

## United States Infantry Battalion

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Composed of;

<b>Battalion Headquarters</b>	<b>4 Officers</b>
<b>Headquarters Company</b>	<b>5 Officers, 117 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(2 Officer, 24 men)
Battalion HQ Section	(13 men)
Communication Platoon	(1 Officer, 22 men)
Ammunition & Pioneer Platoon	(1 Officer, 26 men)
Antitank Platoon	(1 Officer, 32 men) (three 57-mm antitank guns)
<b>Three Rifle Companies, each</b>	<b>6 Officers, 187 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 33 men)
Weapons Platoon	(1 Officer, 34 men) (two LMGs, three 60-mm mortars)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 40 men)
<b>Heavy Weapons Company</b>	<b>8 Officers, 158 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 32 men)
Two .30-cal MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 35 men) (four heavy machine guns)
81-mm Mortar Platoon	(4 Officers, 56 men) (six 81-mm mortars)
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>871 all ranks</b> (35 Officers and 836 men)

Summary Table, United States Infantry Battalion, July 1943

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		
<b>i). Personnel</b>																
Officers	4	2	0	1	1	1	9	2	1	1	6	2	1	4	8	<b>35</b>
Enlisted Men	0	24	13	22	26	32	117	33	34	40	187	32	35	56	158	<b>836</b>
Total, all ranks	4	26	13	23	27	33	126	35	35	41	193	34	36	60	166	<b>871</b>
<b>ii). Transport</b>																
1/4-ton trucks	0	1	2	5	0	1	9	0	2	0	2	2	5	7	19	<b>34</b>
3/4-ton trucks	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
1 1/2-ton trucks	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
1/4-ton trailers	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	6	14	<b>22</b>
1-ton trailers	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>iii). Weapons</b>																
Pistols, .45-cal	2	0	0	0	0	15	17	0	10	0	10	0	8	12	28	<b>75</b>
Carbines	2	7	3	6	23	12	53	9	16	1	28	11	20	37	88	<b>225</b>
Rifles, M1	0	19	10	17	4	6	56	26	9	36	143	23	8	11	50	<b>535</b>
Rifles, M1903A4 (sniper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	<b>9</b>
Browning Automatic Rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	<b>27</b>
Light machine guns, M1914A4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
Heavy machine guns, M1917A1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	8	<b>8</b>
Machine guns, .50-cal, M2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	<b>6</b>
60-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	<b>9</b>
81-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	<b>6</b>
M7 rifle grenade launchers	0	1	2	2	1	3	9	1	5	10	36	1	4	0	9	<b>126</b>
M8 carbine grenade launchers	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	5	5	6	21	<b>26</b>
2.36-in antitank rocket launchers	0	2	0	0	2	6	10	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	6	<b>25</b>
57-mm antitank guns	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>

**Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Lieutenant colonel	1	Pistol	1
Executive	Major	1	Pistol	1
S-3 (Operations and training)	Captain	1	Carbine	1
S-2 (Intelligence)	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>4</b>		

**Headquarters Company (5 Officers, 117 men)****Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 24 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
S-1 (Personnel) <i>(also Company commander)</i>	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Motor officer	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Motor	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 (with M8 launcher)	1
Cook	Technician, grade 4	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	11	Rifle, M1	11
Orderly	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
Mechanic, automobile	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>26</b>		

**Battalion Headquarters Section (13 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Sergeant Major	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Intelligence	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Operations	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Gas	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Headquarters	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Scout observer, intelligence	Private or PFC	6	Rifle, M1	6
Driver, truck, light	Private or PFC (see note)	2	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	2
			Truck, 1/4-ton	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>13</b>		

**Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 22 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Communication	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Communication chief	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	1
<b>Message Center Section</b>				
Message Center chief	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, code	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, code	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	2
<b>Wire Section</b>				
Wire chief	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Operator, telephone switchboard	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operator, telephone switchboard	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton*	1
<b>Radio &amp; Visual Section</b>				
Radio & Visual chief	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operator, radio	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Repairman, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton*	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>23</b>		

\*The allocation of vehicles within the Platoon is not shown in the Table of Organization; the above is taken from an Infantry School Training Bulletin. All trucks are driven by Platoon personnel.

**Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon (1 Officer, 26 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Driver, truck, light	Private or PFC (see note)	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1½-ton, cargo	1
			Trailer, 1-ton	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	7	Carbine	7
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>27</b>		

**Antitank Platoon (1 Officer, 32 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gunner	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
			Gun, 57-mm, antitank	1
Cannoneer	Private or PFC	4	Pistol	4
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Driver, truck, light	Private or PFC (see note)	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1½-ton, cargo	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>33</b>		

**Note**

Of the total 6 drivers, light truck, in Headquarters Company, 3 are Technician, grade 5, rank and 3 are Private or PFC.

**Three Rifle Companies (6 Officers, 187 men), each**

**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 33 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	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Bugler	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	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	2	Rifle, M1	2
Basic	Private or PFC	17	Rifle, M1	17
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>35</b>		

**Weapons Platoon (1 Officer, 34 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
Driver, truck, light	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton	1
Driver, truck, light	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in <i>(for issue to Platoons)</i>	3
<b><i>60-mm Mortar Section</i></b>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gunner, mortar	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 60-mm	1
Gunner, mortar, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
<b>Light Machine Gun Section</b>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Gunner, machine gun	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, machine gun, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	2	Carbine	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>35</b>		

**Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 40 men), each**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	First or Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Platoon guide	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
<b>Three Squads, each</b>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Rifleman	Private or PFC	7	Rifle, M1 (2 with M7 launcher)	7
Squad leader, assistant	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
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
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>41</b>		

**Note**

1 Rifle, M1, in each Rifle Platoon was replaced by an M1903A4 sniper rifle fitted with telescopic sight. The individual so armed was designated by the Platoon commander.

### Heavy Weapons Company (8 Officers, 158 men)

#### Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 32 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	Carbine	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Communication	Sergeant	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
Reconnaissance	Sergeant	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
Transportation	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 (with M8 launcher)	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
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Basic	Private or PFC	14	Rifle, M1	14
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
Mechanic, automobile	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 3/4-ton, weapon carrier	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>34</b>		

#### Two .30-cal Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer, 35 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	First or Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Transportation	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
<b>Continued...</b>				



Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Two Sections, each</b>				
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Gunner, machine gun	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, machine gun, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	3	Carbine	3
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>36</b>		

### 81-mm Mortar Platoon (4 Officers, 56 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Transportation	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
<b>Three Sections, each</b>				
Section commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Section leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
<i>(Platoon weapons)</i>				
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
<b>Two Squads, each</b>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gunner, mortar	Corporal	1	Pistol	1
			Mortar, 81-mm	1
Gunner, mortar, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	4	Carbine	4
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>60</b>		