



Table of
Organization &
Equipment
File #1

Armored Infantry Battalion

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How to use this Table of Organization & Equipment File

Unit Listings:	Weapon Distribution:	Personnel and Equipment:
<p>1. The 1944 US Armored Infantry Battalion is headed with a grey title bar and a box that details a total personnel and equipment muster.</p> <p>2. Each battalion unit is listed with a grey title bar and boxed.</p> <p>3. Each unit component is boxed.</p> <p>4. A component box is placed within the unit box it is subordinate to, and is connected by wire diagram in its position in the chain of command, from top to bottom and left to right.</p> <p>Example: The Assault Gun Platoon is located in the Battalion HQ Company. A Gun Section, however, gets its orders directly from the Platoon HQ. The section box is therefore placed in the platoon box beneath the HQ box and connected to it by line.</p>	<p>1. (p), armed with a pistol.</p> <p>2. (c), armed with a carbine.</p> <p>3. (smg), armed with a submachine gun.</p> <p>4. (BAR), armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle.</p> <p>5. (grenadier), armed with a rifle and rifle grenade launcher.</p> <p>6. No designation means the soldier is armed with rifle.</p> <p>7. Bazookas were not specifically assigned to individual personnel, (there was no bazooka gunner MOS). Bazooka men were chosen by the unit commander.</p> <p>8. Weapons mounted on a vehicle (i.e. AA machine guns) are so designated.</p> <p>9. Weapons carried on a vehicle (i.e. bazookas), and intended for dismounted use, are so designated.</p>	<p>1. Ranks are headed in bold type.</p> <p>2. The number of personnel, and their Military Occupational Specialties (MOS,) within that rank are listed in plain type.</p> <p>3. Some personnel have multiple MOSs.</p> <p>PFC/PRIVATE One Messenger, jeep driver (smg)</p> <p>This PFC/PRIVATE messenger is also a jeep driver.</p> <p>4. Vehicles types are listed as follows:</p> <p>VEHICLE One 2 1/2-ton truck =field kitchen</p> <p>This truck is a purpose-built field kitchen, or pulling a kitchen trailer.</p>

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

LIEUTENANT COLONEL One Battalion commander (p)	LIEUTENANT One Personnel (bn, S-1) (c) One Liaison officer (c)	SERGEANT One Message center chief (c)	PFC/PRIVATE (CONT) Two Halftack drivers (smg) Three Jeep drivers (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack One .30 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack Six M3 submachine guns Twenty M1 carbines Three .45 cal. pistols Two 2.36-inch bazookas, carried on halftacks
MAJOR One Executive officer (p) One Ops & training (battalion S-3) (p)	MASTER SERGEANT One Battalion sergeant major (c)	PFC/PRIVATE One Topographic draftsman (c) Five Radio operators (c) Three Clerks (c)	VEHICLES Two Halftacks Four Jeeps	
CAPTAIN One Intelligence (battalion S-2) (c) One Communications (asst. S-3, air) (c) One Logistics & supply (battalion S-4) (c)	TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Communications chief (c) One Intelligence (c) One Operations (c)	One Messenger (c) One Messenger, jeep driver (smg)		

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters Section

CAPTAIN One Company commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE (CONT) One Messenger, jeep driver (smg) One Halftack driver (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack Two M3 submachine guns Four M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
SERGEANT One Communications (c)	VEHICLES: One Halftack One Jeep	
PFC/PRIVATE One Bugler (c) One Machine gunner (c)		

Maintenance Section

LIEUTENANT One Motor transport, section commander (c)
STAFF SERGEANT One Motor (c)
PFC/PRIVATE Two Automotive mechanics (c) One Automotive mechanic, one halftack driver (smg) One Radio repairman (c) One Armorer, jeep driver (smg) One Tank mechanic (c)
VEHICLES One Halftack One Jeep One 1-ton trailer
WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack Two M3 submachine guns Six M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack

Administrative, Mess, and Supply Section

FIRST SERGEANT One Company first sergeant (c)
STAFF SERGEANT One Mess (c) One Supply (c)
CORPORAL One Company clerk (c)
PFC/PRIVATE Four Cooks, (c) one officers' mess One Cook's helper (c) One Truck driver (smg) Fifteen Basic privates (c)
VEHICLES One 2 1/2-ton truck =field kitchen One 1-ton trailer
WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on truck One M3 submachine gun Twenty four M1 carbines

RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Eight Scouts One Messenger (c) One Messenger, jeep driver (smg) One Halftack driver (smg) Four Jeep drivers (smg)	VEHICLES (CONT) Five Jeeps
TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack Six M3 submachine guns Twelve M1 rifles Three M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack	
SERGEANT Two Reconnaissance	VEHICLES One Halftack	
CORPORAL Two Reconnaissance		

ASSAULT GUN PLATOON

Platoon Headquarters		
LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Four Riflemen One Halftack driver (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack One M3 submachine gun Four M1 rifles Two M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	VEHICLES One Halftack	

Three Gun Sections; each

SERGEANT One Section chief (c)
CORPORAL One Gunner (c)
PFC/PRIVATE One Cannoneer (c) One Tank driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Motor carriage, 75mm howitzer One Ammunition trailer
WEAPONS One M3 submachine gun Three M1 carbines

Ammunition Section

SERGEANT One Section chief (c)
PFC/PRIVATE Three Ammo handlers (c) One Halftack driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Halftack One Ammunition trailer
WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack One M3 submachine gun Four M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack

MORTAR PLATOON

Platoon Headquarters	
LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	VEHICLES One Halftack
TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack One M3 submachine gun Four M1 rifles Two M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
PFC/PRIVATE Four Riflemen One Halftack driver (smg)	

Three Mortar Squads; each

STAFF SERGEANT One Squad leader (c)	VEHICLES One Halftack carrier, 81mm mortar
CORPORAL One Mortar gunner (c)	WEAPONS One M3 submachine gun Five M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
PFC/PRIVATE One Assistant mortar gunner (c) Two Ammunition handlers (c) One Halftack driver (smg)	

MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Platoon Headquarters		
LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Eight Riflemen One Halftack driver (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftack One M3 submachine gun Eight M1 rifles Two M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	VEHICLES One Halftack	

Two Machine Gun Sections; each

SERGEANT One Squad leader	PFC/PRIVATE Four Machine gunners (c) Four Ammunition handlers (c) One Halftack driver (smg)	WEAPONS Two .30 cal. machine guns, carried on halftack, for dismounted use One M3 submachine gun Three M1 rifles Eight M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftack
CORPORAL Two Section leaders	VEHICLES One Halftack	

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS, OF THE RIFLE COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Headquarters Section

CAPTAIN One Company commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE One Bugler (c) One Machine gunner (c) Three Riflemen	PFC/PRIVATE (CONT) One Messenger, jeep driver (smg) One Halftrack driver (smg)	VEHICLES One Halftrack One Jeep	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack Two M3 submachine guns Three rifles	WEAPONS (CONT) Four M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack
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Maintenance Section

LIEUTENANT One Motor transport, section commander (c)	VEHICLES One Halftrack One Jeep One 1-ton trailer
STAFF SERGEANT One Motor (c)	
PFC/PRIVATE Two Armorsers (c) One Auto mechanic (c) Two Auto mechanics, halftrack driver (smg) jeep driver (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack Two M3 submachine guns Five M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack

Administrative, Mess, and Supply Section

FIRST SERGEANT One Company first sergeant (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Five Cooks, (c) two officers' mess One Cook's helper (c) Two Truck drivers (smg) Twenty two Basic privates	WEAPONS Two M3 submachine guns Twenty two M1 rifles Ten M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on truck
STAFF SERGEANT One Mess (c) One Supply (c)		
CORPORAL One Company clerk (c)	VEHICLES Two 2 1/2-ton trucks =field kitchen =personnel and equipment Two 1-ton trailers	

ANTITANK PLATOON, OF THE RIFLE COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

Platoon Headquarters

SECOND LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	VEHICLES One Jeep
TECHNICAL SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	WEAPONS One M3 submachine gun Two M1 carbines
PFC/PRIVATE One Messenger, jeep driver (smg)	

Three Antitank Squads; each

SERGEANT One Squad leader (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Four Cannoneers (c) Three Ammunition handlers One Halftrack driver (smg)	VEHICLES One Halftrack	WEAPONS One 57mm antitank gun, towed by halftrack One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack One M3 submachine gun Three M1 rifles Six M1 carbines
CORPORAL One Antitank gunner (c)			

THREE RIFLE PLATOONS, OF THE RIFLE COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION; each

