

**Detailed Organization**  
**American Parachute Infantry Regiment**  
**Infantry Headquarters & Headquarters Company**  
**17 February 1942**  
**Table of Organization 7-32**

Headquarters:

- 1 Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 1 Lt. Colonel (executive officer) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 1 Major (S-3) (1 .45 cal pistol, 1 .30 cal carbine & 1 parachute)
- 1 Major (S-4) (1 .45 cal pistol, 1 .30 cal carbine & 1 parachute)
- 1 Captain (S-1) (1 .45 cal pistol, 1 .30 cal carbine & 1 parachute)
- 1 Captain (S-2) (1 .45 cal pistol, 1 .30 cal carbine & 1 parachute)

Headquarters Company:

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- 1 Captain (communications officer) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 1 Captain (demolitions officer) (1 .45 cal pistol, 1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 parachute)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 4 Privates
  - 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1 carbines, 3 .45 cal pistol & 3 parachute)
  - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)

Operations Section

- 1 Master Sergeant (Communications Chief) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 4 Privates
  - 1 Headquarter's Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
  - 3 Messengers (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle, 2 .30 cal M1 carbines, 3 .45 cal pistols & 3 parachutes)

Intelligence Section

- 1 Staff Sergeant (section chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 4 Corporals (intelligence) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines, 4 .45 cal pistols, 2 .30 cal M1903 rifles & 4 parachutes)
- 13 Privates
  - 1 Topographical Draftsman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
  - 2 Photographers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .45 cal pistols & 2 parachutes)
  - 2 Film Developers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .45 cal pistols & 2 parachutes)
  - 1 Photographic Printer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)

7 Scouts (6 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
7 .45 cal pistols, 2 .45 cal submachine  
guns & parachutes)

Communications Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine,  
1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
1 Warrant Officer (asst communications officer)  
(1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 .45 cal pistol  
& 1 parachute)  
4 Privates (basics) (4 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
4 .45 cal pistols & 4 parachutes)

Message Center Section

1 Staff Sergeant (section chief) (1 .45 cal  
submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
8 Privates  
4 Message Center Clerks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
1 .30 cal M1903 rifle with M9 grenade  
launcher 4 .45 cal pistols & 4 parachutes)  
4 Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
4 .45 cal pistols & 4 parachutes)

Wire Section

1 Staff Sergeant (section chief) (1 .45 cal  
submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol &  
1 parachute)  
12 Privates  
10 Telephone Linemen (10 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
10 .45 cal pistols & 10 parachutes)  
2 Switchboard Operators (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle  
1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 2 .45 cal  
pistols & 2 parachutes)

Radio Section

1 Staff Sergeant (section chief) (1 .45 cal  
submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
16 Privates  
1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 carbine,  
1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
13 Radio Operators (13 .30 cal M1 carbines,  
13 .45 cal pistols & 13 parachutes)  
2 Pioneers (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles with  
M9 grenade launchers, 2 .45 cal pistols  
& 2 parachutes)

Demolition Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine,  
1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine,  
1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal  
M1903 rifle with M9 grenade launcher,  
1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)  
7 Privates  
1 Bridge Carpenter (1 .45 cal submachine  
gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)

- 1 General Mechanic (1 .45 cal submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 4 Basics (1 .45 cal submachine gun, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
- 3 Battalion Sections, each with:
  - 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1903 carbine with M9 grenade launcher, 1 .45 cal pistol & 1 parachute)
  - 2 Corporals (asst section leader) (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles with M9 grenade launchers, 2 .45 cal pistols & 2 parachutes)
  - 9 Privates
    - 1 General Carpenter
    - 8 Demolition Men (6 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .45 cal submachine guns, 8 .45 cal pistols & 8 parachutes)

Total Equipment

131 parachutes, 99 .30 cal M1 carbines, 131 .45 cal pistols, 15 .30 cal M1903 rifles with M9 grenade launchers, 13 .45 cal submachine guns

Change #1 of 24 February 1944

Headquarters Company:

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3 Orderlies reequipped (2 carbines & 1 M1 rifle)

Operations Section

3 Messengers reequipped (2 carbines & 1 M1 rifle)

Intelligence Section

1 Warrant Officer (section chief) (added)

2 Photographers, 2 Film Developers, & 1 Photographic Printer (deleted)

7 Scouts became 6 Scouts

Communications Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

4 Privates (basics) (4 .30 cal M1 carbines,

Message Center Section

4 message center clerks reduced to 1

Wire Section

2 switchboard operators reduced to 1 with a M1 rifle

Radio Section

2 Pioneers given M1 rifles

Demolition Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

Bridge Carpenter reequipped with M1 carbine

3 Battalion Sections, each with:

Demolition men reequipped with M1 carbines

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