

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Headquarters & Headquarters Battery
Infantry Division Artillery
15 July 1943
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Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Brigadier General) (1 pistol)
- 1 Executive Officer (Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-3 (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-2 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-1/S-4 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 Liaison Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Aide (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Aide (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)

Headquarters Battery

Battery Headquarters

- 1 Communications Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Company Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 14 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine & drives artillery Cmdr's truck probably the ¼-ton truck assigned to the Operations Section- not indicated below)
 - 2 Chaplain's Assistants (2 carbines)
 - 2 orderlies (2 carbines)
 - 9 Basic Privates (9 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Operations Section

- 1 Field Artillery Liaison Pilot (Captain) (1 pistol & 1 airplane)
- 1 Field Artillery Liaison Pilot (1st Lt) (1 pistol & 1 airplane)
- 1 Operations Chief (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Intelligence Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Operations Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 12 Privates
 - 1 Ammunition Clerk (1 carbine)
 - 2 Headquarters Clerks (2 carbines)
 - 2 Mail Clerks (2 carbines)
 - 1 Draftsman (1 carbine)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 1 2½-ton truck, 1 ¾-ton command truck & 2 2.36" rocket launchers)
 - 1 Intelligence Observer (1 carbine & drives S-2 officer's truck - ¾-ton command truck)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 carbines & ¾-ton command trucks - XO's truck & Comm Off's truck)
 - 1 Stenographer (1 carbine)

Instrument & Survey Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (Staff Sergeant)
(1 pistol)
- 1 Survey & Instrument Sergeant (Sergeant)
(1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HMG)
 - 7 Survey & Instrument Men (7 carbines,
1 ¼-ton truck & 1 ¾-ton command
truck)

Meteorological Section

- 1 Meteorologists (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Light Truck Driver (Privates) (1 carbine,
1 2½-ton truck & 1 1-ton trailer)
- 2 Meteorologists (Privates) (2 carbines)

Communication Platoon

Headquarters

- 1 Communications Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Communications Chief (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Message Center Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Message Center Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Wireman & Telephone Operator (private)
(1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)

Wire Section

- 1 Wire Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 4 Wire Corporals (Corporal) (4 carbines)
- 22 Privates
 - 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 carbines, 2 2½-ton
cargo trucks, 1 2.36" rocket launcher
& 2 ¾-ton weapons carriers)
 - 2 Switchboard Operators (2 carbines)
 - 16 Wiremen & Telephone Operators
(16 carbines)
- Equipment (operator unknown)
2 .50 cal HB HMGs

Radio Section

- 1 Radio Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 7 Privates
 - 6 Radio Operators (6 carbines & 1 ¾-ton
weapons carrier)
 - 1 Radio Repairman (1 carbine, 1 ¾-ton
weapons carrier & 1 2.36" rocket
launcher)

Maintenance Section

- 1 Maintenance Officer (Warrant Officer) (1 pistol)
- 1 Army Airplane & Engine Mechanic (Technical Sergeant)
(1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Motor Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 12 Privates
 - 3 Cooks (3 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 1 2½-ton

cargo truck, 1 2½-ton short wheel base truck,
2 1-ton trailers, 2 2.36" rocket launchers)
1 Ground Crew Helper (1 carbine)
1 Machine Gunners (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
1 Army Airplane & Engine Mechanic (1 carbine)
2 Automobile Mechanics (2 carbines & 1 3/4-ton
weapons carrier)
1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)
Equipment (operator unknown)
1 .50 cal HB HMG

Organizational Changes:

On 9 October 1943 the branches (i.e. artillery, infantry, etc.) of some of the officers became "branch immaterial". In addition, some officer collateral duties were assigned.

On 27 January 1944 the S-1 duties were given to a major and the captain who had performed those functions remained solely as the S-4 officer. In addition, the ranks of some of the radio operators changed.

On 16 June 1944 the Battery Headquarters added an Athletic instructor and an entertainment director. The number of basics was reduced to five. It also added two ¼-ton trucks and two ¼-ton trailers. The Maintenance Section added a second private Army Airplane & Engine Mechanic and a ¼-ton truck for the liaison pilots use.

Note: In the 1942 TO&Es the machine gun crews were broken out clearly with machine gunners and assistant machine gunners. Apparently in a movement towards efficiency, it was decided that if the machine gun was to be employed, one of the individuals who had another job would step in and serve as the loader. The "machine gun corporal" was in overall command of the two machine guns assigned to his group.

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