

United States Parachute Infantry Battalion

Tables of Organization reference 7-36T and 7-37T

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	5 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer
Headquarters Company	7 Officers, 165 men
Company Headquarters	(3 Officers, 22 men)
Headquarters Platoon	(55 men)
Light Machine Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 46 men) (eight light machine guns)
81-mm Mortar Platoon	(3 Officers, 42 men) (four 81-mm mortars)
Three Rifle Companies, each	8 Officers, 168 men
Company Headquarters	(2 Officers, 27 men)
Three Platoons, each	(2 Officers, 47 men) (one 60-mm mortar)
Total strength	706 all ranks (36 Officers, 1 Warrant officer and 669 men)

Summary Table, United States Parachute Infantry Battalion, December 1944

Detail	HQ & HQ Company							Total, HQ & HQ Company	Three Rifle Companies, each		Total, Rifle Company	Total, Battalion
	Battalion Headquarters	Company HQ	Battalion HQ Section	Supply Section	Communication Section	Light Machine Gun Platoon	81-mm Mortar Platoon		Company HQ	Three Rifle Platoons (each)		
i). Personnel												
Officers	5	3	0	0	0	1	3	12	2	2	8	36
Warrant officers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Enlisted Men	0	22	15	13	27	46	42	165	27	47	168	669
Total, all ranks	6	25	15	13	27	47	45	178	29	49	176	706
ii). Transport												
Handcart, utility	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	8	0	0	0	8
iii). Weapons												
Pistols, .45-cal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Submachine guns, .45-cal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	18
Carbines	4	4	0	0	12	17	15	52	2	10	32	148
Rifles, M1	0	21	15	13	15	30	30	124	27	39	144	556
Rifles, M1C (sniper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9
Browning Automatic Rifles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	27
Light machine guns, M1914A4	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	3	9	35
60-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9
81-mm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	4
M7 rifle grenade launchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	22	85
2.36-in antitank rocket launchers	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	9	1	1	4	21

Battalion Headquarters (6 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
Supply; S-4	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Adjutant and S-1	Warrant officer	1	Carbine	1
Total, all ranks		6		

Headquarters Company (7 Officers, 165 men)**Company Headquarters (3 Officers, 22 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Communication (also commands Company)	Captain	1	Carbine	1
Executive (Company)	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Communications	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
			<i>(unallocated weapons)</i> Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	3
First Sergeant	First Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Mess	Staff 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, M1	1
Cook	Technician, grade 4	3	Rifle, M1	3
Cook	Technician, grade 5	2	Rifle, M1	2
Cook's helper	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Orderly	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Basic	Private or PFC	8	Rifle, M1	8
Total, all ranks		25		

Headquarters Platoon (55 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Battalion Headquarters Section</i>				
Sergeant Major	Technical Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Intelligence	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operations	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gas	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, Headquarters	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Scout, observer, intelligence	Private or PFC	8	Rifle, M1	8
<i>Supply Section</i>				
Ammunition	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Ammunition handler	Private or PFC	12	Rifle, M1	12
<i>Communication Section</i>				
Communication chief	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Message center chief	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, code	Technician, grade 4	1	Rifle, M1	1
Clerk, code	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	4	Rifle, M1	4
Wire	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
Lineman, telephone & telegraph	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
Operator, telephone switchboard	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Radio	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Carbine	1
Operator, radio	Technician, grade 5	1	Carbine	1
Operator, radio telephone	Private or PFC	8	Carbine	8
Repairman, radio	Technician, grade 4	1	Carbine	1
Visual signaler and pigeonier	Technician, grade 5	1	Rifle, M1	1
			<i>(for Communication Section)</i>	
			Handcart, utility	4
Total, all ranks		77		

Light Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 46 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
			<i>(unallocated weapons)</i>	
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	3
Two Sections, each				
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Four Squads, each				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gunner, machine gun	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Light machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, machine gun, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
	Total, all ranks	47		

81-mm Mortar Platoon (3 Officers, 42 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Instrument	Corporal	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
			<i>(unallocated weapons)</i>	
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	3
Two Sections, each				
Section commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Section leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Two Squads, each				
Squad leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Carbine	1
Gunner, mortar	Corporal	1	Carbine	1
			Mortar, 81-mm	1
Gunner, mortar, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	6	Rifle, M1	6
			Handcart, utility	1
	Total, all ranks	45		

Three Rifle Companies (8 Officers, 168 men), each**Company Headquarters (2 Officers, 27 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	Rifle, M1	1
Mess	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Supply	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Communication	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, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
Operator, radio telephone	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	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
Basic	Private or PFC	12	Rifle, M1	12
			<i>(unallocated weapons)</i>	
			Submachine gun, .45-cal	6
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	1
Total, all ranks		29		

Three Rifle Platoons (2 Officers, 47 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	First Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Assistant Platoon commander	Second Lieutenant	1	Carbine	1
Platoon Sergeant	Technical Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Platoon guide	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Operator, radio telephone	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
Messenger	Private or PFC	2	Rifle, M1	2
			<i>(unallocated weapons)</i>	
			Rifle, M1C	1
			Launcher, rocket, AT, 2.36-in	1
<i>60-mm Mortar Squad</i>				
Squad leader	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Gunner, mortar	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Mortar, 60-mm	1
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Gunner, mortar, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	3	Rifle, M1	3
<i>Three Squads, each</i>				
Squad leader	Staff Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Squad leader, assistant*	Sergeant	1	Rifle, M1	1
Rifleman	Private or PFC	7	Rifle, M1	7
Gunner, machine gun	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
			Light machine gun, .30-cal	1
Gunner, machine gun, assistant	Private or PFC	1	Carbine	1
Ammunition bearer	Private or PFC	1	Rifle, M1	1
			(<i>unallocated weapons</i>)	
			Automatic rifle**	1
*also demolition NCO	Total, all ranks	49	**see notes	

Notes

1. Headquarters Company is authorised 19 M7 grenade launchers, with no indication as to their intended distribution.
2. Each Rifle Company is authorised 22 M7 grenade launchers, with no indication as to their intended distribution. My suggestion would be two per Rifle Squad, one per Platoon Guide and one for the Company Communication Sergeant.
3. The unallocated Browning Automatic Rifle in each Rifle Squad is noted as 'for optional use as directed' in the Table of Organization.