

**Detailed Organization**  
**American Light Tank Destroyer Battalion**  
**Headquarters & Headquarters Company**  
**TO&E 18-16**  
**24 December 1941**

Battalion Headquarters:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-1) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-2/3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-4) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Company Headquarters:

Headquarter's 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 Staff Sergeant (Inspector, motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (scout) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 27 Privates
  - 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 4 Chauffeurs (4 .30 cal M1 carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 ¼-ton truck, 1 3/4-ton command truck with radio, 1 3/4-ton command truck with .30 cal HMG, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier with .30 cal HMG)
  - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
  - 3 Cooks Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1 rifles)
  - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
  - 4 Orderlies (4 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
  - 5 Scouts (5 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 5 solo motorcycles)
  - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)

Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 Privates (auto mechanics) (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 1 Private (basic) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Communication Platoon:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communication) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (message center) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (code clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 17 Privates
  - 6 Chauffeurs (6 .30 cal M1 carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 2 ¼-ton trucks with .30 cal LMGs, 3 3/4-ton command trucks - 2 with radios, 1 with

- .30 cal LMG, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier with .50 cal HB HMG)
- 1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 5 Messengers (5 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 3 Radio Operators (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)

Staff Platoon:

Administration Section:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (personnel) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 11 Privates
  - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 2 3/4-ton command cars each with .30 cal LMG, 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier with .50 cal HB HMG)
  - 5 Clerks (5 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
  - 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)

Intelligence and Operations Section:

- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence & operations) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 16 Privates
  - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 3/4-ton command cars - 1 with radio, 1 with .30 cal LMG)
  - 3 Clerks (5 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
  - 2 Drivers (30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored command cars with armament)
  - 2 Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
  - 6 Radio Operators (6 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
  - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Supply Section:

- 1 Technical Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (ammunition) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (gasoline & supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 6 Privates
  - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 3/4-ton weapons carriers with .50 cal HMG & 1 3/4-ton command truck with radio)
  - 1 Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Motor Maintenance Platoon

Inspection Section:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor inspector) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 Privates
  - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 3/4-ton command truck with .30 cal LMG & radio)
  - 1 Motor Inspector (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Master Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Sergeants (crew chief) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 14 Privates
  - 2 Supply Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
  - 1 Storage Battery Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
  - 5 Automobile Mechanics (5 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 1/4-ton trucks each with 1 .30 cal LMG ea, & 2 2 1/2-ton trucks each with 1 .50 cal HMG)
  - 6 Automobile Mechanics (6 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)

Transportation Platoon

Platoon Headquarter's

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (platoon cmdr) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 8 Privates
  - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 1/4-ton truck with 1 .30 cal LMG & 1 3/4-ton command truck with radio)
  - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
  - 4 Scouts (4 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, & 4 solo motorcycles)
  - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Transportation Section:

- 3 Corporals (squad leader) (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 24 Privates (chauffeurs) (24 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 3 1/4-ton trucks with 1 each .30 cal LMGs, 19 2 1/2-ton cargo trucks with total of 9 .30 cal LMGs & 10 .50 cal HMGs, 14 1-ton cargo trailers)

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