

**Italian Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Medium Tank Battalion**  
**June 1942**

Battalion Command:

Command:

- 1 Lt. Colonel or Major (Battalion Commander)
- 1 Adjutant Major (Captain or Lieutenant)
- 1 Materials Officer (Captain)
- 1 Subaltern for various duties
- 1 Medical Subaltern

Battalion Command Company

Command:

- 1 Company Commander (Captain)

Command Platoon:

Command:

- 1 Subaltern (Platoon Commander)
- 2 Medium Tanks, Battalion Command, each with:
  - 1 Tank Commander (Sergeant)
  - 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Driver
  - 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Gunner
  - 1 Corporal or Soldier Gunner/Radio Operator
- 2 Medium Tanks, Radio, each with:
  - 1 Tank Commander (Sergeant)
  - 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Driver
  - 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Gunner
  - 1 Corporal or Soldier Gunner/Radio Operator

Staff Squad:

- 1 Staff Sergeant
- 1 Combat Engineer Sergeant
- 1 Radio Operator Sergeant
- 1 Staff Lance Corporal or Corporal
- 1 Trumpeter Lance Corporal or Corporal
- 1 Corporal (bookkeeper)
- 4 Combat Engineers
- 4 Motorcycle Couriers
- 4 motorcycles

Service Squad

- 1 Sergeant Clerk
- 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Clerk
- 1 Medical Adjutant Lance Corporal or Corporal
- 2 Litter Bearers
- 14 Soldiers for various duties

Transportation Detachment

- 1 Sergeant Detachment Leader
- 2 Lance Corporal or Corporal Drivers
- 8 Drivers
  - 2 cars, 3 all-terrain trucks, 5 heavy trucks, 1 trailer & 1 tank truck
- 1 Automechanic
- 10 Motorcyclists
  - 6 motorcycles & 4 motorcycles with sidecars

Maintenance Platoon:

Command:

- 1 Subaltern (commander)
- 2 Maintenance Squads, each with:
  - 1 Sergeant Chief Automechanic
  - 1 Sergeant Artillery Repairman Man
  - 3 Lance Corporal or Corporal Repairmen
  - 14 Soldiers, Repairmen

Recovery Platoon

Command:

- 1 Subaltern (Commander)
- 3 Recovery Squads, each with:
  - 1 Squad Commander (Sergeant)
  - 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal (Salvage)
  - 13 Soldiers (Salvage)
  - 2 Drivers
    - 1 heavy truck, 1 repair truck & 1 special carriage
  - 1 Automechanic

3 Tank Companies, each with:

Command:

- 1 Captain (company commander)

Command Platoon:

Command:

- 1 Subaltern (platoon commander)

Company Command, Medium Tank

- \* Tank Commander (platoon commander - subaltern)
- 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Driver
  - 1 Medium Tank
- 1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Gunner
- 1 Corporal or Soldier Gunner/Radio Operator

Service Squad

- 1 Sergeant Clerk
- 1 Sergeant Driver
- 1 Clerk Lance Corporal or Corporal
- 1 Radio Operator
- 1 Trumpeter
- 2 Apprentice Gunsmiths
- 4 Motorcycle Couriers
  - 4 motorcycles
- 2 Motorcyclists
  - 2 motorcycles with sidecars
- 3 Reserve Lance Corporal or Corporal Drivers
- 1 Reserve Lance Corporal or Corporal Tank Commanders
- 1 Sergeant Driver
- 7 Drivers
  - 1 car, 1 all-terrain vehicle, 3 heavy trucks, & 1 truck (camioncini)
- 1 Automechanic
- 2 Maintenance Men (for small repairs)
- 4 Litter Bearers
- 7 Soldiers for various duties

3 Tank Platoons, each with:

Command:

1 Subaltern (platoon commander)

5 Medium Tank, each with:

1 Sergeant Tank Commander

1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Driver

1 Medium Tank

1 Lance Corporal or Corporal Gunner

1 Corporal or Soldier Gunner/Radio Operator

<u>Battalion Staff</u>	Off	Sgt	Troops	Medium		All			Tank Trucks	Mod			Trucks Camionoini	Motor-cycles
				Tanks	Cars	Terrain Trucks	Heavy Trucks	Ramps		38 Trucks	Repair Trucks	Special Carriages		
Battalion Staff	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Company Command Plat	2	8	62	4	2	3	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	14
Maintenance Platoon	1	4	42	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Recovery Platoon	1	3	51	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
Total	9	15	155	4	2	3	12	1	1	2	3	3	-	14
1 Tank Company	5	15	86	15	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
3 Tank Companies	15	45	258	48	3	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	18
Battalion Total	24	60	413	52	5	6	21	1	1	2	3	3	3	32

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