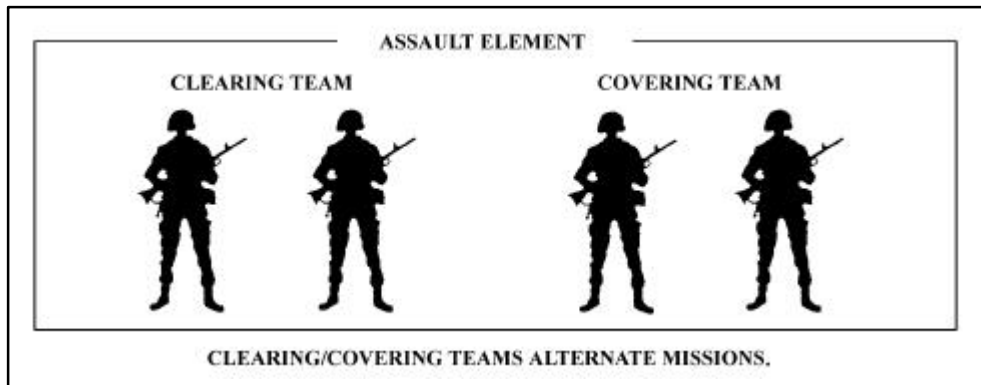


Figure A-3. Task-Organized Marine Fire Team