

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery
Service Battery
Truck Drawn 105mm Howitzer Field Artillery Battalion
15 July 1943
Table of Organization 6-29**

Battery Headquarters

- 1 Battery Commander/Battalion S-4 & Munitions Officer
(Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 9 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton command truck)
 - 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 Asst. Supply Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 3 Privates
 - 2 Supply Clerks (2 carbines)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton
cargo truck with 2.36" rocket launcher)

Battalion Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Battalion Motor Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Chief (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Machine Gun Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Automobile Parts Supply Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 6 Privates
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 4 Automobile Mechanics (4 carbines, 2 ½-ton
cargo trucks & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)

Ammunition Train

Train Headquarters

- 1 Train Leader (2nd 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 HB HMGs)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine)

3 Train Sections, each with

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 carbines, 2 2½-ton cargo trucks
with 2.36" rocket launcher, 1 2½-ton short wheel
base cargo truck & 3 M10 ammunition trailers)
- 6 Automobile Mechanics (6 carbines)

Battery Maintenance Section

- 1 Maintenance Officer (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)

- 1 Motor Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 7 Privates
 - 2 Cooks (2 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 2½-ton truck with 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine & 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier (motor mechanic's) truck with 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 1 Utility Repairman (1 carbine)

Note: In the 1942 TO&Es the machine gun crews were broken out clearly with machine gunners and assistant machine gunners. Apparently in a movement towards efficiency, it was decided that if the machine gun was to be employed, one of the individuals who had another job would step in and serve as the loader. The "machine gun corporal" was in overall command of the two machine guns assigned to his group.

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