

Detailed Organization
American Airborne Infantry Battalion
Airborne Infantry Rifle Company
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Table of Organization 7-47

Company Headquarters:

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (executive)
(1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (communication)
(1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 16 Privates
 - 1 Armorer-artificier (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Bugler (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 4 Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Radio Operators (1 light rifle
or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

60mm Mortar Section:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (section commander)
(1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton
truck with 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Squads, each with:

- 1 Corporal (mortar gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle &
1 60mm mortar)
- 4 Privates
 - 3 Ammunition carriers (3 .45 cal pistols)¹
 - 1 Assistant Gunner (1 .45 cal pistol)

3 Rifle Platoons:

Platoon Headquarters:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1
folding bicycle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1
folding bicycle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon guide)
(1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)

¹ There is an error in the TO&E that shows a total of 4 pistols, but also indicates opposite the specific personnel, that these four were armed with 4 light rifles or 4 .30 cal M1 rifles.

- 7 Privates
 - 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles & 2 folding bicycles)
 - 5 Basics (5 .30 cal M1 rifles & 5 folding bicycles)
- Light Machine Squad:
 - 1 Sergeant (squad leader)
 - (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)
 - 1 Corporal (asst. squad leader)
 - (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)
- 8 Privates
 - 4 Ammunition Carriers
 - (4 light rifles or 4 .30 cal M1 rifles & 2 folding bicycles)
 - 2 Light Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal pistols & 2 .30 cal LMGs & 2 folding bicycle)
 - 2 Asst Light Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal pistols & 2 folding bicycles)
- 3 Rifle Squads, each with:
 - 1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)
 - 1 Corporal (asst squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)
- 10 Privates
 - 8 Riflemen (8 .30 cal M1 rifles & 8 folding bicycles)
 - 1 Automatic Rifleman (1 M1918A2 BAR & 1 folding bicycle)
 - 1 Asst Automatic Rifleman
 - (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 folding bicycle)

Total Equipment

6 .30 cal LMGs, 4 .45 cal submachine guns, 3 60mm mortars, 29 .45 cal pistols, 9 M1918A2 BARs, 170 .30 cal M1 rifles, 56 folding bicycles, & 1 ¼-ton truck.

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