

**Detailed Organization
American Armored Division
Armored Reconnaissance Company
for Reconnaissance Battalion or Light Armored Regiment
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (communication) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (reconnaissance) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
2 Corporals (car commander) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol,
1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 solo motorcycle)
(squad leader of "scouts")
33 Privates
3 Scouts (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 3 .45 cal
M3A1 submachine guns & 3 solo motorcycles)
2 Armorers (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
4 Chauffeurs (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols
1 ½-ton pick-up truck, 1 2½-ton combat
truck & 2 2½-ton kitchen trucks)
(trucks have 2 .30 cal LMGs & 1 .50 cal
HB flexible HMG train defense guns)
1 Clerk (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
4 Cooks (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
3 Cook's Helpers (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
3 Scout Car Drivers (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols &
3 scout cars with armament)
1 Radio Electrician (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol,
1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 motor
tricycle)
2 Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
4 Radio Operators (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
3 Orderlies (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

Motor Maintenance Section:

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (mechanic) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (motor supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
7 Privates
1 Chauffeur (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol, 1 2½-ton
maintenance truck with .30 cal LMG)
1 Scout Car Driver (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol &
1 scout car with armament)
5 Mechanics (5 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 1 motor
tricycle, & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

3 or 4 Reconnaissance Platoons, each with:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 Corporals (car commanders) (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 20 Privates
 - 2 Scouts (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 scout cars with armament)
 - 4 Scout Car Drivers (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 4 scout cars with armament)
 - 4 Machine Gunners (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 6 Riflemen (6 .30 cal M1 rifles)
 - 2 Basics (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

1 Motorcycle Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Corporals (car commanders) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 1 Corporal (scout squad leader) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol, 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 9 Privates
 - 4 Scouts (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 4 solo motorcycles)
 - 2 Scout Car Drivers (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 2 scout cars with armament)
 - 1 Mechanic (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol, 1 motor tricycle & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 1 Basic (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

2 Sections, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 2 Corporals (squad leader) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles & 2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 7 Privates
 - 6 Riflemen (6 .45 cal M1911 pistols 6 .30 cal M1 rifles & 4 motor tricycles)
 - 1 Basic (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Note: Each motorcycle section had two squads and a squad contained 1 Corporal (1 .30 cal M1 rifle, 1 .45 cal M1911 pistol & 1 solo motorcycle) & 3 riflemen (3 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, & 3 solo motorcycles).

Note: Each scout car carried two .30 cal HMGs, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun. Each three 2½-ton trucks carried between them 2 .30 cal LMGs & 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG.

Note: In the 3 reconnaissance platoon company the scout cars are replaced with halftracks.

Total Equipment (3 reconnaissance platoons):

18 halftracks, 3 .30 cal LMGs, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, 28 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 167 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 34 .30 cal M1 rifles, 17 solo motorcycles, 11 motor tricycles, 4 2½-ton trucks

Total Equipment (4 reconnaissance platoons):

22 scout cars, 3 .30 cal LMGs, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, 30 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 193 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 40 .30 cal M1 rifles, 19 solo motorcycles, 11 motor tricycles, & 4 2½-ton trucks.

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