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# **SECTION FORMATION**

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# **LESSON PLAN**

## **FC&BC 4**

**(Part 2)**

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## **Introduction**

Various formations are used when troops come in contact with the enemy and the type of formation adopted is entirely dependent on the following four basic factors:

- (a) Degree of control required to be exercised by the  
Section Commander
- (b) Type of ground.

- (c) Necessity of bringing down maximum fire with minimum delay.
- (d) Task.

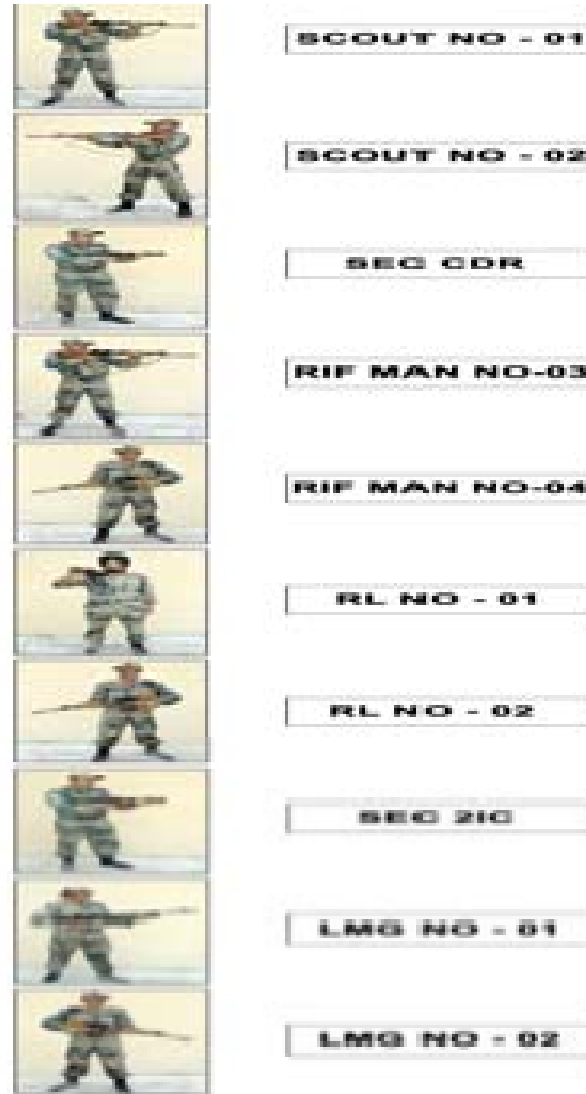
### **Section Formation**

A Section is the smallest sub unit of an Infantry Battalion and is capable of undertaking independent task. It consists of ten persons who are organized in Rifle group and Support Group.

**Different types of formations adopted by a section are  
as follows**

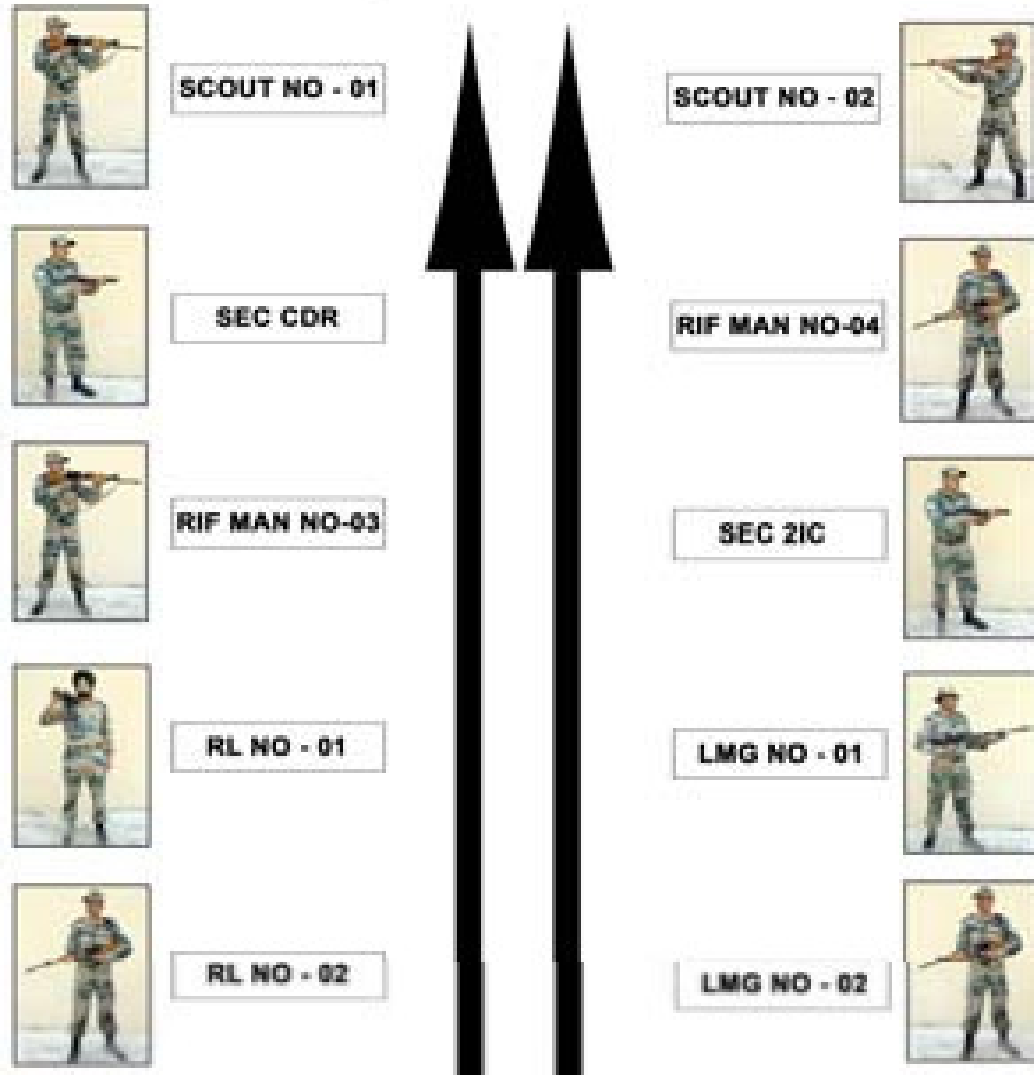
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**Single File Formation**



