

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery,
Headquarters & Headquarters Battery
Truck Drawn or Motorized Battalion
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Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 Executive & S-1 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-2 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-2 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-3 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant S-3 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Liaison Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)

Headquarters Battery

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- 1 Battery Commander (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
 - 4 Orderlies (4 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Operations & Fire Direction Section

- 1 Sergeant Major (Master Sergeant)* (1 pistol)
- 1 Operations Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Fire Direction Computer Supervisor (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine & ¼-ton truck)
- 12 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 4 Chauffeurs (4 carbines, 1 2½-ton truck, 3 ¾-ton command & reconnaissance trucks & 1 1-ton trailer)
 - 1 Headquarters Clerk (1 carbine)
 - 1 Horizontal Control Operator (1 carbine)
 - 3 Radio Operators (3 carbines)
 - 1 Vertical Control Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Basic Private (1 carbine)

Survey and Instrument Section

- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (1 Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 7 Privates
 - 6 Survey & Instrumentmen (6 carbines & 2 ¾-ton weapon carrier trucks)
 - 1 Basic Private (1 carbine)

2 Liaison Sections, each with:

- 1 Liaison NCO (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Machine Gunner (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 5 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck)
 - 1 Liaison (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Wireman & Telephone Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Basic Private (1 carbine)

Communications Platoon

Headquarters

1 Platoon Leader (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
1 Communications Chief (Technical Sergeant)
(1 pistol)
1 Message Center Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
1 Message Center NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine)

Wire Section

1 Wire Chief (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
2 Wire NCO's (Corporals) (2 carbines)
21 Privates
2 Chauffeurs (2 carbines & 2 2¼-ton trucks)
2 Switchboard Operators (2 carbines)
15 Wiremen & Phone Operators (15 carbines & 2
3/4-ton weapons carrier trucks)
2 Basic Privates (2 carbines)

Radio Section

1 Platoon Leader (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Radio NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine)
10 Privates
1 Radio Electrician (1 carbine)
7 Radio Operators (7 carbines & 2 3/4-ton
weapons carriers)
2 basic Privates (2 carbines)

Anti-Aircraft & Anti-Tank Section

1 Platoon Leader (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
1 Platoon Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
3 Section Chiefs (Sergeants) (3 carbines)
2 Machine Gunners (Corporals) (2 carbines)
6 Squad Leaders (Corporals) (6 carbines)
39 Privates
6 Ammunition Carriers (6 carbines)
1 Armorer (1 carbine)
11 Chauffeurs (11 carbines, 8 3/4-ton weapon
carriers, 1 3/4-ton command & reconnaissance
truck, 3 ¼-ton trucks)
6 Gunners (6 carbines & 6 37mm AT guns)
6 Assistant Gunners (6 carbines)
2 Machine Gunners (2 carbines & 2 .50 cal HMGs)
2 Assistant Machine Gunners (2 carbines)
1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)
4 Basic Privates (4 carbines)

Personnel Section

1 Personnel Officer (Warrant Officer) (1 pistol)
1 Personnel Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
2 Privates
1 Chauffeur (1 carbine, 1 1-ton trailer &
2½-ton truck)
1 Personnel Clerk (1 carbine)

Maintenance Section

1 Section Leader (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)
1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Motor Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
1 Supply NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine)

14 Privates

- 2 Chauffeurs (2 carbines & 2 2½-ton trucks)
- 4 Cooks (4 carbines)
- 3 Cook's Helpers (3 carbines)
- 2 Automobile Mechanics (2 carbines & 1 2½-ton truck)
- 1 General Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier)
- 2 Basic Privates (2 carbines)

* Authorized only in "separate battalions", by which I presume they mean independent battalions, or those that were not part of a regiment or brigade.

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