

Detailed Organization
American Parachute Infantry Battalion
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
16 December 1944
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Headquarters:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal pistol)
- 1 Captain (operations & training) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (Intelligence) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (Supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Warrant Officer (adjutant & S-1) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Headquarters Company:

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- 1 Captain (communications/company cmdr)
(1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (executive) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (communications) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 18 Privates
 - 1 Armorer-artificier (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 5 Cooks (5 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Cook's Helpers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 8 Basics (9 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 3 2.36" rocket launchers

Headquarters Platoon:

Battalion Headquarters Section

- 1 Technical Sergeant (Sergeant Major)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (operations) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (gas) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 10 Privates
 - 1 Headquarters Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
 - 8 Basics (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Supply Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 12 Privates (ammunition handlers)
(12 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Communications:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (communications chief)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (radio) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Sergeant (wire) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

23 Privates

2 Code Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
4 Linemen (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
4 Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
2 Radiomen (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
8 Radio Telephone (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)
1 Switchboard Operator (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Radio Repairman (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Visual Signaler & Pigeoneer (1 .30 cal
M1 rifle)
unassigned equipment
4 utility hand carts

Light Machine Gun Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (Platoon Cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Technical Sergeant (platoon leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Corporal (instrument) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
2 Privates (messenger) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
Unassigned equipment
3 2.36" rocket launchers

2 Sections, each with

Section Headquarters:

1 Staff Sergeant (section leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

4 Squads, each with:

1 Sergeant (squad leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
4 Privates
2 Ammunition Bearers (2 .30 cal
M1 rifles)
1 Gunner (1 .30 cal LMG & .30 cal
M1 carbine)
1 Asst Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

81mm Mortar Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st Lieutenant (platoon cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Technical Sergeant (platoon leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Corporal (instrument) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
2 Privates (messengers) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
Unassigned equipment
3 2.36" rocket launchers

2 Sections, each with:

Section Headquarters

1 Staff Sergeant (section leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

2 Squads, each with:

1 Staff Sergeant (squad leader)
(1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
1 Corporal (mortar gunner) (1 .30 cal
M1 rifle & 1 81mm mortar)
7 Privates
6 Ammunition Bearers
(6 .30 cal M1 rifles)

1 Assistant Mortar Gunner
(1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
unassigned equipment
1 utility hand cart

Total Equipment

52 .30 cal M1 rifles, 8 utility handcarts, 8 .30 cal LMGs, 9 2.36" rocket launchers,
4 81mm mortars, 2 .45 cal pistols, 124 .30 cal M1 rifles.

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