

**Detailed Organization**  
**American Airborne Infantry Battalion**  
**Airborne (motorized) Infantry Rifle Company**  
**15 September 1941**  
**Table of Organization 7-49**

Company Headquarters:

Headquarters:

- 1 Captain (1 pistol or 1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 pistol or 1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (communications) (1 light or .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)
- 21 Privates
  - 1 Armorer-artificier (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton truck)
  - 1 Bugler (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)
  - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 rifles & 4 motorcycles with sidecars)
  - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
  - 1 Motor Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton ton truck)
  - 4 Motorcycle Mechanics (4 .30 cal M1 rifles & 4 motorcycles with sidecars)
  - 4 Motorcycle Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 rifles & 4 solo motorcycles)
  - 2 Radio Operator (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle each & 1 ¼-ton truck)
  - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

60mm Mortar Section

Section headquarters:

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

3 Squads, each with:

- 1 Corporal (gunner) (1 .45 cal submachine gun & 1 60mm mortar)
- 4 Privates
  - 3 Ammunition Carriers (3 light or .30 cal M1 rifles & 2 ¼-ton trucks)
  - 1 Assistant Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

3 Rifle Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol or 1 light rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon guide) (1 light or .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 solo motorcycle)  
 6 Privates  
     1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 ¼-ton truck)  
     1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)  
     1 Motorcycle Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1  
         solo motorcycle)  
     3 Motorcycle Riflemen (3 .30 cal M1 rifles & 3  
         solo motorcycles)  
Light Machine Gun Squad:  
     1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1  
         solo motorcycle)  
     1 Corporal (asst squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1  
         ¼-ton truck)  
 8 Privates  
     4 Ammunition Carriers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles &  
         2 ¼-ton trucks)  
     2 Gunners (2 .30 cal LMGs & 2 .45 cal pistols)  
     2 Asst Gunners (2 .45 cal pistols)  
3 Rifle Squads:  
     1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1  
         solo motorcycle)  
     1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1  
         solo motorcycle)  
 10 Privates  
     1 Automatic Rifleman (1 M1918A2 BAR & 1  
         solo motorcycle)  
     1 Assistant Automatic Rifleman (1 .30 cal M1  
         rifle & 1 solo motorcycle)  
     8 Riflemen (8 .30 cal M1 rifles & 8  
         solo motorcycles)

Total Equipment

6 .30 cal LMGs, 4 .45 cal submachine guns, 3 60mm mortars, 29 .45 cal pistols,  
 9 M1918A2 BARs, 172 .30 cal M1 rifles, 8 motorcycles with side car, 133 solo  
 motorcycles & 23 ¼-ton trucks.

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