

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery,
Headquarters & Headquarters & Service Battery
Truck Drawn 105mm Howitzer, 155mm Howitzer & 4.5" gun
Field Artillery Battalion
1 March 1943
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Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 Executive & S-2 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-3 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-2 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Asst S-3 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-4 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 3 Liaison Officers (Captain) (3 pistols)
- 1 Assistant S-2 Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)

Forward Echelon

Battery Headquarters

- 1 Communications Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (1 carbine)
- 16 Privates

- 2 Orderlies (2 carbines)
- 14 Privates (14 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Operations & Fire Direction Section

- 2 Field Artillery Liaison Pilot (1st Lt) (2 pistols & 2 liaison aircraft)
- 1 Sergeant Major (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Operations Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Fire Direction Computer Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 16 Privates

- 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Headquarters Clerk (1 carbine)
- 2 Fire Direction Computer Operators (2 carbines)
- 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 carbines, 3 ¾-ton command trucks & 1 2½-ton truck with 1-ton trailer)
- 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
- 2 Asst Machine Gunners (2 carbines)
- 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)
- 1 Horizontal Control Operator (1 carbine)
- 1 Vertical Control Operator (1 carbine)

Instrument & Survey Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 6 Privates

- 6 Survey & Instrumentmen (6 carbines
1 ¾-ton weapons carrier & 1 ¼-ton truck)

3 Liaison Sections, each with:

- 1 Liaison Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Liaison (private) (1 carbine)
- 1 Radio Operator (private) (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)

1 Wireman & Telephone operator (private) (1 carbine
& 1 ¼-ton truck)

Communications

Headquarters

1 Platoon Leader (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
1 Communication Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Message Center Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
1 Message Center Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)

Wire Section

1 Wire Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
4 Wire Corporals (Corporals) (4 carbines)
20 Privates

4 Light Truck Drivers (4 carbines, 1 2½-ton
truck 3 3/4-ton weapons carrier, & 1 M1 AT
rocket launcher)
2 Switchboard Operators (2 carbines)
14 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (14 carbines
& 1 ¼-ton truck)

Radio Section

1 Radio Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Radio Corporal (Corporal) (1 pistol)
8 Privates

6 Radio Operators (6 carbines & 1 3/4-ton
weapons carrier truck)
2 Radio Repairmen (2 carbines & 1 3/4-ton
weapons carrier truck)

Rear Echelon

Service Platoon

Battalion Supply Section

1 Supply Officer (Warrant Officer) (1 pistol)
1 Supply Sergeant (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
4 Privates

2 Supply Clerks (2 carbines & 1 3/4-ton
command truck)
1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine, 1 2½-ton
truck & 1 1-ton trailer)
1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)

Battalion Motor Maintenance Section

1 Maintenance Officer (1 pistol)
1 Motor Sergeant (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Automobile Parks Supply Corporal (Corporal)
(1 carbine)
5 Privates

4 Automobile Mechanics (4 carbines, 1 2½-ton
motor supply truck & 1 2½-ton motor
maintenance truck)
1 Welder (1 carbine & 1 4-ton wrecker)*

Personnel Section

1 Personnel Officer (Warrant Officer) (1 pistol)
1 Personnel Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
3 Privates

1 Headquarters Clerk (1 carbine)
1 Personnel Clerk (1 carbine)
1 Clerk-typist (1 carbine)

Ammunition Train

Train Headquarters

- 1 Train Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Ammunition Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)

5 Privates

- 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 3/4-ton command truck)
- 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
- 2 Asst. Machine Gunner (2 carbines)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)

3 Service Sections, each with:

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)

6 Privates

- 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 carbines & 3 2½-ton trucks)
- 3 Liaison (3 carbines)

Battery 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 (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)

15 Privates

- 4 Cooks (4 carbines)
- 2 Cook's Helpers (2 carbines)
- 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 carbines, 1 3/4-ton command truck, 2 2½-ton truck, 1 ¼-ton trailer & 2 1-ton trailer)
- 1 Ground Crew Helper (1 carbine)
- 1 Airplane Engine Mechanic (1 carbine)
- 3 Automobile Mechanics (3 carbines, 1 2½-ton motor mechanic truck & 1 1-ton trailer)
- 1 Welder (1 carbine)
- 1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)

Equipment:

- 2 .50 cal HMGs, 1 for defense of airfield.
- 2 M1 AT rocket launchers

* The 4-ton wrecker is authorized only for the 155mm howitzer battalion.

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