

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Truck Drawn 155mm Howitzer Battery**

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Battery Headquarters

- 1 Battery Commander (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (1 M1 carbine)
- 9 Basic Privates (9 M1 carbines)

Battery Detail

- 1 Reconnaissance Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Chief of Detail (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Agent (Corporal) (1 M1 carbine)
- 2 Scouts (Corporal) (2 M1 carbines)
- 1 Instrument Corporal (Corporal) (1 M1 carbine)
- 1 Wire Corporal (Corporal) (1 M1 carbine)
- 14 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton Command truck)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines & 2 3/4-ton Weapon Carrier, each with .50 cal HMG & 1 M1 AT rocket launcher)
 - 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)
 - 1 Switch Board Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Radio Repairman
 - 6 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (6 carbines, 2 1/4-ton wire truck & 1/4-ton trailer)

Firing Battery

Headquarters

- 1 Battery Executive Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Artillery Mechanic/Truck Driver (Private)
 - (1 M1 carbine, 1 M1 AT rocket launcher & 1 1/4-ton truck)
- 1 Instrument Operator (Private) (1 M1 carbine)
- 4 Howitzer Sections (total of)
 - 1 Detail Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
 - 3 Section Chiefs (3 Sergeants) (3 M1 carbines)
 - 4 Ammunition Corporals (Corporal) (4 pistols)
 - 4 Gunners (Corporal) (4 pistols & 4 155mm howitzers)
- 32 Privates
 - 28 Cannoneers (28 M1 carbines)
 - 4 Heavy Truck Drivers (4 M1 carbines & 4 4-ton trucks, each with M1 AT rocket launcher)

5th Section

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 M1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 M1 carbine)
- 7 Privates
 - 1 Heavy Truck Driver (1 M1 carbine, 4-ton truck & 1 M10 ammunition trailer)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 M1 carbine, 2 1/2-ton truck, 1 M10 ammunition trailer with M1 AT rocket launcher)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 M1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
 - 2 Asst Machine Gunners (2 M1 carbines)

2 Ammunition Handlers (2 M1 carbines)

Maintenance Section

1 Motor Officer & Asst. Executive Officer (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)

1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)

1 Supply Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)

1 Motor Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 M1 carbine)

5 Privates

2 Cooks (2 M1 carbines)

1 Cook's Helper (1 M1 carbine)

1 Light truck Driver (1 M1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier with 1/4-ton trailer)

1 Automobile Mechanic (1 M1 carbine & 1 2 1/2-ton cargo truck with 1-ton trailer)

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