

**Detailed Organization American
Headquarters & Headquarters Troop,
Mechanized Cavalry Squadron
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Squadron Headquarters

- 1 Squadron Commander (Lt. Colonel) (1 pistol)
- 2 Squadron Executives (Majors) (2 pistols)
- 1 Adjutant (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Officer (Captain) (1 pistol)
- 1 Personnel Adjutant (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Communications Officer (1st Lt) (1 pistol)

Troop Headquarters

Headquarters Section

- 1 Captain (1 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant/Assistant Adjutant (1st Sergeant)
(1 pistol)
- 1 Mess Sergeant (1st Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Car Commander (Corporal) (1 pistol & 3/4-ton command
& reconnaissance truck)
- 1 Clerk (Corporal) (1 pistol)

18 Privates

- 1 Armorer (1 rifle)
- 1 Bugler (1 pistol)
- 4 Cooks (4 pistols)
- 2 Cook's Helpers (1 carbine & 1 rifle, one drives
¼-ton truck with .50 cal HMG)
- 1 Armored Car Driver (1 submachine gun
& 1 armored car)
- 3 Light truck Drivers (3 carbines, 2 1-ton
water trailers, 2 2½-ton trucks with
.50 cal LMG, 1 ¼-ton .30 cal LMG)
- 1 Messenger (1 carbine)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 pistol)
- 1 Orderly (1 rifle)
- 3 Basics (3 pistols)

Motor Maintenance Platoon

- 1 Platoon Commander (1st Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Squadron Motor Sergeant (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Inspection Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Motor Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Crew Chief (Sergeant) (1 pistol) (in 2½-ton truck)
- 1 Motor Supply Corporal (1 pistol)

18 Privates

- 1 Heavy Truck Driver (1 carbine & 1 M1 heavy
wrecking truck)
- 7 Mechanics (7 pistols)
- 5 Mechanics (3 carbines & 2 pistols, 1 2½-ton
truck with .50 cal HMG & 1-ton trailer,
1 2½-ton truck with .30 cal LMG & 1 ¼-ton
truck)
- 2 Mechanics (1 pistol, 1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton
command & reconnaissance truck)

- 1 Radio Operator (1 rifle)
- 1 Welder (1 pistol)
- 1 Basic Private (1 pistol)

Command & Communication Platoon

- 1 Communications (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Personnel Sergeant Major (Technical Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Message Center (Sergeant) (1 pistol)

13 Privates

- 3 Armored Car Drivers (3 submachine guns,
3 light armored cars)
- 1 Electrician/Radio Operator (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton
truck with .50 cal HMG)
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers (2 carbines & 2 solo
motorcycles)
- 4 Radio Operators (4 pistols)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
- 2 Basics (2 pistols)

Supply & Administrative Platoon

- 1 Sergeant Major (Master Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Personnel Sergeant Major (Technical Sgt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Supply Sergeant (Technical Sgt) (1 pistol)

9 Privates

- 4 Clerks (1 pistol, 1 carbine, 2 rifles & 1
¾-ton command & reconnaissance truck)
- 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 1 ¾-ton
command & reconnaissance truck &
1 2½-ton fuel truck with .50 cal HMG)
- 1 Orderly (1 carbine, 1 ¼-ton truck with
.30 cal LMG)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 pistol)
- 1 Basic Private (1 pistol)

Pioneer & Demolition Platoon

- 1 Platoon Commander (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Platoon Sergeant (1 pistol)
- 1 Squad Leader (Corporal) (1 carbine)
- 1 Motor Supply NCO (Corporal) (1 carbine)

10 Privates

- 1 Heavy Truck Driver (1 carbine)
- 2 Heavy Truck Drivers (2 carbines)
- 5 Mechanics (1 carbine, 4 rifles, 2 ¼-ton truck
with .50 cal HMG, 1 ¾-ton command &
reconnaissance truck)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 pistol)
- 1 Basic (1 pistol)

Anti-Tank Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 Platoon Leader (2nd Lt) (1 pistol)
- 1 Platoon Sergeant (Staff Sergeant) (1 pistol)
- 1 Car Commander (Corporal) (1 rifle)
- 1 Motor Supply Corporal (1 rifle)

9 Privates

- 1 Armored Car Driver (1 submachine gun &
1 light armored car)

- 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 carbines, 1 ¼-ton truck with .30 cal LMG & 1 ¼-ton truck with .50 cal HMG)
- 1 Messenger (1 carbine)
- 1 Radio Operator (1 pistol)
- 4 Basic Privates (4 pistols)
- Reconnaissance Section
 - 1 Crew Chief (1 pistol)
 - 1 Squad Leader (Corporal) (1 rifle)
 - 7 Privates
 - 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 carbines, 2 ¼-ton trucks with .30 cal LMGs, 1 ¼-ton with .50 cal HMGs)
 - 4 Riflemen (4 rifles)
- 3 Anti-Tank Sections, each with:
 - 1 Section Leader (Sergeant) (1 pistol)
 - 1 Car Commander (Corporal) (1 pistol)
 - 6 Privates
 - 2 Armored Car Drivers (2 submachine guns, 2 light armored cars with 37mm guns)
 - 2 37mm Gunners (2 pistols)
 - 2 37mm Gunners (2 rifles)

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