

Canadian Military Organization and Terminology

Formations

Corps	A subdivision of an army usually consisting of two or more divisions and commanded by a Lieutenant General.
Division	A self-contained organizational structure commanded by a Major General.
Brigade	Led by a Brigadier and comprised of three to four infantry battalions.

Units

Battalion	An infantry unit of approximately 600-1,000 soldiers commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel.
Company	A subdivision of a battalion consisting of 80-200 soldiers led by a Captain or Major.
Platoon	A subdivision of a company comprised of 20-40 troops commanded by a Lieutenant.
Section	A small tactical unit within a platoon led by a Non-Commissioned Officer.

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