

Detailed Organization
American Parachute Infantry Regiment
Infantry Service Company
17 February 1942
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Company Headquarters

- 1 Captain (commanding) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)*
- 20 Privates*
 - 1 General Carpenter (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 9 Cooks (9 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 6 Cook's Helpers (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Regimental Headquarters Platoon

Staff Section¹

- 1 1st Lieutenant (Regt personnel officer)
(1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (personnel) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 14 Corporals (company clerks) (14 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 15 Privates
 - 1 Chaplain's Assistant (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 6 Headquarters Clerks (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Mail Clerks (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Record Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Stenographer (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Supply Section

Regimental Section

- 1 Captain (regt'l munitions officer)
(1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 2 Sergeants (supply) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 1 Sergeant (supply asst) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Headquarter's Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Records Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Stock Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

3 Battalion Sections, each with:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (bn supply officer) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 4 Sergeants (supply) (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 4 Privates (armorer-artificiers)
(4 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Parachute Maintenance & Supply Platoon

¹ Only one individual in this section had a parachute. Who it was is not indicated.

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Warrant Officer (bn supply officer) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Master Sergeant (parachute maintenance chief)
(1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Private (headquarters clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Parachute Supply Section

1 Technical Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
3 Records Clerks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
1 Stock Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Parachute Maintenance Section

1 Sergeant (parachute repairman) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
6 Privates (parachute packers)
(6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Parachute Packing Section

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
3 Technical Sergeants (parachute packets)
(3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
3 Sergeants (parachute packets) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
29 Privates
2 Records Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
27 Parachute Packers (27 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Transportation Platoon

Platoon Headquarters²

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant) (transportation chief & mechanical
inspector) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (truck master) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
10 Privates
10 Chauffeurs (10 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 2½-ton
cargo trucks, 2 3/4-ton command &
reconnaissance trucks, 3 ¼-ton trucks,
2 ambulances, & 1 1-ton trailer)

3 Battalion Sections, each with:

1 Corporal* (truckmaster) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
10 Privates*
10 Chauffeurs (10 .30 cal M1 rifles, 4 2½-ton
cargo trucks, 2 3/4-ton command & reconnaissance
trucks, 3 ¼-ton trucks & 4 1-ton trailers)

Headquarters Company Section

4 Privates* (chauffeurs) (4 .30 cal M1 rifles &
1 2½-ton truck, 1 ¼-ton truck, 1 1-ton trailer,
& 1 5-passenger sedan car)

Motor Maintenance Section

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol)
1 Sergeant (mechanic foreman) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

6 Privates

² Only one individual in the platoon HQ is a parachutist and there is no indication who it might be.

1 Stock Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Motor Mechanics (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
1 General Welder (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, everyone has a parachute. No Parachute is indicated with "*". All parachutists are also equipped 1 Records Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine) with a .45 cal M1911 pistol in addition to any other weapon indicated above.

Total Equipment

107 parachutes, 64 .30 cal M1 carbines, 107 .45 cal pistols, 138 .30 cal M1 rifles, 6 .45 cal submachine guns, 2 cross country ambulances, 1 5-passenger light sedan car, 14 1-ton trailers, 13 ¼-ton trucks, 8 ¾-ton command & communication trucks & 16 2½-ton trucks.

Change #1 & #2

Nothing significant

Change #3 of 24 February 1944

Company Headquarters

unchanged

Regimental Headquarters Platoon

Staff Section

Added:

2 Captains (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
1 Warrant Officer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 1st Sergeant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
6 hand carts & 2 motorscooters

Supply Section

Regimental Section

personnel unchanged
added unassigned 2.36" rocket launcher
7 hand carts

3 Battalion Sections, each with:

personnel unchanged
added unassigned 2.36" rocket launcher
& 27 hand carts

Parachute Maintenance & Supply Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

personnel unchanged

Parachute Supply Section

personnel unchanged

Parachute Maintenance Section

personnel unchanged

Parachute Packing Section

personnel unchanged

Transportation Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

personnel unchanged
added 2.36" rocket launcher & 1 .50 cal HB HMG
now had 3 ¼-ton trailers, 3 1-ton trailers, 5 ¼-ton
trucks, 2 ¾-ton ambulances & 3 2½-ton cargo trucks.

3 Battalion Sections, each with:

personnel unchanged

added 2.36" rocket launcher & 1 .50 cal HB HMG,
now had 2 ¼-ton , 4 1-ton trailers, 3 ¼-ton trucks,
& 4 2½-ton trucks,

Headquarters Company Section

personnel unchanged, now had 1 ¼-ton trailer, 1 ¼-ton
truck, 1 1-ton trailer & 1 2½-ton truck.

Motor Maintenance Section

personnel unchanged, now had 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier.

General Equipment changes

The .45 cal pistols, the .45 cal submachine guns, cross country ambulances and
5-passenger light cars were totally eliminated, now 72 .30 cal M1 carbines & 138 .30
cal M1 rifles. Had a total of 10 ¼-ton trailers, 15 ¼-ton trucks, 16 1-ton trailers,
1 3/4-ton weapons carrier & 16 2½-ton trucks.

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