

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

Company Headquarters:

- 1 Captain (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 1 Sergeant (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (operations) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 11 Privates
 - 3 Messengers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 3 Radio Operators (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 5 Riflemen (5 .30 cal M1 rifles)(replacements to ensure full squads)

3 Rifle Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (radio & code signal) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 3 Privates
 - 2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Rifle Squads, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (asst squad leader) (1.45 cal submachine gun)
- 10 Privates
 - 1 Ammunition Bearer (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Light Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal LMG)
 - 1 Assistant Light Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 7 Riflemen (7 .30 cal M1 rifles)

60mm Mortar Squad:

- 1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .45 cal submachine gun)
- 3 Privates (ammunition bearers) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 1 Private (gunner) (1 60mm mortar & 1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Private (asst gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

Note: Every man had a parachute and carried a .45 cal pistol, which was to be replaced with folding stock carbines when available.

Total Equipment: 127 parachutes, 8 .30 cal carbines, 12 .30 cal LMGs, 3 60mm mortars, 127 .45 cal pistols, 100 .30 cal M1 rifles, & 13 .45 cal submachine guns

Change #1: One rifleman in each squad had 1 .30 cal M1903 rifle.

Change #2 of 24 February 1944

All .45 cal submachine guns replaced with .30 cal M1 rifles.
1 2.36" rocket launcher added to company headquarters and platoon headquarters.
The .30 cal M1903 rifles were eliminated

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