Notes on the format used for the Organizational Tables

The layout and content of United States Army Tables of Organization remained consistent throughout the wartime years. The files available for download in this series are derived from copies of the original documentation but are not reproduced in identical form.

A US Army Table of Organization contained the following information;

Personnel - total number of personnel authorised, divided into Officers, Warrant Officers and Enlisted Men (EM), along with their intended rank.

Transport - all vehicles authorised for the unit were shown. Vehicles were identified by their weight carrying capacity, such as ¼-ton truck, or where appropriate their specialised role.

Weapons - all individual and crew-served weapons authorised for the unit were shown, excepting grenade launchers. The personal weapon authorised for each man was also identified.

The organization of combat Platoons was normally detailed down to Squad level, while others, such as Communications and Ammunition and Pioneer, did not have their internal structure given.

Pre-war there was a separate Table of Equipment that included all items of individual and unit equipment, including radio and telephone issue. During 1943 the two documents were combined into the Table of Organization and Equipment, which consisted of Section I (organization) and Section II (equipment).

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