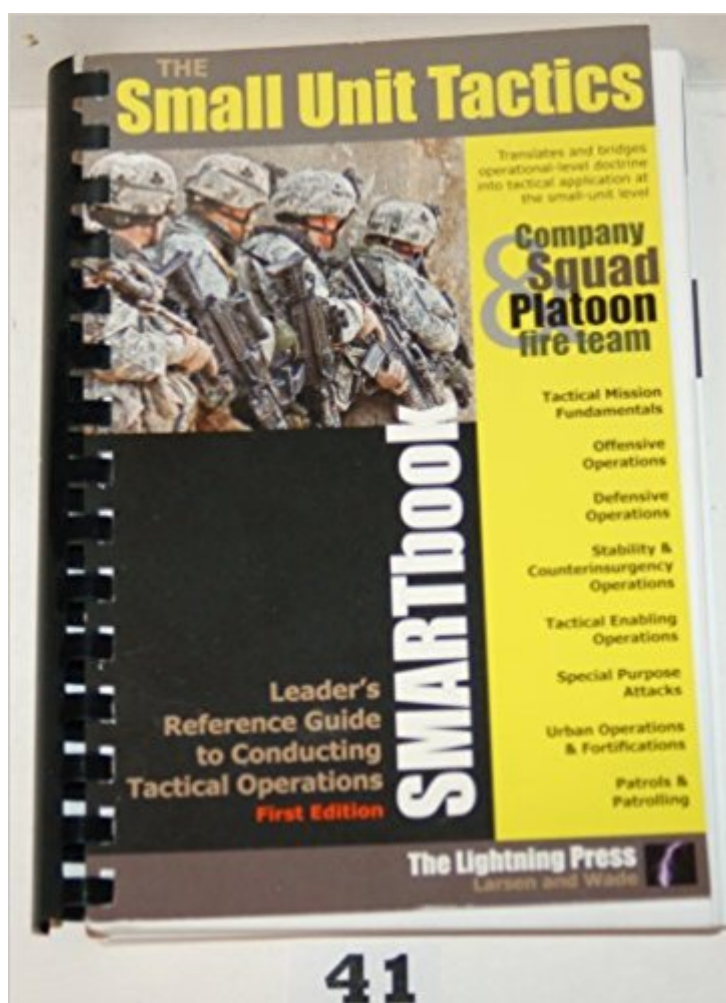


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This book is NOT going to replace any small unit leader training schools (like OSC, The Basic School - USMC, squad leader courses, etc., etc.), however IS a VG refresher and reminder manual for those leaders (and - like Larsens's other book on light infantry tactics - is plastic coated and spiral bound, so easy to lay flat and to carry and refer to as may be necessary). It is especially essential for those infantry forces that are from countries (or specific units - like Support personnel) that do NOT receive this level of training. I consider this to be a VERY good handbook / manual for those basic - intermediate skills that are needed by LIGHT Infantry troops. And also as a necessity for those Support Personnel who may find themselves suddenly in combat situations and were (unlike the USMC) never trained (or only very basically trained as part of their Basic Training) in Basic to Intermediate Infantry fighting skills. I would rate this even more exceptional for small unit leaders if obtained along with the author's "Light Infantry Tactics" book that is focused primarily on Individual (and possibly) Fire Team Leaders level, so that small unit leaders from such countries or units (i.e., like above mentioned Support Personnel units) might be able to train their subordinates in those necessary basic skills! (Please do a search on for that book also). Finally, I would quite strongly recommend that small unit leaders obtain - if possible - Peter McAlee's "Fighting Manual" and H. John Poole's "The Last Hundred Yards" as both are somewhat more advanced / excellent

books - and would do very well to round out the above books...

Informative lay out on basic training tactics, great illustrations on defensive position and other useful information. I like way the information is presented and easy to understand. Great book for a basic infantry tactics and develop basic foundation, so you can move to ranger handbook.

A good all around handbook on small unit tactics, with supporting references. A valuable reference book.

This book is a must read for junior officers 2Lt to CPT and for junior and senior NCO's Sergeant E5 sergeant first class E7. The book goes into detail about planning operations orders and MDMP (military decision making process) then breaks up the specific tactics requires for platoons squads and companies. In general the book did a great job in explaining the squad, fireteam formations and traveling movements, their advantages and disadvantages. The book was great at explaining the different reactions to contact near and far ambushes as well as how to conduct those specific attacks, going into detail on ambushes near and far as well as spoiling attacks, and raids. In my military career I have learned 3 different methods of the patch the road when crossing danger areas. This book IMO standardized it and gave me the right technique and more importantly the why, compared to other danger areas methods like the heart shaped method. The book did go into some detail about counterinsurgency and the difference between offensive, defensive and stability operations. The MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) training was very good. These smartbooks help the soldier to find what they need to read instead of reading multiple books. This is a book when I reach battalion commander I will recommend as reading material for new Lieutenants and Captains and NCO's. The only thing it didn't have was information on call for fire, combat air-support, basic medical and communications. but other than that the book was excellent. I may read it again to further infuse the information because regardless of my rank, the lessons are good because going up in rank only means you deal with larger elements but the lessons are still valid.

Written in military lingo that is difficult to grasp at times, especially when you don't have an infantry background. Youtube has a better representative of the subject matter.

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