

**Detailed Organization, American Field Artillery,
105mm Howitzer Battery
Armored Field Artillery Battalion,
15 September 1943
Table of Organization 6-167**

Battery Headquarters

Headquarters Section

- 1 Battery Commander (Captain) (1 carbine)
- 1 Communication Chief (Sergeant) ((1 carbine)
- 1 Liaison Agent (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 7 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Half Track Driver (1 submachine gun, 1 M3A1 half track with 2.36" rocket launcher & .30 cal LMG)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine)
 - 1 Instrument Operator (1 carbine)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 carbines)
 - 1 Telephone Operator (1 carbine)

Maintenance Section

- 1 Maintenance Officer (2nd Lt) (1 carbine)
- 1 Motor Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 5 Privates
 - 1 Armorer (1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 carbine)
 - 1 Truck Mechanic (1 carbine)
 - 2 Tank Mechanics (1 carbine, 1 submachine gun, M3A1 half track with .50 cal HB HMG & 2.36" rocket launcher)

Administrative, Mess & Supply Section

- 1 1st Sergeant (1 carbine)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Battery Clerk (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 14 Privates
 - 2 Cooks (2 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 carbine)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 submachine gun & 1 2½-ton kitchen truck)
 - 10 Basic Privates (10 carbines)

Firing Battery

Fire Control Section

- 1 Executive Officer (1st/2nd Lt) (1 carbine)
- 1 Machine Gunner (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Signal Corporal (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Half Track Drivers (2 submachine guns
 - 1 M3A1 half track with .30 cal LMG & 2.36" rocket launcher, & 1 M3A1 half track with .50 cal HB HMG & 2.36" rocket launcher.
 - 1 Instrument Operator (1 carbine)
 - 2 Recorders (2 carbines)

Six 105mm Howitzer Sections

- 1 Section Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 5 Section Chiefs (Sergeants) (5 carbines)
- 6 Gunners (Corporals) (6 carbines)
- 30 Privates
 - 24 Cannoneers
 - 6 Tank Drivers (6 submachine guns & 6 105mm howitzer motor carriages)

Ammunition Section

- 1 Section Chief (Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 14 Privates
 - 2 Half Track Drivers (2 submachine guns, 2 M3A1 half tracks each with 1 .30 cal LMG, 1 2.36" rocket launcher & 1 M10 ammunition trailer)
 - 12 Ammunition Handlers (12 carbines)

Reconnaissance Section

- 1 Reconnaissance Officer (1st/2nd Lt) (1 carbine)
- 1 Reconnaissance Chief (Staff Sergeant) (1 carbine)
- 1 Reconnaissance Corporal (1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Half Track Driver (1 submachine gun, 1 M3A1 half track with 1 .50 cal HB HMG, & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 carbine)
 - 1 Instrument Operator (1 carbine)
 - 1 Telephone Operator (1 carbine)

On 6 December 1943 the M3A1 half tracks were replaced with M3A2 half tracks.

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