**Hierarchy of Modern Armies**

The following table gives an overview of some of the terms used to describe army hierarchy in armed forces across the world. Whilst it is recognized that there are differences between armies of different nations, many are modeled on the [British](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Army) or [American](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Armed_Forces) models, or both. However, many military units and formations go back in history for a long time, and were devised by various military thinkers throughout European history.

For example, *Corps* were first introduced in France in the 18th century, but have become integrated into the organization of most armies around the world. Readers interested in the detailed specifics of a national army (including the British and American) should consult the relevant entry for that country.

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| [**APP-6A**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APP-6A) **Symbol** | **Name** | **Strength** | **Constituent units** | **Commander or leader** |
| XXXXXX | [region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Region#Military_regions), [theater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theater_%28warfare%29) | 1,000,000–10,000,000 | 4+ army groups | [general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General), [army general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Army_general), [five-star general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Five-star_general) or [field marshal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field_marshal) |
| XXXXX | [army group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Army_group), [front](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Front_%28Soviet_Army%29) | 400,000–1,000,000 | 2+ armies | general, army general, five-star general or field marshal |
| XXXX | [army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Field_army) | 80,000–200,000 | 2–4 corps | general, army general, [four-star general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four-star_general) or [colonel general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonel_general) |
| XXX | [corps](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corps) | 20,000–45,000 | 2+ divisions | [lieutenant general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_general), [corps general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corps_general) or [three-star general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three-star_general) |
| XX | [division](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Division_%28military%29) | 10,000–15,000 | 2–4 brigades or regiments | [major general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_general), [divisional general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divisional_general) or [two-star general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two-star_general) |
| X | [brigade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigade) | 3,000–5,000 | 2+ regiments, 3–6 battalions or Commonwealth regiments | [brigadier general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigadier_general), [brigade general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigade_general), or [one-star general](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-star_general) (sometimes [colonel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonel)) |
| III | [regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regiment) or group | 1,500–3,000 | 2+ battalions or U.S. Cavalry squadrons | [colonel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonel) |
| II | infantry [battalion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battalion), U.S. Cavalry [squadron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squadron_%28army%29), Commonwealth armored [regiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regiment) or Argentine Army regiment/artillery group/battalion | 300–1,300 | 2–6 companies, batteries, U.S. Cavalry troops, or Commonwealth squadrons, Argentine squadrons/companies | [lieutenant colonel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant_colonel) |
| I | infantry [company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Company_%28military_unit%29), [artillery battery](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artillery_battery), U.S. Cavalry [troop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Troop), or Commonwealth Armour or combat engineering [squadron](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squadron_%28army%29) | 80–225 | 2–8 platoons or Commonwealth troops | [chief warrant officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Warrant_Officer), [captain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_%28land_and_air%29) or [major](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major) |
| ••• | [platoon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platoon) or Commonwealth [troop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Troop) | 26–55 | 2+ squads, sections, or vehicles | [warrant officer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warrant_officer), first or second [lieutenant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lieutenant) |
| •• | [section](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Section_%28military_unit%29) or [patrol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrol) | 8–13 | 2+ fireteams | [corporal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corporal) to [sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant) |
| • | [squad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squad) or crew | 8–13 | 2+ fireteams or 1+ cell | corporal to staff sergeant |
| Ø | [fireteam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fireteam) | 4 | n/a | [lance corporal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lance_corporal) to [sergeant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant) |
| Ø | [fire and maneuver team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fire_and_maneuver_team) | 2 | n/a | any/[private first class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_%28rank%29) |