

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, 117 men
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)
Three Rifle Companies, each	6 Officers, 187 men
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)
Heavy Weapons Company	8 Officers, 158 men
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)
Total strength	871 all ranks (35 Officers and 836 men)

Summary Table, United States Infantry Battalion, February 1944

Detail	HQ & 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	4	8	35
Enlisted Men	0	24	13	22	26	32	117	33	34	40	187	32	35	56	158	836
Total, all ranks	4	26	13	23	27	33	126	35	35	41	193	34	36	60	166	871
ii). Transport																
1/4-ton trucks	0	1	2	5	0	1	9	0	2	0	2	2	5	7	19	34
3/4-ton trucks	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
1 1/2-ton trucks	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
1/4-ton trailers	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	6	14	22
1-ton trailers	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
iii). Weapons																
Pistols, .45-cal	2	0	0	0	0	15	17	0	10	0	10	0	8	18	34	81
Carbines	2	7	3	6	23	12	53	9	16	1	28	11	20	31	82	219
Rifles, M1	0	19	10	17	4	6	56	26	9	36	143	23	8	11	50	535
Rifles, M1903A4 (sniper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	9
Browning Automatic Rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	27
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
Machine guns, .50-cal, M2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	6
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
M7 rifle grenade launchers	0	1	2	2	1	3	9	1	5	10	36	1	4	0	9	126
M8 carbine grenade launchers	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	5	5	6	21	26
2.36-in antitank rocket launchers	0	2	0	1	2	3	8	5	0	0	5	0	2	2	6	29
57-mm antitank guns	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers)

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

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Adjutant and S-1 <i>(also Company commander)</i>	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Motor transport	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 (1 for Officers' mess)	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
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
Total, all ranks		26		

Battalion Headquarters Section (13 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Sergeant Major	Technical 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
Total, all ranks		13		

Communication Platoon (1 Officer, 22 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Communication	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Communication chief	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	1
Message Center Section				
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
Wire Section				
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
Radio & Visual Section				
Radio	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 4	2	Rifle, M1	2
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 5	2	Rifle, M1	2
Repairman, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton*	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton*	1
Total, all ranks		23		

*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.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander (Munitions)	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical 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
			Machine gun, .50-cal	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
Three Squads, each				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	7	Carbine	7
Total, all ranks		27		

Antitank Platoon (1 Officer, 32 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
Three Squads, each				
Squad leader	Staff 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 (<i>also Am Bearer</i>)	Private or PFC (see note)	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1½-ton, cargo	1
			Machine gun, .50-cal*	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	1
Total, all ranks		33	*.50-cal in 2 nd Squad only	

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
Executive	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
			<i>(Company weapons)</i>	
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	5
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
	Total, all ranks	35		

Weapons Platoon (1 Officer, 34 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical 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
<i>60-mm Mortar Section</i>				
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	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
Light Machine Gun Section				
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	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
Total, all ranks		35		

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

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

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
Reconnaissance (also Second in command)	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
Total, all ranks		34		

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First or Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical 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
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1 (with M7 launcher)	1
Gunner, machine gun	Corporal	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
Total, all ranks		36		

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical 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
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	2
Three Sections, each				
Section commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
<i>Two Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Staff 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	3	Carbine	3
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Carbine (with M8 launcher)	1
			Truck, 1/4-ton	1
			Trailer, 1/4-ton	1
Total, all ranks		60		