

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Headquarters & Headquarters & Service Battery
75mm Pack Howitzer Battalion
1 May 1943
Table of Organization 6-156**

Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Commanding Officer (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 1 Executive/S-3 Officer (Major) (1 pistol)
- 1 S-1 & S-2 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 3 Liaison Officer (Captain) (3 pistols)

Headquarters Battery

FORWARD ECHELON

Battery Headquarters

- 1 Communications/S-4 Officer (Captain) (1 pistol & 1 mule)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 11 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine)
 - 2 Orderlies (2 carbines)
 - 8 Basic Privates (8 carbines)

Operations Platoon

Command Post & Survey Section

- 2 Field Artillery Liaison Pilots (2nd Lts) (2 pistols & 2 airplanes)
- 1 Sergeant Major (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Operations Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Survey & Instrument Chief (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Survey & Instrument Corporal (1 pistol)
- 2 Privates
 - 1 Headquarter's Clerk (1 carbine & 4 pack mules)*
 - 1 Instrument & Survey Man (1 carbine)
- 3 Liaison Sections, each with:
 - 1 Liaison Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine &)
 - 3 Privates
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)
 - 2 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (2 carbines & 1 pack mule)

Communication Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 Platoon Leader (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)**
- 1 Communications Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- Wire Section
 - 1 Wire Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
 - 9 Privates
 - 2 Pack Animal Drivers (2 carbines & 2 pack pack mules)
 - 1 Switchboard Operator (1 carbine)
 - 6 Wiremen & Telephone Operators (6 carbines)
- Radio Section
 - 1 Radio Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
 - 1 Radio Corporal (1 carbine)

8 Privates
2 Pack Animal Drivers (2 carbines &
2 pack mules)
1 Radio Repairman (1 carbine)
5 Radio Operators (5 carbines)

REAR ECHELON

Battery Supply Section

1 Supply Officer (2nd LT) (1 pistol & 1 mule)
1 Warrant Officer (1 pistol & 1 mule)
1 Supply Sergeant (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Packmaster Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
3 Caragador & Saddler (Corporals) (3 carbines)
12 Privates
12 Packers (11 carbines, 6 riding mules, 1
automatic rifle (BAR), 63 pack mules
& 1 bell mare (pack horse) - 36 with
ammunition, 25 with supply & forage, 1
pioneer & 1 forge)

Personnel Section

1 General Battalion Personnel Adjutant (Warrant Officer)
(1 pistol)
1 Personnel Chief (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Personnel Clerk (Private) (1 carbine)

Maintenance Section

1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
1 Stable & Packmaster Sergeant (Staff Sergeant)
(1 pistol & 1 mule)
1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine & 1 mule)
1 Caragador & Saddler (Corporal) (1 carbine)
15 Privates
2 Cooks (2 carbines & 1 pack mule)
1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine & 1 pack mule)
5 Pack Animal Drives (5 carbines & 5 pack mules)
1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine, 1 ¼-ton truck,
¼-ton trailer)
1 Ground Crew Helper (1 carbine)
2 Horseshoers (2 carbines & 2 pack mules)
1 Army Airplane Engine Mechanic (1 carbine)
2 Packers (1 carbine, 1 automatic rifle (BAR)
& 2 pack mules)

* The TO&E is a bit confusing on the issue of who handles packmules. The command post & Survey section is shown as havintg four pack mules, but only the headquarters clerk is indicated as handling them. However, in the battery headquarters the two orderlies are shown as handling pack mules, but there are no pack mules assigned to the battery HQ. I suspect the mules were assigned to the CP&S Section, but they were led by other units personnel.

** Shown as driving a pack animal, but this does not seem like an officer's job. Probably an error.

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