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**File Formation**

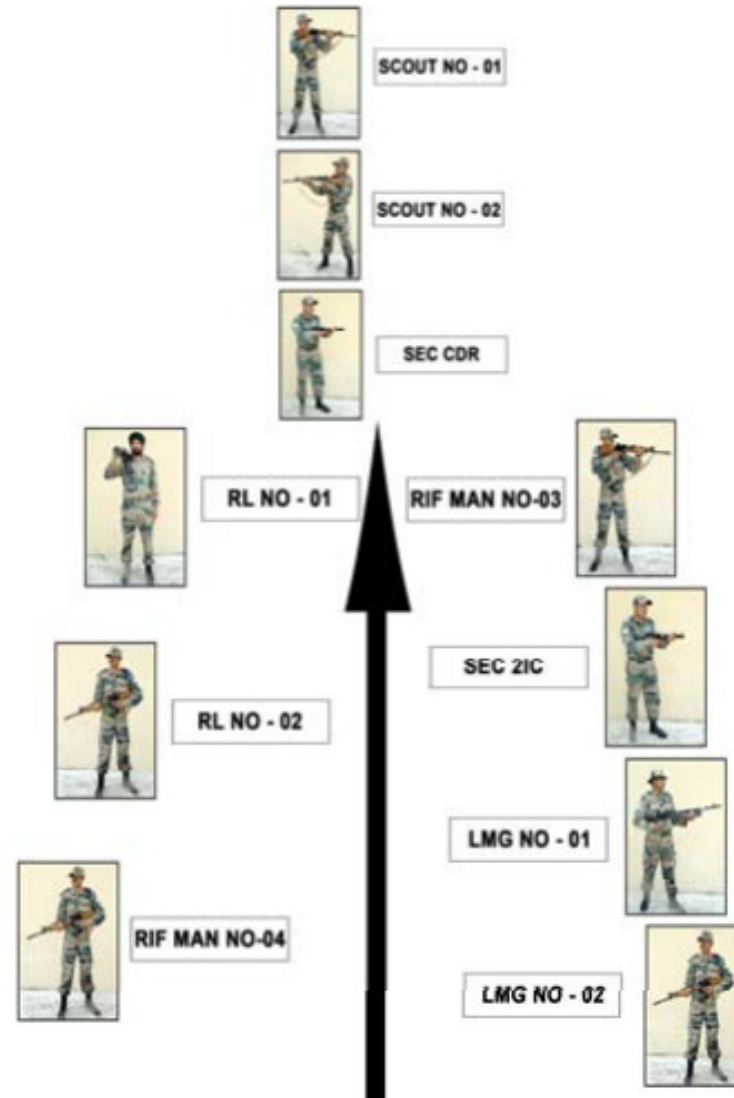




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