Platoon Headquarters combined with First Rifle Squad

SECOND LIEUTENANT One Platoon commander (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Eight Riflemen One Halftrack driver (smg)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack One M3 submachine gun Eight M1 rifles	WEAPONS (CONT) One M1903A4 rifle Two M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack
STAFF SERGEANT One Platoon sergeant (c)	VEHICLES One Halftrack		

Second Rifle Squad

SERGEANT One Squad leader
CORPORAL One Assistant squad leader
PFC/PRIVATE Nine Riflemen One Halftrack driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Halftrack
WEAPONS One .30 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack One M3 submachine gun Eleven M1 rifles One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack

Third Rifle Squad

SERGEANT One Squad leader
CORPORAL One Assistant squad leader
PFC/PRIVATE Nine Riflemen One Halftrack driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Halftrack
WEAPONS One .30 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack One M3 submachine gun Eleven M1 rifles One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack

60mm Mortar Squad

SERGEANT One Squad leader (c)
PFC/PRIVATE Two Mortar gunners (c) Two Ammunition handlers (c) Two Riflemen One Halftrack driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Halftrack
WEAPONS One 60mm mortar, dismounted use One .30 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack One M3 submachine gun Two M1 rifles Five M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack

Light Machine Gun Squad

SERGEANT One Squad leader(c)
CORPORAL One Assistant squad leader (c)
PFC/PRIVATE Two Machine gunners (c) Two Ammunition handlers (c) Five Riflemen One Halftrack driver (smg)
VEHICLES One Halftrack
WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on halftrack Two .30 cal. machine guns, dismounted use One M3 submachine gun Five M1 rifles Six M1 carbines One 2.36-inch bazooka, carried on halftrack

SERVICE COMPANY, ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters Section

CAPTAIN One Company commander, (asst. battalion S-4) (c)	SERGEANT One Communications chief (c)	PFC/PRIVATE One Bugler, truck driver (smg) Two Radio operators (c)	VEHICLES One 3/4-ton truck =command	WEAPONS One M3 submachine gun Four M1 carbines
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Maintenance Section

LIEUTENANT One Motor transport, section commander (c)	VEHICLES One 2 1/2-ton truck =maintenance One Jeep One 1-ton trailer
STAFF SERGEANT One Motor (c)	WEAPONS One .50 cal. machine gun, mounted on truck Two M3 submachine guns Three M1 carbines
PFC/PRIVATE One Armorer, jeep driver (smg) One Automotive mechanic (c) One Automotive mechanic, truck driver (smg)	

Administrative, Mess, & Supply Section

FIRST SERGEANT One Company first sergeant (c)	PFC/PRIVATE Two Cooks (c) One Cook's helper (c) One Truck driver (smg) Six Basic privates (c)	VEHICLES One 2 1/2-ton truck =field kitchen One 1-ton trailer
STAFF SERGEANT One Mess (c) One Supply (c)	WEAPONS One .30 cal. machine gun, mounted on truck One M3 submachine gun Thirteen M1 carbines	
CORPORAL One Company clerk (c)		

Battalion Administrative and Personnel Section

WARRANT OFFICER
 One Personnel,
 section commander (c)

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
 One Personnel (c)

PFC/PRIVATE
 Three Clerks (c)
 One Truck driver (smg)

VEHICLES
 One 2 1/2-ton truck
 =personnel and equipment
 One 1-ton trailer

WEAPONS
 One M3 submachine gun
 Five M1 carbines
 One 2.36-inch bazooka,
 carried on truck

BATTALION SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION PLATOON

LIEUTENANT
 One Motor transport,
 platoon commander (c)

WARRANT OFFICER
 One Supply (asst. battalion S-4) (c)

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
 One Supply (c)

STAFF SERGEANT
 One Platoon sergeant (c)
 One Supply (c)

CORPORAL
 One Dispatcher,
 jeep driver (smg)

PFC/PRIVATE
 Two Clerks (c)
 One Clerk,
 one weapons carrier driver (smg)
 Three Machine gunners (c)
 Two Ammunition handlers (c)
 Nine Truck drivers (smg)

VEHICLES
 Nine 2 1/2-ton trucks
 =four ammunition
 =three POL
 =one ration
 =one water
 One Weapons carrier
 One Jeep
 Five 1-ton trailers
 Four Ammunition trailers

WEAPONS
 Two .50 cal. machine guns,
 mounted on trucks
 Two .30 cal. machine guns,
 mounted on trucks
 Eleven M3 submachine guns
 Twelve M1 carbines
 Three 2.36-inch bazookas,
 carried on trucks

