Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery Service Battery

Armored Field Artillery Battalion 1 March 1942

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Battery Headquarters
     1 Battalion Motor Officer (from HQ Co)(Captain)(1 pistol)
     1 Agent (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     7 Privates
          1 Bugler (1 pistol)
          1 Chauffeur (1 submachine gun & 1 1/4-ton truck with
               machine gun pedestal)*
          1 Half Track Driver (1 submachine gun & 1 M2 half track
               with armament)
          2 Machine Gunners (2 pistols)
          1 Radio Operator (1 pistol)
          1 Scout (1 .30 cal carbine)
Battalion Supply & Transportation Section
     1 Battalion Supply Officer & Asst Bn S-4 (1st/2nd Lt)(1 pistol)
     1 Warrant Officer (1 pistol)
     1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     1 Rations Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     1 Stock Record Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     8 Privates
          2 Chauffeurs (1 .30 cal carbine, 1 submachine gun,
               1 5 passenger car, 1 1/4-ton truck with machine gun pedestal)
          3 Truck Drivers (3 .30 cal carbines 2 2½-ton equipment
               & personnel trucks, & 1 2½-ton rations truck)
          1 Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)
          2 Basic Privates (2 .30 cal carbines)
Ammunition Platoon
     Platoon Headquarters
          1 Ammunition Officer (2nd Lt)(1 pistol)
          8 Privates
               1 Half Track Driver (1 submachine gun & 1 M2
                    half track with armament)
               1 Self Propelled AT Gun Driver (1 submachine gun
                    & 1 self propelled AT gun)
               2 Anti-Tank Gunners (2 pistols)
               3 Machine Gunners (3 pistols)
               1 Scout (1 .30 cal carbine)
     3 Ammunition Sections, each with:
          1 Section Commander (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
          14 Privates
               8 Ammunition Servers (8 .30 cal carbines)
               4 Half Track Drivers (4 submachine guns, 4 M3
                    half tracks with armament, 4 1-ton ammunition
                    & fuel trailers)
               2 Basic Privates (2 .30 cal carbines)
Fuel & Lubricants Section
     1 Gasoline Supply Chief (Sergeant)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     1 Gasoline Supply Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
     10 Privates
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1 Chauffeur (1 submachine gun & 1 1/4-ton truck with
               pedestal machine qun mount)*
          9 Truck Drivers (9 .30 cal carbines & 9 2½-ton fuel
               & lubricant trucks)
Battalion Maintenance Platoon
     Forward Echelon
          Command & Inspection Section
               1 Chief Inspector (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
               6 Privates
                    1 Chauffeur (1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
                    1 Half track (1 submachine gun & 1 M2 half
                         track with armament)
                    2 Machine gunners (2 pistols)
                    1 Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)
                    1 Mechanic (1 .30 cal carbine)
          2 Battalion Maintenance Crews, each with:
               1 Crew Chief (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
               7 Privates
                    1 Half track (1 submachine gun & 1 M2 half
                         track with armament)
                    3 Mechanics (3 .30 cal carbine)
                    1 Mechanic's Helper (1 .30 cal carbine)
                    2 Basic Privates (2 .30 cal carbines)
          Wrecker Section
               1 Section Chief (1 Sergeant)(1 .30 cal carbine)
               4 Privates
                    1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 10-ton wrecker)
                    1 Mechanic (1 .30 cal carbine)
                    1 Welder (1 .30 cal carbine)
                    1 Basic Private (1 .30 cal carbine)
     Rear Echelon
          Shop Section
               1 Shop Foreman (Master Sergeant)(1 pistol)
               8 Privates
                    1 Chauffeur (1 submachine gun & 1 1/4-ton truck
                         with machine gun pedestal mount)*
                    1 Machine Gunner (1 pistol - in jeep)
                    2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 2½-ton
                         maintenance wreckers)
                    3 Mechanics (3 .30 cal carbines)
                    1 General Welder (1 .30 cal carbine)
          Motor Parts Supply Section
               1 Motor Supply (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
               1 Motor Supply Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
               1 Private
                    1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal carbine & 2½-ton
                         spare parts supply equipment truck)
Battery Maintenance Section
          1 Maintenance Officer (2nd Lt)(1 pistol)
          1 Maintenance Chief (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
          1 Motor Supply Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
          7 Privates
               2 Half Track Drivers (2 submachine guns & 2 M3
                   half tracks with armament)
               1 Mechanic (1 submachine gun & 1 1/4-ton truck
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with machine gun pedestal)

- 2 Mechanics (2 .30 cal carbines)
- 2 Basic Privates (2 .30 cal carbines)

Battery Administrative, Supply & Mess Section

- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant)(1 pistol)
- 1 Clerk (Corporal)(1 .30 cal carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines, 2½-ton Equipment & Personnel truck & 1 2½-ton Kitchen truck)
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal carbines)
 - 2 Cook's Helpers (2 .30 cal carbines)
- * Though the TO&E does not show it as a separate piece of equipment it should be assumed that this jeep has a .30 cal LMG aboard.
- ** Substitutive equipment for the self propelled anti-tank gun (37mm gun M3A1 on motor carriage M4A1) is the two anti-tank gun and ¼-ton truck). In the case of the Battery Administrative, Supply & Mess Section, though nothing is said, it is probable that the necessary gunner for the self propelled anti-tank gun comes from the platoon headquarters and the rest of the crew is made up of individuals from the BAS&M Section as a collateral duty.

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