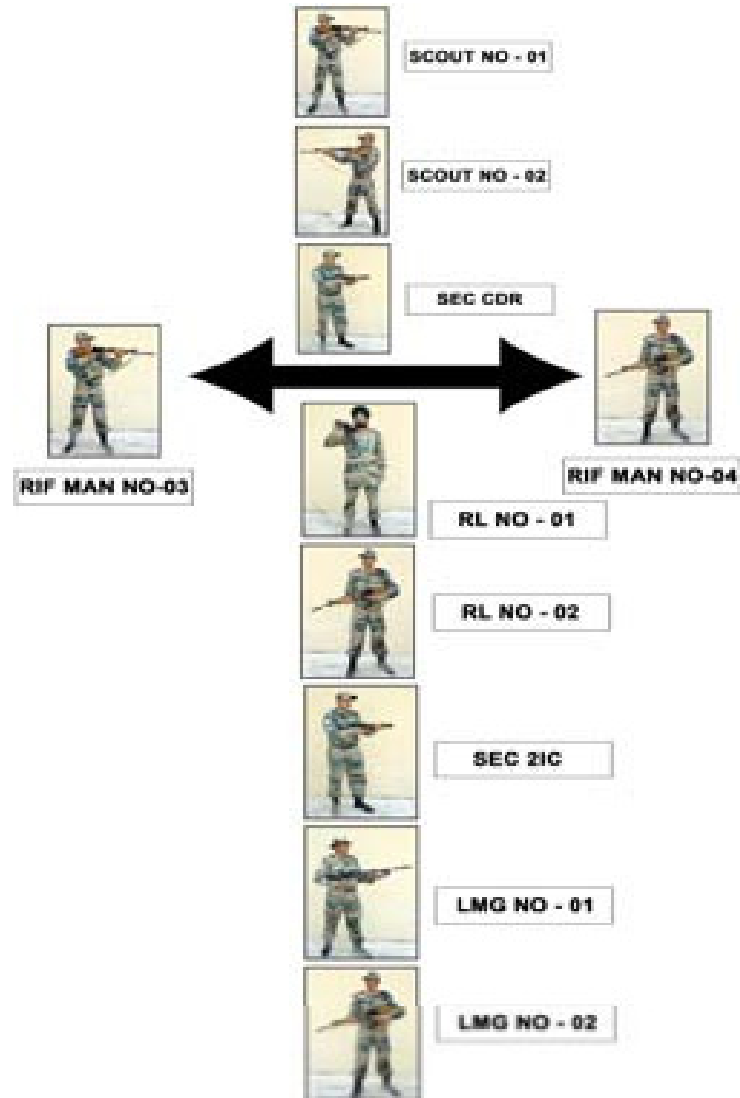
### Arrow Head Formation



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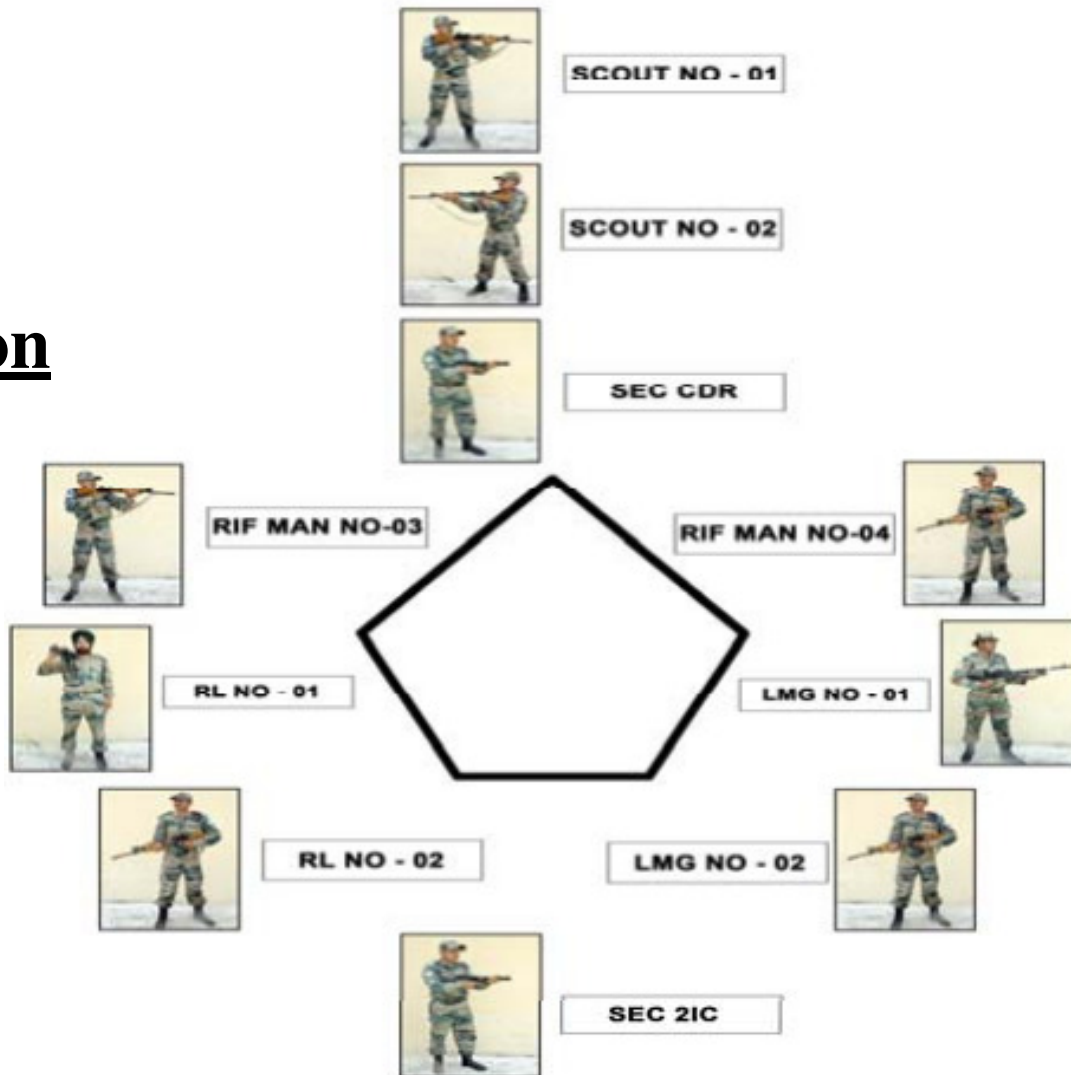
### Spear Head Formation



