

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Truck Drawn 155mm Howitzer or 4.5" Gun Battery
15 July 1943
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Battery Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 10 Basic Privates (10 carbines)

Battery Detail

- 1 Reconnaissance Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Chief of Detail (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Ammunition Corporal (1 carbine)
- 1 Instrument Corporal (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton command truck)
- 1 Machine Gunner (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 2 Scouts (Corporal) (2 carbine)
- 1 Wire Corporal (1 carbine)
- 18 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 2 Light truck Drivers* (2 carbines & 3/4-ton weapons carriers, each with one M1 AT rocket launcher & one .50 HMG)
 - 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)
 - 1 Switchboard Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Radio Repairman/Operator (1 carbine)
 - 8 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (8 carbines)

Firing Battery

Headquarters

- 1 Executive Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 2 Privates
 - 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 carbine)
 - 1 Instrument Operator (1 carbine)

4 Howitzer Sections

- 1 Section Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 3 Section Chiefs (Sergeants) (3 carbines)
- 4 Ammunition Corporals (4 carbines)
- 4 Gunners (Corporal) (4 carbines & 4 155mm howitzers or 4.5" guns)
- 36 Privates
 - 32 Cannoneers (32 carbines)
 - 4 heavy Truck Drivers (4 carbines & 4 4-ton cargo trucks - each with 1 M1 AT rocket launcher)

5th Section

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 1 Heavy Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 4-ton truck)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 2¼-ton truck)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 carbines & 2 .50 cal HMGs)
 - 4 Ammunition Handlers** (4 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 carbine)
- 5 Privates
 - 2 Cooks (2 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck
with 1-ton trailer & 1 M1 AT rocket launcher)
 - 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons
carrier with ¼-ton trailer)

* One also was a relief wireman/telephone operator and the other was a relief switchboard operator.

** I strongly suspect that two of the ammunition handlers also helped serve the .50 cal HMGs.

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