BATTALION MAINTENANCE PLATOON

CAPTAIN
 One Motor transport,
 company commander,
 battalion motor transport officer (c)

WARRANT OFFICER
 One Motor transport (c)

MASTER SERGEANT
 One Motor (c)

TECHNICAL SERGEANT
 One Chief mechanic (c)

SERGEANT
 One Motor supply (c)

PFC/PRIVATE
 One Armorer,
 jeep driver (smg)
 One Artillery mechanic (c)
 Five Automotive mechanics (c)
 Six Automotive mechanics
 three halftrack drivers (smg)
 three truck drivers (smg)
 One Tank mechanic,
 tank recovery vehicle driver (smg)
 One Radio repairman (c)
 One Welder (c)
 One Heavy wrecker driver (smg)

VEHICLES
 One Tank recovery vehicle
 One Halftrack
 One Heavy wrecker
 Two 2 1/2-ton trucks
 =maintenance
 One Jeep
 Two 1-ton trailers

WEAPONS
 Three .50 cal. machine guns,
 one mounted on halftrack
 one mounted on recovery vehicle
 one mounted on heavy wrecker
 Two .30 cal. machine guns,
 one mounted on truck
 one mounted on tank recovery vehicle
 Six M3 submachine guns
 Sixteen M1 carbines
 Two 2.36-inch bazookas,
 one carried on recovery vehicle
 one carried on heavy wrecker

ATTACHED MEDICAL DETACHMENT (attached to battalion headquarters)

CAPTAIN OR FIRST LIEUTENANT Two Medical Corps One Dental Corps	STAFF SERGEANT One Medical CORPORAL One Medical	PFC/PRIVATE Twelve Medical-surgical technicians, six company aid men one jeep driver One Dental technician	PFC/PRIVATE (CONT) Three Ambulance drivers Twelve Litter bearers Three Basic privates	VEHICLES Three Halftracks =ambulance One Jeep One 1-ton trailer
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UNITED STATES ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION (1944)

Vehicles, armored and tracked:

3 Motor carriages, 75mm howitzer
 3 Halftrack carriers, 81mm mortar
 72 Halftracks

Vehicles, soft and towed:

21 2 1/2-ton trucks
 1 Command truck
 1 Weapons carrier
 24 Jeeps

3 Halftrack ambulances
 1 Tank recovery vehicle

1 Heavy wrecker
 1 3/4-ton ambulance
 22 1-ton trailers
 8 Ammunition trailers

Weapons:

