

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 Company	5 Officers, 130 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officer, 22 men)
Battalion HQ Section	(16 men)
Communication Platoon	(1 Officer, 28 men)
Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon	(1 Officer, 28 men)
Antitank Platoon	(1 Officer, 36 men) (four 37-mm antitank guns)
Three Rifle Companies, each	6 Officers, 192 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 19 men)
Weapons Platoon	(1 Officer, 38 men) (two LMGs, three 60-mm mortars)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 45 men)
Heavy Weapons Company	5 Officers, 178 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 29 men)
Two .30-cal MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 44 men) (four heavy machine guns)
81-mm Mortar Platoon	(1 Officer, 61 men) (six 81-mm mortars)
Total strength	916 all ranks (32 Officers and 884 men)

Summary Table, United States Infantry Battalion, April 1942

Detail	Headquarters & HQ Company						Total, HQ & HQ Company	Three Rifle Companies, each			Total, Rifle Company	Heavy Weapons Company			Total, Heavy Weapons Company	Total, Battalion
	Battalion Headquarters	Company HQ	Battalion HQ Section	Communication Platoon	Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon	Antitank Platoon		Company HQ	Weapons Platoon	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		Company HQ	Two .30-cal MG Platoons (each)	81-mm Mortar Platoon		
i). Personnel																
Officers	4	2	0	1	1	1	9	2	1	1	6	2	1	1	5	32
Enlisted Men	0	22	16	28	28	36	130	19	38	45	192	29	44	61	178	884
Total, all ranks	4	24	16	29	29	37	139	21	39	46	198	31	45	62	183	916
ii). Transport																
1/4-ton trucks	0	0	3	3	0	9	15	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	22
3/4-ton trucks	0	2	0	2	2	0	6	0	1	0	1	2	4	6	16	25
iii). Weapons																
Pistols, .45-cal	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	10	0	8	12	28	60
Carbines	2	4	2	20	26	26	80	9	23	1	35	8	29	39	105	290
Rifles, M1	0	17	10	5	1	8	41	12	4	39	133	23	2	2	29	469
Rifles, M1903 (grenade launcher)	0	2	2	2	1	2	9	0	0	3	9	0	4	6	14	50
Browning Automatic Rifles	0	1	2	2	1	1	7	0	2	3	11	0	2	3	7	47
Light machine guns, M1914A4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Heavy machine guns, M1917A1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	8
60-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	9
81-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6
37-mm antitank guns	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Lieutenant colonel	1	Pistol	1
Executive officer	Major	1	Pistol	1
Operations officer; S-3	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Intelligence officer; S-2	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Total, all ranks		4		

Headquarters Company (5 Officers, 130 men)**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 22 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Adjutant; S-1 (also Company commander)	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Transport officer	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Motor	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Supply	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Company	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Armorer-artificer	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Cook	Technician, grade 4	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Mechanic, motor	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
Mechanic, motor	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Orderly	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1903	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Total, all ranks		24		

Battalion Headquarters Section (16 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Sergeant Major	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Operations	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Intelligence	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gas	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Headquarters	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Scout, observer, intelligence	Private or PFC	6	Rifle, M1	6
Basic	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	2	Automatic rifle	2
			Truck, 1/4-ton	2
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1903	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Total, all ranks		16		

Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 28 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Communication chief	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
			Truck, 1/4-ton	3
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	2	Automatic rifle	2
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	2
Message Center Section				
Section chief	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Clerk, record	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, record	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1903	2
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
Wire Section				
Section chief	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Technician, grade 5	1	Carbine	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Operator, telephone switchboard	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Radio & Visual Section				
Section chief	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Carbine	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 5	1	Carbine	1
Operator, radio	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Total, all ranks		29		

Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon (1 Officer, 28 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1903	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Three Squads, each				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	7	Carbine	7
Total, all ranks		29		

Antitank Platoon (1 Officer, 36 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Agent	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Two Squads, each				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Gunner	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Gun, 37-mm, antitank	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
			Truck, 1/4-ton	2
Total, all ranks		37		

Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 192 men), each

Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 19 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Second in command	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Communication	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Supply	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Company	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Armorer-artificer	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Cook	Technician, grade 4	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Technician, grade 5	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, 38 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
<i>60-mm Mortar Section</i>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Gunner	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 60-mm	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Light Machine Gun Section</i>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Gunner	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Total, all ranks		39		

Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 45 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Platoon guide	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	5	Rifle, M1	5
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Squad leader, assistant	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Rifleman	Private or PFC	7	Rifle, M1	7
Rifleman, automatic	Private or PFC	1	Automatic rifle	1
Rifleman, automatic, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Total, all ranks		46		

Heavy Weapons Company (5 Officers, 178 men)

Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 29 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Second in command <i>(also Reconnaissance officer)</i>	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Reconnaissance and signal	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Supply	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Transport	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Company	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Armorer-artificer	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Cook	Technician, grade 4	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Technician, grade 5	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Mechanic	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Orderly	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	7	Rifle, M1	7
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, command & reconnaissance	1
Total, all ranks		31		

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Agent	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Basic	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Two Squads, each				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
Gunner	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			<u>or</u> Automatic rifle*	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Total, all ranks		45		

*driver in 1st Squad armed with Carbine, driver in 2nd Squad armed with Automatic rifle

81-mm Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 61 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Agent	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
Transport	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Basic	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
<i>Three Sections, each</i>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1903	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
Gunner	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 81-mm	1
Gunner, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Chauffeur	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			<u>or</u> Automatic rifle*	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
Total, all ranks		62		

*driver in 1st Squad armed with Carbine, driver in 2nd Squad armed with Automatic rifle

Notes

1. All Rifles, M1903, are provided for antitank defense. They are fitted with the grenade launcher, M1, and used to fire the antitank rifle grenade, M9.
2. Automatic rifles on trucks are provided for anti-aircraft defense. They are also the individual weapon of the driver.