

## U.S. Army Table of Organization Circa 1900

### **Regiment**

The 1,300 man Regiment was the principle organizational unit of the U.S. Army circa 1900, although the eight-man rifle squad was its core building block. Commanded by a Colonel or Lt. Colonel, each regiment was responsible for their own enlistment, training, movement, logistics, and supply. You did not “join the Army”, you enlisted in a regiment that had vacancies. There was no “basic training”; a few veteran sergeants in each regiment were assigned to “break-in” and train new recruits. Most regulars, officers and men, spent their entire career in the same regiment. Typically there were 40 line officers, 204 non-commissioned officers (60 sergeants and 144 corporals), and 1,008 privates. An additional 6 officers, 20 n.c.o.’s, and 22 privates served in staff or support functions, usually clerical. There were usually three staff officers, one a deputy c.o., and six enlisted men in the H.Q. A regiment was subdivided and organized as follows:

### **Three Battalions in each Regiment**

A regiment was made up of three 430 man battalions, each commanded by a Major, with a battalion staff of one officer, two n.c.o.’s and two enlisted men.

### **Four Companies per each Battalion**

A battalion consisted of four companies, each with 106 officers and men, and commanded by a Captain. Each company commander was assisted by one field sergeant, one staff sergeant and one private (clerk).

### **Two Platoons in each Company**

There were two 51 man platoons in each company, ideally one commanded by a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, serving as the backup to the company c.o., and one by a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.

### **Two Sections in each Platoon**

A sergeant commanded each 25 man section, consisting of three rifle squads totaling 24 men.

### **Three Rifle Squads in each Section**

The basic combat fighting unit, each rifle squad consisted of seven privates led by one corporal.

To summarize, within a fully subscribed regiment there would be:

3 Battalions  
12 Companies  
24 Platoons  
48 Sections  
144 Rifle Squads

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