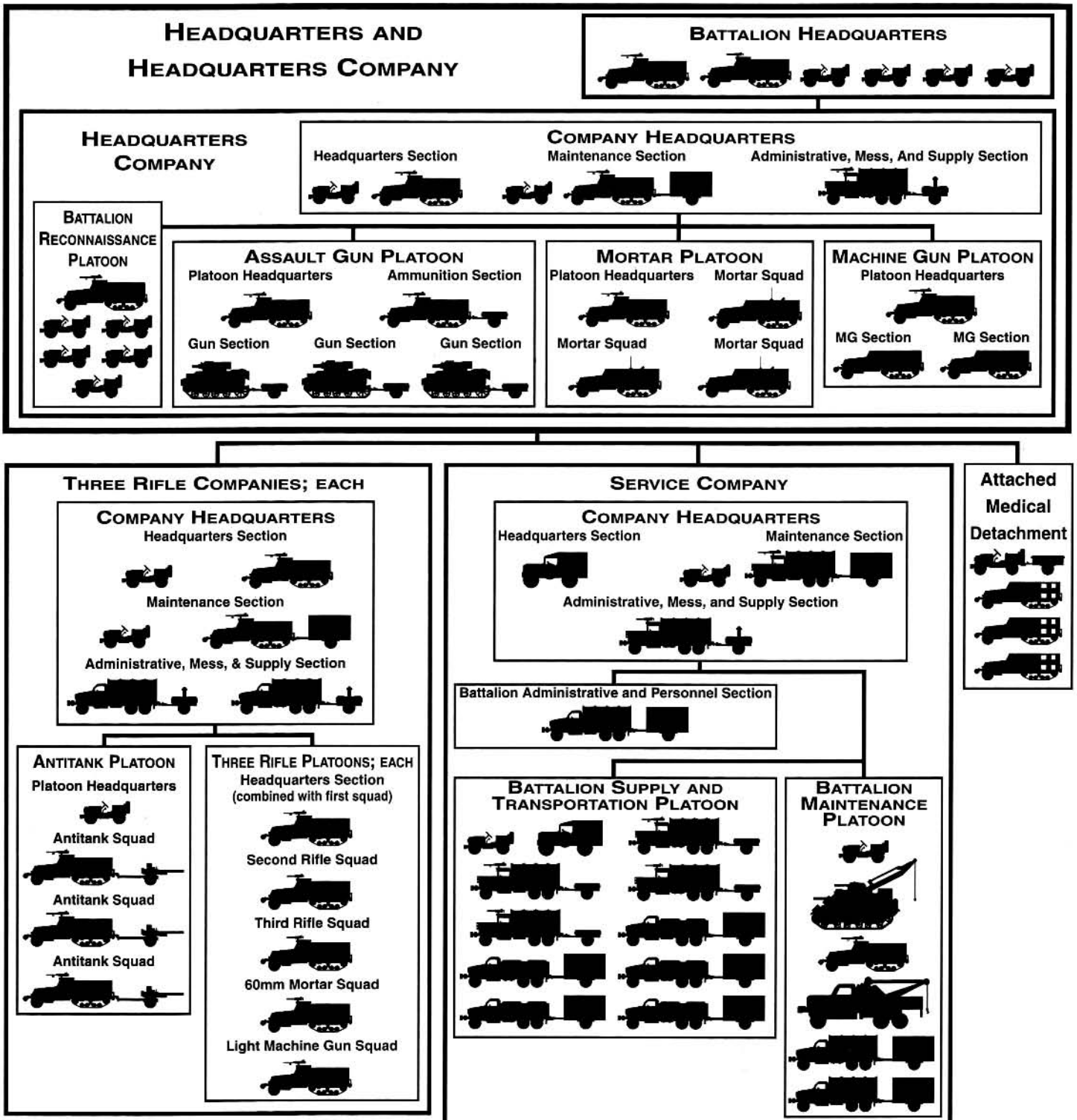
9 57mm antitank guns
 43 .50 caliber machine guns
 60 .30 caliber machine guns
 138 M3 submachine guns
 469 M1 rifles
 9 M1903A4 sniping rifles

376 M1 carbines
 3 .45 cal. pistols
 9 81mm mortars
 9 60mm mortars
 74 2.36-inch bazookas

Personnel:

42 Officers
 989 Enlisted men

UNITED STATES ARMORED INFANTRY BATTALION (vehicular schematic)





GHQ Pack US57

Halftrack, M4A1, 81mm Mortar Carrier

Dimensions:

Length	19 ft 7 ins	Height	8 ft 10 ins
Width	6 ft 5 ins	Weight	19,600 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	40 mph	Range	175 miles
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Armament:

One AA machine gun, one 81mm mortar

Notes

The M4 and M4A1 were purpose-built mortar carrier versions of the M2. The M4 was strictly a mortar carrier; the tube fired dismounted. The M4A1 had a reinforced floor and tube mount for vehicular firing. The M4A1 also had rear-mounted external stowage boxes. A total of 572 M4s and 600 M4A1s were built.



GHQ Pack US51

Halftrack, M3/M3A1, Personnel Carrier

Dimensions:

Length	20 ft 3 ins	Height	8 ft 10 ins
Width	6 ft 5 ins	Weight	25,500 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	40 mph	Range	175 miles
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Armament:

One AA machine gun

Notes

The M3 and M3A1 seated ten infantry men in the rear compartment and three in the cab. The M2, M3/M3A1, and all variants featured an unditching roller or winch on the front end.

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GHQ Pack US7 and US37

Truck, 2 1/2-ton, 6x6

Dimensions:

Length	22 ft 5 ins	Height	9 ft 11 ins
Width	8 ft 0 ins	Weight	18,424 lbs
		(loaded)	26,320 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	40 mph	Range	165 miles
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Armament: One AA machine gun

Notes

In 1939 the US Army issued a series of new truck design requirements. Truck specifications were divided into four categories: 1/2-ton, 2 1/2-ton, 4-ton, and 7 1/2-ton.

By June 1940 the US Army approved the GMC designed "deuce and a half." Early versions of this vehicle were shipped to Great Britain via Lend Lease.

By 1943 the steel cab was dropped in favor of a soft top canvas tilt. This was a done as a space saving consideration for ship board transport, when the trucks were partially disassembled, palletized, and stacked. Remaining hard cabs, including over 100,000 Studebakers, were shipped Lend Lease to Russia.



