Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery Horse Drawn 75mm Field Howitzer Battery 1 April 1942

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Battery Headquarters
     1 Battery Commanding Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
     1 1st Sergeant (1st pistol)
     2 Privates
          1 Bugler (1 carbine)
          1 Orderly (1 carbine)
Battery Detail
     1 Reconnaissance Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
     1 Chief of detail (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
     1 Signal Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
     1 Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
     1 Instrument NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
     2 Scouts (Corporal) (2 carbines & 2 horses)
     1 Wire NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
     22 Privates
          3 Artillery Drivers (3 carbines, 1 6-horse artillery
               reel, 1 4-horse mountain wagon, 10 draft horses)
          6 Horse Holders (6 carbines & 6 horses)
          2 Radio Operators (2 carbines & 1 horse)
          1 Switchboard Operator (1 carbines)
          1 Wagoner (1 carbines)
          7 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (7 carbines & 7 horses)
          2 Basic Privates (2 automatic rifles - BAR)
Firing Battery
     Headquarters
          1 Battery Executive Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
          1 Assistant Executive Officer (2nd Lt) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
          7 Privates
               1 Guidon (1 carbine & 1 horse)
               3 Horse Holders (3 carbines, 3 horses &
                    3 draft horses)
               1 Radioman (1 carbine & 1 horse)
               1 Artillery Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 horse)
               1 Instrument Man (1 carbine & 1 horse)
     4 Gun Sections
          1 Section Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
          3 Section Chiefs (Sergeant) (3 carbines & 3 horse)
          4 Gunners (Corporal) (4 carbines, 4 75mm howitzers, & 4
               horses)
          52 Privates
               20 Cannoneers (20 carbines & 20 horses)
               24 Drivers (24 carbines, 4 limbers, 8 limbers
                    & 48 draft horses)
               8 Basic Privates (8 automatic rifles - BAR)
     5th Section
          1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
          1 Ammunition Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine & 1 horse)
          10 Privates
               4 Cannoneers (4 carbines & 4 horses)
               6 Drivers (2 automatic rifles - BAR, 6 carbines,
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2 limbers, 2 caissons & 12 draft horses)
Maintenance Section
     1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
     1 Stable Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol & 1 horse)
     1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
     18 Privates
          3 Cooks (3 carbines)
          2 Cook's Helpers (2 carbines)
          3 Artillery Drivers (3 carbines, 3 riding horses,
               & 6 draft horses)
          3 Horseshoers (3 carbines & 2 riding horses)
          1 General Mechanic (1 carbine)
          1 Stable Orderly (1 carbine & 1 horse)
          1 Saddler (1 carbine & 1 horse)
          2 Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 2 2½-ton trucks & 2
               1-ton trailers)
          1 Spare Officer's Horse
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On 1 April 1942 the four gun sections reduced the number of basic privates from eight to three.

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