

Detailed Organization
American Airborne Infantry Battalion
Airborne Infantry Heavy Company
15 September 1941
Table of Organization 7-48

Company Headquarters:

- 1 Captain (commanding) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (executive & reconnaissance)
 - (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (reconnaissance & signal)
 - (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (transport) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 24 Privates
 - 2 Armorer-artificiers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Bugler (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Motor Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 3 Messengers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 6 Basics (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

One .30 cal Machine Gun Platoon

Platoon Headquarters:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (agent & instrument) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (1 transport) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 5 Privates
 - 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 rifles or light rifles)

3 Sections, each with

Section Headquarters:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Squads, each with:

- 1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 light rifle or 1 .45 cal submachine gun)

7 Privates

- 4 Ammunition & Water Carriers
 - (4 light or 1 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal HMG &

1 .45 cal pistol)
 1 Assistant Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal pistol)

One 37mm Anti-Tank Platoon
Platoon Headquarters:
 1 1st Lieutenant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 light rifle or
 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (agent & instrument) (1 light rifle or
 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 light rifle or .30 cal
 M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (1 transport) (1 light rifle or .30 cal
 M1 rifle)
 5 Privates
 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 rifles or light rifles)

3 Sections, each with
Section Headquarters:
 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 light rifle or
 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Squads, each with:
 1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 light rifle or
 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
 7 Privates
 2 Ammunition & Water Carriers
 (2 light or .30 cal M1 rifles)
 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle &
 1 ¼-ton truck)
 1 Gunner (1 37mm anti-tank gun, 1 light or
 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Assistant Gunner (1 light or
 .30 cal M1 rifle)

One 81mm Mortar Platoon
Platoon Headquarters:
 1 1st Lieutenant (1 light rifle or 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (agent & instrument) (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (instrument) (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Corporal (transport) (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
 5 Privates
 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 rifles or light rifles)

3 Sections, each with
Section Headquarters:
 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 light rifle or
 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Squads, each with:
 1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
 7 Privates
 3 Ammunition & Water Carriers
 (3 pistols, or 3 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton
 truck)
 1 Gunner (1 81mm mortar & 1 .45 cal pistol)

1 Asst. Gunner (1 .45 cal pistol)

Total Equipment

6 37mm anti-tank guns, 6 .30 cal HMGs, 21 .45 cal submachine guns,
6 81mm mortars, 71 .45 cal pistols, 112 .30 cal M1 rifles, &
19 ¼-ton trucks.

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