

**Detailed Organization**  
**American Parachute Infantry Battalion**  
**Headquarters & Headquarters Company**  
**1 July 1941**  
**Table of Organization 7-36**

Headquarters:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol)<sup>1</sup>
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (adjutant & intelligence) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (plans & training) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (supply officer) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 3 Privates
  - 3 Scout Observers (3 .45 cal pistols & 3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Headquarters Platoon:

Company Headquarters Section

- 1 Captain (company cmdr) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 14 Privates
  - 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
  - 11 Basics (11 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Staff Section

- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (personnel) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (operations clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 2 Corporals (general clerk) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 4 Corporals (record clerk) (4 .45 cal pistols)
- 1 Private (headquarters clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Mess Section

- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (asst mess) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 23 Privates
  - 13 Cooks (13 .30 cal M1 rifles)
  - 10 Cook's Helpers (10 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Communication Platoon

- 1 1st Lieutenant (communications officer) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communication chief) (1 .45 cal submachine gun & 1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (radio & visual) (1 .45 cal submachine gun & 1 .45 cal pistol)
- 6 Privates
  - 1 Record Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
  - 1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
  - 4 Radio Operators (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted with an "\*", all personnel have parachutes.

Supply Platoon

Parachute Section

- 1 1st Lieutenant (parachute maintenance officer)  
(1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (parachute rigger) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (supply assistant) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 12 Corporals (parachute riggers) (12 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 1 Private (record clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Battalion Supply Section

- 1 Technical Sergeant (battalion supply) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (asst battalion supply) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 4 Sergeants (supply asst) (4 .45 cal pistols)
- 4 Privates
  - 3 Armorer Artificiers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
  - 1 Stock Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Transportation Section

- 1 Staff Sergeant (truckmaster) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 18 Privates
  - 2 Motor Mechanics (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
  - 16 Chauffeurs (18 .30 cal M1 rifles, 4 5-passenger sedan cars, 3 ¼-ton trucks & 7 2½-ton trucks.

Total Equipment:

37 parachutes, 55 .45 cal pistols, 90 .30 cal M1 rifles, 2 .45 cal submachine guns, 4 5-passenger sedan cars, 3 ¼-ton trucks & 7 2½-ton trucks.

Source: US TO&E Documentation obtained at US Army Historical Center, Carlisle Barracks, PA