

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Company
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TO&E 18-27

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 Staff Sergeant (radio) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (reconnaissance) (1 .30 M1903 rifle)*
1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Clerk (company clerk) (1 .30 cal carbine or
M1903 rifle)
22 Privates
1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 ¼-ton
trucks)
4 Cooks (4 .30 cal carbines or M1903 rifles)
3 Cooks Helpers (3 .30 cal carbines or rifles)
2 Driver (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 light
armored cars each equipped with a radio
and 1 .50 cal HB HMG [substitute halftrack])
1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Messenger (1 .30 cal carbine)
2 Motorcycle Messenger (2 .30 cal carbines
& 2 solo motorcycles)
2 Radio Operators (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)*
1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal carbine)
2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines)

Motor Maintenance Section:

1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol
& 1 ¼-ton truck)
6 Privates
4 Automobile Mechanics (4 .30 cal carbines
1 2½-ton maintenance truck with 1
.50 cal HB HMG)
2 Basics (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 .30 cal M1903
rifle)

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)
1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1903
rifle)
5 Privates
2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines or
1 ¼-ton truck & 1 ¾-ton weapons
carrier with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)

1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 light armored car with radio and 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal carbine)

Security Section:

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
12 Privates
4 Drivers (4 .30 cal carbines, 4 ¼-ton trucks [all equipped with radios and two had .30 cal IMGs])
2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)
2 Riflemen (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles)
4 Basics (4 .30 cal carbines)

Antiaircraft Section

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
6 Privates
2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 T1E4 motor gun carriages [substitute 3/4-ton weapons carrier with dual .50 HMG on AA mount])
2 Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)
1 Asst. Gunner (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Asst. Gunner (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

2 Destroyer Sections, each with

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
6 Privates
2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 self propelled 37mm guns [substitute 57mm self propelled AT gun or towed 37mm AT gun with 3/4-ton weapon carrier truck])
2 Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)
1 Asst. Gunner (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Asst. Gunner (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

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)
1 Corporal (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
5 Privates
2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal carbines or 1 ¼-ton truck & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier with 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine & 1 light armored car with radio and 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)
1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal carbine)

Security Section:

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine)
1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal M1903 rifle)

12 Privates

4 Drivers (4 .30 cal carbines, 4 ¼-ton trucks [all equipped with radios and two had .30 cal LMGs]

2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)

2 Riflemen (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles)

2 Basics (2 .30 cal carbines)

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2 Destroyer Sections, each with

1 Sergeant (section) (1 .30 cal carbine)

1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal carbine)

8 Privates

2 Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 self propelled 3" guns [substitute self propelled 37mm, 57mm, or 75mm AT gun, or towed 37mm AT gun with 3/4-ton weapons carrier])

2 Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)

2 Asst. Gunner (2 .30 cal carbines)

2 Asst. Gunner (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles)

Note: All rifles are equipped with grenade launchers.

Total Equipment:

5 light armored cars [substitute halftrack], 137 .30 cal carbines, 4 self propelled 37mm guns [substitute 57mm self propelled AT gun or towed 37mm AT gun with 3/4-ton weapon carrier truck], 8 self propelled 3" guns [substitute self propelled 37mm, 57mm, or 75mm AT gun, or towed 37mm AT gun with 3/4-ton weapons carrier], 6 .30 cal LMGs, 9 .50 cal HB HMGs, 6 T1E4 motor gun carriages [substitute 3/4-ton weapons carrier with .50 cal HMG anti-aircraft mount], 9 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 40 .30 cal M1903 rifles, 2 solo motorcycles, 18 ¼-ton trucks, 3 3/4-ton weapons carriers, 1 2½-ton cargo truck.

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