

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery  
Service Battery  
Truck Drawn 155mm Howitzer or 4.5" Gun Battalion  
15 July 1943  
Table of Organization 6-39**

Battery Headquarters

- 1 Battalion S-4 & Commanding Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (1 carbine)
- 9 Privates
  - 1 Bugler (1 carbine)
  - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)
  - 7 Basic Privates (7 carbines)

Service Platoon

Battalion Supply Section

- 1 Supply Officer (Warrant Officer) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Assistant Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 3 Privates
  - 2 Supply Clerks (2 carbines)
  - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck with 1 2.36" AT rocket launcher)

Battalion Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Battalion Motor Officer (1 1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Sergeant (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Automobile Parts Supply NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 6 Privates
  - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal. HB HMG)
  - 4 Automobile Mechanics (4 carbines, 1 3/4-ton command truck, 2 2½-ton trucks, 1 4-ton truck & 1 2.36" AT rocket launcher)
  - 1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)\*

Ammunition Train

Train Headquarters

- 1 Train Leader (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Ammunition Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
  - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton command truck)
  - 2 Machine Gunners (2 carbines & 2 .50 cal HMGs)\*\*
  - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)

3 Train Sections, each with:

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 9 Privates
  - 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 carbines, 3 2½-ton trucks, 3 M10 ammunition trailers & 2 2.36" AT rocket launchers)
  - 6 Ammunition Handlers (6 carbines)

Battery Maintenance Section

- 1 Battery Motor Officer (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 7 Privates
  - 2 Cooks (2 carbines)
  - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
  - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier truck with ¼-ton trailer & 2.36" rocket launcher)
  - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
  - 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton cargo truck with 1-ton trailer)
  - 1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)

\* It is probable that the utility mechanic serves as part of the crew of the .50 cal HMG.

\*\* It is not known how these two machine guns were manned, but it is most likely that the other privates assisted in the operation of the guns.

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