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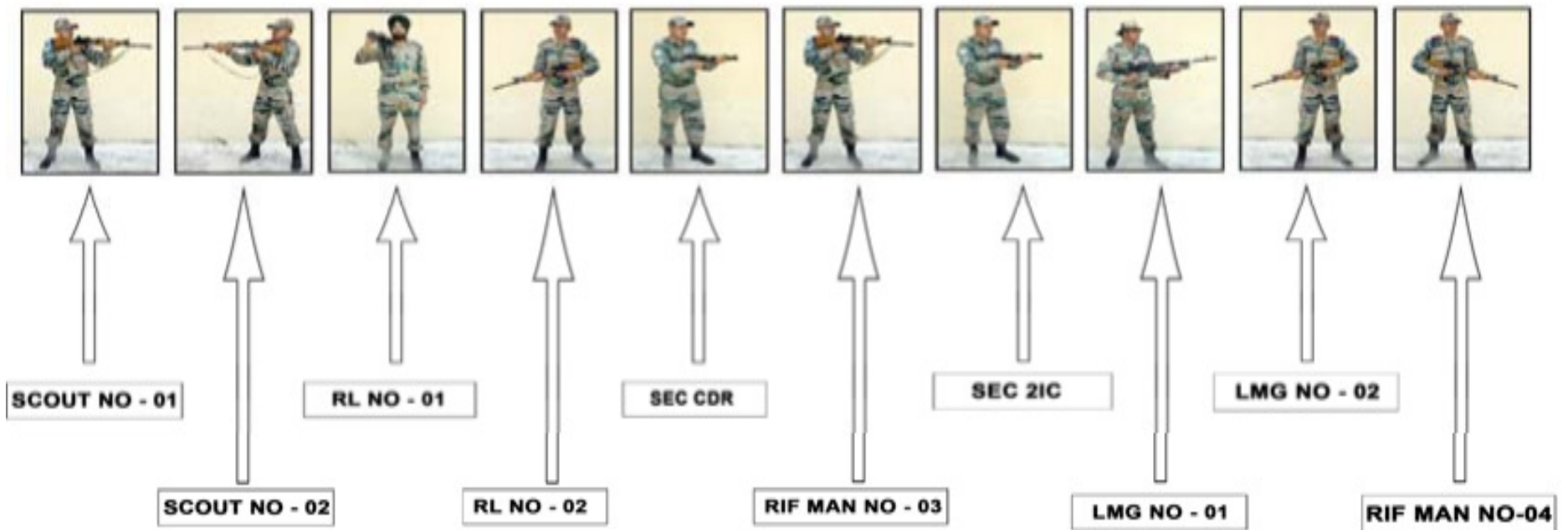
### Diamond Formation



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### Extended Line Formation



## **Scout**

Now you have seen section formation, a word about the scouts. Scouts are the eyes and ears of the section. Scouts always work in pairs. They work ahead of the leading section and advance from bound to bound. As scouts, one must always be alert.

## **Conclusion**

You have so far learnt the organisation of a section and the various formations adopted by a section in battle. Remember, a section is organised into the Rifle Group and Fire Support Group to facilitate fire and move, the basic of all tactics.



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As for the section formations, each formation has its peculiar advantages and disadvantages. Remember, need for command and control and the necessity of developing the maximum fire quickly, will determine the formation you as a section commander must adopt.



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