

Detailed Organization
American Light Tank Destroyer Battalion
Light Tank Destroyer Company,
TO&E 18-17
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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 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (communication) Headquarters
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 solo motorcycle)
- 19 Privates

- 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 4 Chauffeurs (4 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 ¼-ton truck with .30 cal LMG, 1 ¾-ton command truck with .30 cal LMG, 1 ¾-ton command truck with radio, 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier or ½-ton truck with .50 cal HMG)
- 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 2 Cooks Helpers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 3 Scouts (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 3 solo motorcycles)
- 1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Motor Maintenance Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 Privates (automotive mechanics) (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles & 1 2½-ton maintenance truck)
- 1 Private (basic) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

3 Platoons, each with

Platoon Headquarters

Headquarters Section

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (Agent) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (Ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (Assist Section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 5 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 ¾-ton

command truck with radio, 2 3/4-ton
weapons carriers each armed with
1 .30 cal LMG, 1 1-ton trailer)
1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Basic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine or M1903 rifle)

Security Section:

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine or M1903 rifle)
12 Privates
4 Chauffeurs (4 .30 cal M1 carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 1/4-ton
trucks each with 1 .30 cal LMG,
2 3/4-ton weapons carriers each armed
with two .50 cal HB HMG in dual mount)
2 Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
(in 3/4-ton weapons carriers)
4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)
2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles)

2 Sections, each with:

1 Sergeant (Section) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (asst section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine
or M1903 rifle)
8 Privates
2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 3/4-ton
weapons carriers with radio)
2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 2 37mm
anti-tank guns)
4 Assistant Gunners (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

When self propelled guns are substituted for towed guns:

1 Sergeant (Section) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (asst section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine
or M1903 rifle)
8 Privates
2 Drivers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 2 light
tank destroyers)
2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
2 Assistant Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

Total Equipment of Towed Company:

104 .30 cal M1 carbines or M1903 rifles, 12 37mm anti-tank guns, 14 .30 cal LMGs, 14
.50 cal HMGs, 60 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 4 solo motorcycles, 3 1-ton trailers, 8 1/4-ton
trucks, 5 3/4-ton command trucks, 25 3/4-ton weapons carriers, & 1 2 1/2-ton cargo
maintenance truck.

Total Equipment of Self Propelled Company:

104 .30 cal M1 carbines or rifles, 12 light tank destroyers, 14 .30 cal LMGs, 14 .50
cal HMGs, 48 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 4 solo motorcycles, 3 1-ton trailers, 8 1/4-ton trucks,
5 3/4-ton command trucks, 13 3/4-ton weapons carriers, & 1 2 1/2-ton cargo maintenance
truck.

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