## Detailed Organization, American Reconnaissance Platoon, Airborne Division 16 December 1944

## Table of Organization 2-77T

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Platoon Headquarters
     1 Platoon Commander (1st Lt) (1 M1 rifle)
     1 Platoon Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 M1 rifle)
     1 Motor & Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 M1 rifle)
     1 Section Leader (Sergeant) (1 M1 rifle)
    12 Privates
          1 Light Truck Driver (1 M1 Rifle, 1 1/4-ton truck with
               1-ton cargo trailer, 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
          1 Automotive Mechanic (1 M1 Rifle)
          4 Radio Operators (4 rifles, 2 1/4-ton trucks with
               1-ton cargo trailer)
          3 Scouts (3 M1 Rifles)
          3 Basic Privates (3 M1 Rifles)
   Note: The platoon HQ has 4 submachine guns, but where they
          are assigned is not indicated. The TO&E does show
          that there were sixteen (16) M1 rifles.
2 Reconnaissance Sections, each with:
     Section Headquarters
          1 Section Leader (1 M1 Rifle)
          4 Privates
               1 Light Truck Driver (1 M1 Rifle & 1 4-ton truck)
               2 Motorcycle Scouts (2 M1 Rifles &
                    2 solo motorcycles)
               1 Scout (1 M1 Rifle)
     2 Reconnaissance Squads, each with:
          1 Squad Leader (Corporal) (1 M1 Rifle)
          8 Privates
               2 Light Truck Drivers (2 M1 Rifles &
                    2 ½-ton trucks)
               2 Motorcycle Scouts (2 M1 Rifles &
                    2 solo motorcycles)
               4 Scouts (4 M1 rifles & 1 4-ton truck with
                    2.36" rocket launcher)
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