

Detailed Organization
American Heavy Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Headquarters & Headquarters Company
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Headquarter's Section:

- 1 Lt Colonel (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 4 Captains (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

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 (Supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (scout) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 20 Privates
 - 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 4 Chauffeurs (4 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 1 ¼-ton truck armed with 1 .30 cal IMG, 1 3/4-ton command truck, & 2 3/4-ton weapons carriers armed with 1 .50 cal HMG ea)
 - 5 Cooks (5 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 3 Cooks Helpers (3 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 armored command car with armament)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 4 Orderlies (4 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 4 Scouts (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 4 solo motorcycles)

Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 4 Privates (auto mechanics) (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles, 1 ¼-ton truck, 1 2½-ton maintenance truck)

Communication Platoon:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communication) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (radio) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (message center) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

- 1 Corporal (panel & code) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 17 Privates
 - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles,
1 3/4-ton command truck, 1 2½-ton radio repair
truck with 1 .50 cal HMG,
 - 3 Drivers (3 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1
submachine guns, 2 armored command cars with
armament, 1 armored personnel car with armament,
 - 1 Radio Electrician (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol &
1 2½-ton radio repair truck)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 4 Motorcycle Messengers (4 .30 cal carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, & 4 solo
motorcycles)
 - 3 Radio Operators (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)

Staff Platoon:

Administration Section:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (Sgt Major) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (personnel) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
- 10 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines or rifles
3 3/4-ton command trucks)
 - 5 Clerks (5 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)

Intelligence and Operations Section:

- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence & operations)
(1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 15 Privates
 - 4 Clerks (4 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 7 Radio Operators (7 .30 cal carbines or
M1903 rifles)
 - 4 Drivers (3 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1
submachine guns, 4 armored command cars
with armament)

Supply Section:

- 1 Staff 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 & oil) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903
rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles,
2 3/4-ton weapons carriers each with 1 .50
cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Supply Clerk
 - 1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1
submachine gun & 1 armored command car
with armament)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 1 Basic (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)

Motor Maintenance Platoon

Inspection Section:

- 1 1st Lieutenant (Battalion motor officer)
(1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor inspection) (1 .45 cal
M1911 pistol)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle
& either 1 3/4-ton command truck or 1
halftrack personnel carrier with armament)
 - 1 Motor Inspection (1 .30 cal carbine or
M1903 rifle)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)

Motor Maintenance Section:

- 1 Master Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Sergeants (crew chief) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 14 Privates
 - 1 Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 6 Automotive Mechanics (5 .30 cal carbines or
M1903 rifles & 2 1/4-ton trucks)
 - 4 Automotive Mechanics (4 4 .30 cal carbines
or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns; 2 2 1/2-ton
maintenance trucks each with 1 .50 cal HMG,
2 4-ton wreckers)
 - 2 Motorcycle Repairmen (2 .30 cal carbine or M1903
rifles)
 - 1 Welder (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)

Transportation Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 8 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles,
3 3/4-ton command trucks (1 could be replaced
by a halftrack or scout car)
 - 4 Motorcycle Messengers (3 .30 cal carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, & 3 solo
motorcycles)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Transportation Section:

- 3 Corporals (squad) (3 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 3 Privates (basic) (3 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
- 21 Privates (chauffeurs) (21 .30 cal carbines or
.45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 3 1/4-ton trucks,
3 2 1/2-ton ammunition trucks with .50 cal HMG,
6 2 1/2-ton combat trucks with .50 cal HMG,
3 2 1/2-ton gasoline & oil trucks with .30 cal LMG,
5 2 1/2-ton kitchen trucks with .30 cal LMG,
1 2 1/2-ton ratio truck with .30 cal LMG, and
12 1-ton trailers.

Total Equipment

8 armored command cars with armament, 1 armored personnel car with armament, 115 .30 cal carbines, 10 .30 cal LMGs, 17 .50 cal HB HMGs, 55 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 13 solo motorcycles, 12 1-ton trailers, 6 ¼-ton trucks, 9 ¾-ton command trucks, 4 ¾-ton weapons carriers, 22 2½-ton trucks, 2 4-ton wreckers.

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