

United States Infantry Battalion

Tables of Organization reference 7-16, 7-17 and 7-18

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	4 Officers
Headquarters Detachment	48 men
Headquarters Section	(11 men)
Message Center Section	(10 men)
Intelligence Section	(8 men)
Ammunition & Pioneer Section	(19 men)
Three Rifle Companies, each	6 Officers, 217 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 19 men)
Weapons Platoon	(1 Officer, 39 men) (two LMGs, three 60-mm mortars)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 53 men)
Heavy Weapons Company	6 Officers, 205 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 30 men)
Two .30-cal MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 44 men) (four heavy machine guns)
.50-cal Platoon	(1 Officer, 43 men) (four .50-cal machine guns)
81-mm Mortar Platoon	(1 Officer, 44 men) (four 81-mm mortars)
Total strength	932 all ranks (28 Officers and 904 men)

Summary Table, United States Infantry Battalion, October 1940

Detail	Headquarters & HQ Detachment					Total, Headquarters & HQ Detachment	Three Rifle Companies, each			Total, Rifle Company	Heavy Weapons Company			Total, Heavy Weapons Company	Total, Battalion	
	Battalion Headquarters	Headquarters Section	Message Center Section	Intelligence Section	Ammunition & Pioneer Section		Company HQ	Weapons Platoon	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Two .30-cal MG Platoons (each)	.50-cal MG Platoon			81-mm Mortar Platoon
i). Personnel																
Officers	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	6	2	1	1	1	6	28
Enlisted Men	0	11	10	8	19	48	19	39	53	217	30	44	43	44	205	904
Total, all ranks	4	11	10	8	19	52	21	40	54	223	32	45	44	45	211	932
ii). Transport																
Motorcycles, with sidecar	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
1/2-ton trucks	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	2	0	2	1	5	5	5	21	31
iii). Weapons																
Pistols, .45-cal	4	1	1	1	16	23	5	29	4	46	5	37	36	37	152	313
Rifles, M1	0	10	9	7	3	29	16	11	48	171	27	8	8	8	59	601
Browning Automatic Rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	8	0	2	2	2	8	32
Light machine guns, M1914A4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Heavy machine guns, M1917A1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8	8
Machine guns, .50-cal, M2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4
60-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
81-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4

Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Lieutenant colonel	1	Pistol	1
Executive; also Operations officer (S-3)	Major	1	Pistol	1
Adjutant (S-1); also Intelligence officer (S-2)	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Transport officer (also Detachment commander)	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		4		

Headquarters Detachment (48 men)**Headquarters Section (11 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
First Sergeant;	First Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Sergeant Major and supply Clerk, Headquarters	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gas	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Orderly	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, ½-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
Chauffeur	Specialist 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
Total, all ranks		11		

Intelligence Section (8 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Section leader (also topographical draughtsman)	Staff Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Intelligence	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Scout, observer, intelligence	Specialist 5 th class	3	Rifle, M1	3
Scout, observer, intelligence	Specialist 6 th class	3	Rifle, M1	3
Total, all ranks		8		

Message Center Section (10 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Clerk, record	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, record	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Motorcyclist	Specialist 5 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Motorcyclist	Specialist 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Total, all ranks		10		

Battalion Section; Attached from and carried on strength of Regimental Communication Platoon				
Commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Section leader	Technical Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Wire Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	3	Pistol	3
Operator, telephone switchboard	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Operator, telephone switchboard	Specialist 6 th class	2	Pistol	2
Radio & Visual Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Operator, radio	Specialist 3 rd to 5 th class	4	Pistol	4
Chauffer	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	2
			Automatic rifle	1
Motorcyclist	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Total, all ranks		18		

Ammunition and Pioneer Section (19 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Two Squads, each				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition carrier	Private or PFC	7	Pistol	7
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	1
Total, all ranks		19		

Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 217 men), each

Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 19 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Second in command	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Communication	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Mess	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Supply	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Company	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Armorer-artificer	Specialist 4 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
Cook	Specialist 3 rd class	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Specialist 4 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
Orderly	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Total, all ranks		21		

Weapons Platoon (1 Officer, 39 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Platoon Sergeant	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	2
			Automatic rifle	2
<i>60-mm Mortar Section</i>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Gunner	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 60-mm	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition carrier	Private or PFC	3	Pistol	3
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Light Machine Gun Section				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition carrier	Private or PFC	2	Pistol	2
Gunner	Specialist 6 th class	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		40		

Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 53 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Platoon Sergeant	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Platoon guide	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	5	Rifle, M1	5
Automatic Rifle Squad				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Squad leader, assistant	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Rifleman, automatic	Specialist 6 th class	2	Automatic rifle	2
Rifleman, automatic, assistant	Private or PFC	2	Pistol	2
Ammunition carrier	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Three Squads, each				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Squad leader, assistant	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Rifleman	Private or PFC	10	Rifle, M1	10
Total, all ranks		54		

Heavy Weapons Company (6 Officers, 205 men)

Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 30 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Pistol	1
Second in command (also Reconnaissance officer)	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Mess	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Reconnaissance and signal	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Supply	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Transport	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Company	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Armorer-artificer	Specialist 4 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Cook	Specialist 3 rd class	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Specialist 4 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
Mechanic , motor	Specialist 3 rd class	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
Orderly	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	6	Rifle, M1	6
Motorcyclist	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	2	Rifle, M1	2
			Motorcycle with sidecar	2
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
Total, all ranks		32		

Two .30-cal Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer, 44 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Platoon Sergeant	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Agent & instrument	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	3	Pistol	3
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition & water carrier	Private or PFC	4	Pistol	4
Gunner	Specialist 6 th class	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	1
			Automatic rifle*	1
Total, all ranks		45	*only in 1 Squad per Section	

.50-cal Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 43 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Platoon Sergeant	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Agent & instrument	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	3	Pistol	3
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition & water carrier	Private or PFC	4	Pistol	4
Gunner	Specialist 6 th class	1	Pistol	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	1
			Automatic rifle*	1
Total, all ranks		44	*only in 1 Squad per Section	

81-mm Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 44 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Pistol	1
Platoon Sergeant	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
Agent & instrument	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	3	Pistol	3
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, command and reconnaissance	1
<i>Two Sections, each</i>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Pistol	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition & water carrier	Private or PFC	4	Pistol	4
Gunner	Specialist 6 th class	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 81-mm	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Chauffeur	Specialist 5 th or 6 th class	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/2-ton, weapon carrier	1
			Automatic rifle*	1
Total, all ranks		45	*only in 1 Squad per Section	