GHQ Pack US29

Motor Carriage, M8, 75mm Howitzer

Dimensions:

Length	14 ft 6 ins	Height	7 ft 8 ins
Width	7 ft 5 ins	Weight	34,580 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	35 mph	Range	130 miles
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Armament:

One 75mm M2 Howitzer with 46 rounds of ammunition

Notes

For close infantry support the US Army initially mounted a standard 75mm pack howitzer on a M3 halftrack chassis. This was only an expedient, however, until a fully tracked vehicle became available.

Experiments with the M5 light tank resulted in the M8 Howitzer Motor Carriage. The original turret of the M5 was removed and replaced with a larger open-topped turret. Due to increased turret size, the driver's hatches were moved to the hull front. Between Sept 1942 and Jan 1944, 1,778 M8s were built. The M8 served in Italy and NW Europe. Although intend to be gradually phased out by the M4A4 105mm howitzer Sherman, the M8 served until war's end.



GHQ Pack US30

M31, Armored Recovery Vehicle

Dimensions:

Length	26 ft 5 ins	Height	9 ft 9 ins
Width	8 ft 4 ins	Weight	60,000 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	25 mph	Range	110 miles
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Armament:

Dummy main and secondary armament

Notes

Heavier tanks require heavier wreckers. As the Grant/Lee medium tank was phased out of service during 1942, the US Army modified the obsolescent hulls into wreckers. To accommodate a crane arm and winch, all armament was stripped except for a hull-mounted machine gun. Numerous stowage boxes were also added for tools and spares. Over 800 M31s were built. Even though this vehicle was to have been replaced by the M32, it served until war's end.



GHQ Pack US39

Truck, 3/4-ton, 4x4, Weapons Carrier

Dimensions:

Length	13 ft 11 ins	Height	6 ft 10 ins
Width	6 ft 7 ins	Weight	5,400 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	54 mph	Range	240 miles
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Armament:

None

Notes

Introduced during 1942, the Dodge 3/4-ton 4x4 range of vehicles were known as Weapons Carriers, Big Jeeps, or "Beeps." It was slightly wider than the jeep and thus carried a reinforced suspension. Despite larger tires, for superior flotation, the weapons carrier presented a lower silhouette than the jeep.

Originally intended to transport the heavy weapons of rifle companies, the weapons carrier proved so successful its role was expanded to light cargo and general purpose truck.

The beep came in many variants, principal of which were the WC51 weapons carrier, the WC56 command and recon vehicles, and the WC64 ambulance.



GHQ Pack US11 and US58 (trailer)

Truck, 1/2-ton, Utility, 4x4, Jeep

Dimensions:

Length	11 ft 0 ins	Height	3 ft 9 ins
Width	5 ft 2 ins	Weight	2,750 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	65 mph	Range	302 miles
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Armament:

A wide range of weaponry depending on variant

Notes

During June 1940, the US Army drafted requirements for a "go anywhere" light command & reconnaissance car. After a lengthy evaluation process the contract was awarded to Willys-Overland of Toledo Ohio. Several months into the contract it became apparent that Willys was unable to match production demands. Manufacturing during the war was thus jointly shared between Willys and Ford with 639,245 jeeps built.

The jeep served in every theater of operations, in scores of field modifications and standardized variants. Via Lend-Lease, it found its way into every Allied army. A military classic; the jeep more than any other vehicle symbolized the American military of World War II.



GHQ Pack US52 & US49 (57mm ATG)

Halftrack, M2A1

Dimensions:

Length	19 ft 7 ins	Height	8 ft 10 ins
Width	6 ft 5 ins	Weight	19,600 lbs

Performance:

Max Speed	40 mph	Range	175 miles
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Armament:

One AA machine gun and towed 57mm antitank gun

Notes

The short comings of its 37mm AT gun caught the US Army flat footed. With a heavier indigenous gun design years away, it was decided to copy the British 6-pdr. The resulting gun was designated 57mm AT Gun, M1.

Although it lacked the hitting power to kill Tigers and Panthers at anything over point blank range, the 57mm AT gun was effective against most other German armor, including the Mk IV.

The 57mm was a dedicated AT gun with limited high explosive capability. As such, it was virtually useless in the role of close infantry support. Muzzle velocity was 2,700 feet per second. It could penetrate 68.6mm of vertical armor plating at 1,000 yards.