

Detailed Organization
American Heavy Tank Destroyer Battalion
Heavy Tank Destroyer Company
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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) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Clerk (company clerk) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 1 Clerk (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle & 1 solo motorcycle)
- 22 Privates
 - 2 Armorers (2 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifles)
 - 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, 1 ¾-ton command truck, 2 ¾-ton weapons carriers [1 with one .50 cal HMG & 1 with one .30 cal IMG])
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
 - 2 Cooks Helpers (2 .30 cal carbines or rifles)
 - 1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 armored command car or M2 halftrack)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 4 Scouts (4 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun and 4 solo motorcycles)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines or rifles)

Motor Maintenance Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle and 1 2½-ton maintenance truck with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 2 Automobile Mechanics (2 .30 cal carbines or rifles)
 - 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

Light Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

- 1 Corporal (ammunition) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 5 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored command cars [1 with radio] [substitute M2 halftrack] & 1 armored personnel car with armament [substitute M3 halftrack])
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Security Section:

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 10 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored personnel cars with armament [substitute M2 half track])
 - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal carbines or rifles)
 - 4 Basics (4 .30 cal carbines or rifles)

Antiaircraft Section

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 self propelled 37mm guns [substitute M3 halftrack with M3-E1 AA mount])
 - 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Asst. Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

2 Destroyer Sections, each with

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 self propelled 37mm guns [substitute 37mm gun motor carriage T-21])
 - 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Asst. Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

2 Heavy Platoons, each with:

Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (ammunition) (1 .30 cal carbine or

- .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 5 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored command cars [1 with radio] [substitute M2 halftrack] & 1 armored personnel car with armament [substitute M3 halftrack])
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Security Section:

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 10 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored personnel cars with armament [substitute M2 half track])
 - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal carbines or rifles)
 - 4 Basics (4 .30 cal carbines or rifles)

Antiaircraft Section

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 self propelled 37mm guns [substitute M3 halftrack with M3-E1 AA mount])
 - 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Asst. Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

2 Destroyer Sections, each with

- 1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine or .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine or M1903 rifle)
- 6 Privates
 - 2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines or .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 self propelled 3" guns [substitute 75mm gun motor carriage T-12])
 - 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Asst. Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

Total Equipment:

7 Armored command car [substitute M2 halftrack], 9 armored personnel cars [substitute M3 halftrack], 99 .30 cal carbines, 6 self propelled 37mm anti-aircraft guns [substitute M3 with M3-A1 anti-aircraft mount], 4 self propelled 37mm anti-tank gun [substitute 37mm gun carriage T-21], 8 self propelled 3" anti-tank gun [substitute 75mm gun carriage T-12], 1 .30 cal LMG, 2 .50 cal HB HMGs, 71 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 5 solo motorcycles, 2 ¼-ton trucks, 1 ¾-ton command truck, 2 ¾-ton weapons carriers & 1 2½-ton maintenance truck.

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