

PREFACE

This field manual describes how the scout platoon conducts reconnaissance and security missions. It focuses on the principles of platoon operations and the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) the platoon uses to acquire battlefield information for its commander and to provide security on the battlefield. The manual also covers the supporting tasks and operations that the platoon must perform or coordinate as part of reconnaissance and security missions.

FM 17-98 is for leaders of scout platoons equipped with either the M3-series cavalry fighting vehicle (CFV) or the high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV). This encompasses scout platoons of the armor battalion, the mechanized infantry battalion, the heavy division, the heavy cavalry regiment, and the light cavalry regiment. The principles and TTP are adaptable for use by scout platoons of the light division reconnaissance squadron.

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