

Detailed Organization
American Airborne Infantry Battalion
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
15 September 1941
Table of Organization 7-45

Headquarters:

- 1 Lt Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Major (plans & training) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (adjutant) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (intelligence) (1 .45 cal pistol)

Headquarters Company:

Headquarters Platoon:

Company Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (company co & communications officer)
(1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal pistol & .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 26 Privates
 - 1 Armorer-artificier (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 rifles &
3 ¼-ton trucks with 1 .45 cal submachine
gun each)
 - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 11 Basics (11 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Staff Section:

- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (personnel sgt major)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (headquarters clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle
1 ¼-ton truck with 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 3 Privates (headquarters clerks) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Supply Section:

- 1 Captain (supply officer)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle or
1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 2nd Lieutenant (munitions officer)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle or
1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (supply)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle &
¼-ton truck with 1 .45 cal submachine

gun)

3 Headquarters Clerk (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

1 Stock Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Reconnaissance & Intelligence Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (section leader)

(1 .45 cal submachine gun & 1 solo
motorcycle)

2 Corporals (scouts) (2 .45 cal submachine guns
& 2 solo motorcycles)

12 Privates (motorcycle scouts) (12 .45 cal
submachine guns & 12 solo motorcycles)

Communications Platoon

1 1st Lieutenant (1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Technical Sergeant (communications chief)
(1 .45 cal submachine gun)

1 Sergeant (radio & visual) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)

1 Sergeant (section leader/message center)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Corporal (headquarters clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

22 Privates

2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal M1 rifles & 2 ¼-ton
trucks with 1 .45 cal submachine gun each)

1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

4 Telephone Linemen (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

4 Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

8 Radio Operators
(8 light rifles or .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Switchboard Operators
(3 light rifles or .30 cal M1 rifles)

Service Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters:

1 1st Lieutenant (1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Master Sergeant (1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Private (chauffeur) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Maintenance Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (chief mechanic)

12 Privates

6 Motor Mechanics (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

6 Motorcycle Mechanics (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Transportation Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (truckmaster)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

12 Privates (chauffeurs) (12 .30 cal M1 rifles
3 ¼-ton trucks with 1 .45 cal submachine
gun in each, 9 2½-ton trucks, 5 1-ton
trailers)

2 Privates (messengers) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Pioneer Platoon

Platoon Headquarters:

1 1st Lieutenants (1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Staff Sergeant (topographical draftsman)
(1 light rifle or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Corporal (tool) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Privates (chauffeurs) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

& 2 ¼-ton trucks with 1 .45 cal submachine gun in each)

Operating Section (3 operating units):

- 3 Sergeants (unit foreman)
 - (3 light rifles or .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 3 Corporals (unit subforemen)
 - (3 light rifles or .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 30 Privates
 - 3 Bridge Carpenters (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 6 General Carpenters (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Demolition Men (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 General Electricians (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Jackhammer Operators (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 6 General Mechanics (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 6 General Riggers (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Total Equipment:

10 .45 cal pistols, 141 .30 cal M1 rifles, 34 .45 cal submachine gun, 15 solo motorcycles, 5 1-ton trailers, 23 ¼-ton trucks, & 9 2½-ton trucks.

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