

ABSTRACT**A NETWORK OF INTERCOMMUNICATING BATTLEFIELD DEVICES**

A plurality of battlefield devices that communicate with a battle management system using a communications network to form a network of intercommunicating battlefield devices that may be deployed in a battlefield environment. Each battlefield device comprising one or more rails to which accessories may be mounted. The rails provide a communication path over which data may be transferred between the accessories and a processor located in the rails or in the battlefield device. The processor configured to cause the data to be sent to another location and to process other data received from other locations over said communications network.

FIG. 3