

Detailed Organization
American Parachute Infantry Battalion
Infantry Headquarters & Headquarters Company
17 February 1942
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Headquarters

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol)¹
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (operations & intelligence) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (adjutant) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Headquarter's Company

Headquarter's Platoon

- 1 Captain (company cmdr) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (mess officer) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 6 Privates
 - 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1903 rifles & 3 .45 cal pistols)
 - 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines & 3 .45 cal pistols)

Staff Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (operations) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (gas) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Headquarter's Clerk (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
 - 1 Topographical Draftsman (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Telephone Lineman (2 .45 cal pistols & 2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Mess Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)*
- 1 Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)*
- 23 Privates*
 - 13 Cooks (13 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 10 Cook's Helpers (10 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Economic Section:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (section leader) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 .45 cal submachine gun)

¹ Unless otherwise noted, everyone has a parachute. Those without are marked with an asterisk ("*").

1 Sergeant (radio & visual) (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (wire chief) (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
18 Privates
1 Record Clerk (1 .45 cal pistol
1 .45 cal submachine gun)
1 Record Clerk (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
2 Telephone Linemen (2 .45 cal pistols
& 2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
4 Messengers (4 .45 cal pistols
& 4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
8 Radio Operators (8 .45 cal pistols
& 8 .30 cal M1 carbines)
1 Visual Signaler & Pigeoneer (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Visual Signaler & Pigeoneer (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

Light Machine Gun Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (section leader) (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
5 Privates
2 Messengers (2 .45 cal pistols
& 2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
3 Basics (3 .45 cal pistols
& 3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

2 Sections, each with:

1 Sergeant (Section Leader) (1 .45 cal pistol
& 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
4 Corporals (light machine gunners) (4 .45 cal
pistols & 4 .30 cal IMGs)
12 Privates
8 Ammunition Bearers (8 .45 cal pistols
& 8 .30 cal M1 carbines)
4 Assistant Gunners (4 .45 cal pistols)

81mm Mortar Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters:

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol)
1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (section leader) (1 .45 cal
pistol & 1 .45 cal submachine gun)
1 Corporal (agent & instrument) (1 .45 cal
pistol & 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
5 Privates
2 Messengers (2 .45 cal pistols &
2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
3 Basics (3 .45 cal pistols &
3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

2 Sections, each with:

Section Headquarters:

1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .45 cal
pistol & 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

2 Squads, each with:

1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .45 cal
pistol & 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

6 Privates

4 Ammunition Bearers (4 .45 cal pistols
& 4 .30 cal M1 carbines)

1 Gunner (1 .45 cal pistol & 1 81mm mortar)

1 Asst. Gunner (1 .45 cal pistol)

Total Equipment

124 parachutes, 77 .30 cal M1 carbines, 8 .30 cal LMGs, 4 81mm mortars, 124 .45 cal
pistols, 25 .30 cal M1 rifles. 15 .30 cal M1903 rifles, 6 .45 cal submachine guns.

Change 1 dated 24 February 1944

Headquarters

1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol)

1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)

1 Captain (operations & intelligence) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

1 1st Lieutenant (adjutant) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

**All .45 cal pistols and M1903 rifles were removed from the remainder of the battalion.
Where M1903 rifles were removed they were replaced with M1 rifles.**

Headquarter's Company

Headquarter's Platoon

added 3 2.36" rocket launchers & 12 motor scooters

Staff Section:

unchanged

Mess Section:

unchanged

Economic Section:

unchanged

Light Machine Gun Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

added 3 2.36" rocket launchers

2 Sections, each with:

unchanged

81mm Mortar Platoon:

unchanged

Total Equipment:

124 parachutes, 107 .30 cal M1 carbines, 9 2.36" rocket launchers, 2 .45 cal pistols,
40 .30 cal M1 rifles, 12 motor scooters.

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