

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery,
Headquarters & Headquarters Battery
Motorized Field Artillery Battalion
15 July 1943,
Table of Organization 6-36**

Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 Executive & S-1 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 Liaison Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-2 (Reconnaissance & Survey Officer)
(Captain) (1 pistol)

Headquarters Battery

Battery Headquarters

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

- 2 Orderlies (2 carbines)
- 10 Basic Privates (12 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Operations and Fire Direction Section

- 2 Field Artillery Liaison Pilots (2 1st Lts) (2 pistols)
- 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 pistol & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 pistol)
- 16 Privates

- 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 3/4-ton command truck)
- 1 Headquarters Clerk (1 carbine)
- 2 Fire Direction Computer Operators (2 carbines)
- 5 Light Truck Drivers (5 carbines, 1 ¼-ton truck
2 3/4-ton command trucks & 1 2½-ton cargo
truck)
- 2 Machine Gunners (2 carbines & 2 .50 cal HMGs)
- 1 Horizontal Control Operator (1 carbine)
- 1 Vertical Control Operator (1 carbine)
- 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)

Instrument and Survey Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (1 pistol)
- 6 Instrument & Surveyors (Privates) (6 pistols
1 3/4-ton survey truck (weapons carrier)
& 1 ¼-ton truck)

Communication Platoon

Headquarters

- 1 Platoon Leader (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 Wire Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 4 Wire Corporals (Corporal) (4 carbines)
- 20 Privates
 - 4 Light Truck Drivers* (4 carbines, 1 2½-ton truck 3 3/4-ton weapons carrier trucks,
 - 2 Switchboard Operators (2 carbines)
 - 14 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (14 carbines)
- Assignment unknown
 - 1 2.36" AT rocket launcher

Radio Section

- 1 Radio Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (1 carbine)
- 11 Privates
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
 - 8 Radio Operators (8 carbines & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier (radio) truck)
 - 2 Radio Repairmen (2 carbines & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier (radio) truck)

Personnel Section

- 1 Personnel Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 3 Privates
 - 1 Headquarters Clerk (1 carbine)
 - 1 Personnel Clerk (1 carbine)
 - 1 Clerk Typist (1 carbine)

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)
- 11 Privates
 - 3 Cooks (3 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier, 1 2½-ton cargo truck & 1 ¼-ton trailer)
 - 1 Ground Crew Helper (1 carbine)
 - 1 Machine Gunner** (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
 - 1 Army Airplane & Engine Mechanic (1 carbine)
 - 2 Automobile Mechanics (2 carbines 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier & 1 ¼-ton trailer)

* Three of the light truck drivers also worked as wireman and telephone operators when not driving their trucks.

** It is not known who the other crew members were for this gun.

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