

A Resistant Roosters Guide: Italian Rifle Company Organization 1940 - 1943

Good, accurate information concerning Italian company organization is scarce to non-existent (at least as far as we can determine). The basic breakdown for the Italian Rifle Company is as follows:

Rifle Company (156 men)

- Headquarters Platoon
- Three (3) Rifle Platoons:
 - Platoon Headquarters
 - Two (2) Rifle Sections (20 men each):
 - Rifle Squad (11 men)
 - LMG Squad (9 men)

The Company HQ was a rather large unit consisting of some 30 men (all ranks). Information on personnel utilization is scarce...

The Rifle Platoon had an unusual organization. The HQ was an Officer, accompanied by a batman who doubled as runner, commanding two 20 man rifle sections:

- An eleven (11) man Rifle Squad; armed with Mannlicher-Carcano bolt action rifles and Beretta submachine guns and lead by a Sergeant.
- A nine (9) man Light Machine Gun Squad; consisting of two gunners with Breda Modello 30 light machine gun, two assistants, two ammunition carriers and two riflemen and lead by an NCO.

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