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LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1792-1796

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The Legion of the United States was an experiment in organization for the land forces of the young American Republic. In 1792, the regular military establishment reorganized into a legion structure, i.e., a single field army combining all combat branches. Each of its four sub-legions, numbered 1st thru 4th, contained elements of infantry, dragoons, rifles, and artillery, approximating the combined arms structure of a 20th cent regimental combat team. General Anthony Wayne used this legion to decisively defeat the Indians of the Old Northwest at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, 1794. In Oct 1796, the traditional military establishment returned to replace the short-lived legion organization.

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