

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
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Battalion Headquarters

1 Lieutenant 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 (company clerk) (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .30 cal rifle with grenade launcher)

22 Privates

1 Armorer (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 small arms repair truck)*
1 Bugler (1 .30 cal carbine)
4 Chauffeurs (4 .30 cal carbines 2 ¼-ton trucks each with 1 .30 cal IMG, 1 ¾-ton command & reconnaissance truck, 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
4 Cooks (4 .30 cal carbines)
3 Cooks' Helpers (3 .30 cal carbines)
1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Messenger (1 .30 cal rifle with grenade launcher)
2 Motorcycle Messengers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 solo motorcycles)
3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal carbines)
2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal carbines)

Motor Maintenance Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
7 Privates
4 Automobile Mechanics (4 .30 cal carbines, 1 ¼-ton truck & 1 2½-ton maintenance truck with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
3 Basics (3 .30 cal carbines)

Communication Platoon:

1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Technical Sergeant (radio) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (message center) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (panel & code) (1 .30 cal carbine)
14 Privates
3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines & 3 ¾-ton weapons carriers each with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
1 Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)
3 Radio Electricians (3 .30 cal carbines)
1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal carbine)

- 4 Motorcycle Messengers (4 .30 cal carbines & 4 solo motorcycles)
- 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal rifles with grenade launchers)

Staff Platoon:

Administration Section:

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (personnel) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 7 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 3/4-ton weapon carrier & 1 .30 cal carbine)
 - 4 Clerks (4 .30 cal carbines)
 - 1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 light armored car armed with one .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal carbine)

Intelligence and Operations Section

- 2 1st Lieutenants (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (Operations) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 18 Privates
 - 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 3/4-ton command & reconnaissance trucks with 1 radio each)
 - 3 Clerks (3 .30 cal carbines)
 - 4 Drivers (4 .30 cal carbines & 4 light armored cars, each with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Stenographer (1 .30 cal carbine)
 - 8 Radio Operators (2.30 cal carbines & 6 .30 cal rifles with grenade launchers)

Supply Section

- 1 Technical Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 6 Privates
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal carbines & 3 3/4-ton weapons carriers each with 1 .50 cal HMG & one with a radio)
 - 1 Gas & Oil Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)
 - 1 Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal carbine)

Motor Maintenance Platoon

Headquarters

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor inspector) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 Privates
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 3/4-ton command & reconnaissance truck with radio)
 - 1 Motor Inspector (1 .30 cal rifle with grenade launcher)

1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal carbine)

Motor Maintenance Section

1 Master Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

2 Sergeants (crew chief) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

17 Privates

1 Motor Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal carbine)

10 Automobile Mechanics (10 .30 cal carbines,
2 2½-ton maintenance trucks, each with 1
.50 cal HB HMG & 2 ¼-ton trucks)

3 Automobile Mechanic (3 .30 cal rifles with
grenade launchers)

1 Motorcycle Mechanic (1 .30 cal carbine)

1 Welder (1 .30 cal carbine)

1 Basic (1 .30 cal carbine)

Transportation Platoon

Headquarters

1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

5 Privates

2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 3/4-ton
weapons carriers, 1 with a radio)

2 Motorcycle Messengers (2 .30 cal carbines
& 2 solo motorcycles)

1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal rifle with
grenade launcher)

Transportation Section

3 Corporals (squad leader) (3 .30 cal carbines)

31 Privates

20 Chauffeurs (14 .30 cal carbines, 6 .30 cal
rifles with grenade launchers, 3 3/4-ton
command & reconnaissance trucks each
with 1 .50 cal HB HMG, 3 2½-ton ammunition
trucks with .50 cal HMG, 6 2½-ton combat
trucks with .50 cal HMG, 3 2½-ton gasoline
& oil trucks with .50 cal HMG, 2½-ton
kitchen trucks, & 17 1-ton trailers.

Total Equipment: 5 light armored cars with armament, 123 .30 cal carbines, 2 .30 cal
LMGs, 27 .50 cal HMGs, 25 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 21 .30 cal rifles with grenade launchers,
1 small arms repair truck, 8 solo motorcycles, 17 1-ton cargo trailers, 8 ¼-ton trucks,
3 3/4-ton command & reconnaissance trucks, 11 3/4-ton weapons carriers, 20 2½-ton cargo
trucks.

Notes:

Any of the .30 cal carbines could be replaced by the .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun.

* The original TO&E has a misprint and indicates this is in the communications platoon,
which is highly unlikely. The only individual who logically might have driven this
vehicle is the armorer in the company headquarters.

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