









# MILITARY SYMBOLS AND CONVENTIONAL SIGNS

## A. MILITARY SYMBOLS

-  Military post or station: Command post or headquarters
-  Troop unit
-  Observation post
-  Dump, park, or distributing point
-  Supply train or transportation unit
-  Air corps
-  Armored Force
- Artillery
- / Cavalry
- G Chemical Warfare Service
- E Engineers
- X Infantry (except military police)
- MP Military police
- + Medical Department
-  Ordnance Department
- U Ammunition only
- Q Quartermaster Corps
- ▼ Gasoline & Oil only
- S Signal Corps
- Squad
- Section
- Platoon
- I Company, Troop, Battery, or Air Corps Flight
- II Battalion, Cavalry Squadron, or Air Corps Squadron
- III Regiment or Air Corps Group
- X Brigade or Air Corps Wing
- XX Division
- XXX Corps
- XXXX Army

The military symbols given on this sheet are assembled in a definite pattern to give complete information about any installation. If you know the symbols you can read them any way they are arranged. First we have the flag indicating headquarters, the rectangle for troop installation, and the triangle for observation post. The symbol for the arm or service is placed inside these three. For example a diagonal cross indicates infantry, a diagonal line - cavalry, a dot - artillery. Above the triangle, rectangle, or flag, is placed the size of the unit, beginning

with one dot for a squad, through one line for a company, three lines for a regiment, or one, two, or three crosses for brigade, corps, division. To the left is placed the company or battalion of a unit. The company, in the regular army is always indicated by a letter, the battalion by a figure. The symbol for the regiment is placed to the right of the diagram. If the unit has a special weapon, such as a light machine gun, the symbol for that is placed underneath.

**B. Conventional Signs**

- Good motor road
- Poor motor road
- Rotary Traffic
- Impassible road
- Bridge (5 TON CAPACITY)
- Foot Bridge
- Reserved route (can be used by specific traffic only)
- Line beyond which lights, including blackout lights, are prohibited
- Railroad Crossing - above - beneath
- Tunnel (railroad or road)
- Telegraph and Telephone lines (on ground or poles)
- Electric power transmission line
- Ferry
- Dam
- Buildings in general
- Church
- Hospital
- Schoolhouse
- Cemetery [CEM]
- Triangulation point or primary traverse station
- Permanent Bench Mark (and elevation)
- Streams in general (printed in blue)
- Spring (printed in blue)
- Marsh in general (printed in blue)
- Woodland (printed in green)

Examples of composite military symbols

- A 4 One squad, Company A, 4th Infantry
- 3 4 Command Post, 3d Battalion, 4th Infantry
- 6 Observation Post, 6th Infantry