

PREFACE

FM 17-18 is the Army's manual containing doctrine, tactics, and techniques for the employment of light armor units. It will assist light armor battalion commanders, their staffs, company commanders, and platoon leaders in the conduct of combat operations with light infantry. It also provides light infantry leaders with a familiarization of the capabilities of light armor units and offers techniques for deploying them effectively. The tactics, techniques, and procedures discussed in this manual also apply to armored units when employed as part of a light infantry operation.

This manual addresses two objectives. First, it gives an overview of doctrinal principles for the employment of light armor forces. Secondly, it describes tactics, techniques, and procedures for light armor platoons, companies, and battalions where they may differ from armored forces.

This manual is fully compatible with doctrine as contained in FM 100-5, and is consistent with current doctrine in FM 100-15 and FM 71-100. It assumes that the user has a fundamental understanding of these manuals and FM 101-5-1, FM 71-2, FM 71-1, and FM 17-15. It serves as a reference for personnel involved in the conduct of training.

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