

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Headquarters & Headquarters Battery,
75mm Gun/Howitzer Horse Drawn Battalion
1 April 1942
Table of Organization 6-46**

Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel)(1 pistol)
- 1 Executive & S-1 Officer (Major)(1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-1 Officer (Captain)(1 pistol)
- 1 S-2 Officer (Major)(1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-2 Officer (Captain)(1 pistol)
- 1 S-3 Officer (Captain)(1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-3 Officer (1st Lt)(1 pistol)
- 1 Liaison Officer (Captain)(1 pistol)

Headquarters Battery

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- 1 Battery Commander (Captain)(1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1st Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal)(1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
 - 4 Orderlies (4 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Operations and Fire Direction Section

- 1 Sergeant Major (Master Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Operations Chief (Technical Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Fire Direction Computer Operator (sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Agent/Truck Driver (Corporal)(1 carbine & ¼-ton truck)

18 Privates

- 1 Bugler/Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Headquarter's Clerk (1 carbine)
- 1 Horizontal Control Operator (1 carbine)
- 3 Horse Holders (3 carbines, 3 horses)
- 3 Messengers & Signalmen (3 carbines, 3 horses)
- 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)
- 5 Truck Drivers (5 carbines, 3 ¾-ton command & reconnaissance trucks & 1 2½-ton truck)
- 1 Basic Private (1 carbine)

Survey and Instrument Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 7 Privates
 - 6 Survey & Instrument Men (6 carbines, 1 ¼-ton truck & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier truck)
 - 1 Basic Private (1 carbine)

2 Liaison Sections

- 1 Liaison Chief (Sergeant)(1 carbine)
- 5 Privates
 - 1 Liaison/Driver (1 carbine & ¼-ton truck)
 - 2 Radios Operator (2 carbines)
 - 1 Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier)
 - 2 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (2 carbines)

Communications Platoon

Headquarters

- 1 Communications Officer (1st Lt)(1 pistol)
- 1 Communications Chief (Technical Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Message Center Chief (Sergeant)(1 carbine)
- 1 Message Center NCO (Corporal)(1 carbine)

Wire Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 2 Wire NCOs (Corporal)(2 carbines)
- 16 Privates
 - 2 Switchboard Operators (2 carbines)
 - 1 Driver (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck)
 - 11 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (11 carbines & 2 ¾-ton weapons carriers)
 - 2 Basic Privates (2 carbines)

Radio Section

- 1 Platoon Chief (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Radio NCO (Corporal)(1 carbine)
- 10 Privates
 - 1 Radio Electrician
 - 7 Radio Operators (7 carbines & 2 ¾-ton weapons carriers)
 - 2 Basic Privates (2 carbines)

Anti-Aircraft & Anti-Tank Platoon

- 1 Platoon Leader (1st Lt)(1 pistol)
- 1 Platoon Chief (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 3 Section Chiefs (Sergeants)(3 carbines)
- 2 Machine Gunners (Corporals)(2 carbines)
- 6 Squad Leaders (Corporals)(6 carbines)
- 39 Privates
 - 1 Armorer (1 carbine)
 - 6 Gunners (6 carbines & 6 37mm AT guns)
 - 6 Asst Gunners (6 carbines)
 - 6 Ammunition Carriers (6 carbines)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 carbines & 2 .50 cal HMGs)
 - 2 Asst. Machine Gunners (2 carbines)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 11 Truck Drivers (11 carbines, 2 ¼-ton trucks, 8 ¾-ton weapons carrier & 1 command & reconnaissance truck)
 - 4 Basic Privates (4 carbines)

Personnel Section

- 1 Personnel Officer (Warrant Officer)(1 pistol)
- 1 Personnel Chief (Technical Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Personnel Clerk (private)(1 carbine)
- 1 Truck Driver (private)(1 carbine & 2½-ton truck)

Maintenance Section

- 1 Maintenance Officer (2nd Lt)(1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Sergeant (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant)(1 carbine)
- 14 Privates
 - 4 Cooks (4 carbines)
 - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 carbines)
 - 2 Automobile Mechanics (2 carbines & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier)
 - 1 General Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck)

2 Truck Drivers (2 carbines & 2 2½-ton trucks each
with a .50 cal HMG)
2 Basic Privates (2 carbines)

On 20 Jun 1942 the Liaison Sections added a ¼-ton trailer and two ¼-ton trucks. At the same time the Maintenance Section lost one 2¼-ton truck.

On 9 October 1942 there was another reorganization. The Operations and Fire Direction Section added two fire direction computer operators and the radio section lost two wiremen & telephone operators. In addition, on 29 October 1942, an air observation section was added that contained:

1 Section Leader (1st Lt)(1 pistol & 1 airplane)
1 Pilot/Mechanic (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol & 1 airplane)
3 Privates
 1 Aircraft Mechanic (1 carbine)
 1 Ground crew Helper (1 carbine)
 1 Truck Driver (1 carbine, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier &
 1 ¼-ton trailer)

A fourth change occurred on 7 August 1944 when the air observation section combined the functions of the ground crew helper and the truck driver. In addition, the anti-aircraft/anti-tank section dropped the four basic privates, reducing its total strength of privates to 35 from the original 39.

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