

**Detailed Organization
American Armored Regiment
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
Light Armored Battalion or Light Tank Battalion
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section

1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (maintenance) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
6 Privates
 1 Agent messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 1 Chauffeur (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun &
 1 2½-ton truck)
 1 Half Track Driver (1 M2 halftrack with armament,
 & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 1 Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 1 Radio Tender (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 radio set)

Administrative, Supply & Mess Section

1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
14 Privates
 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 2½-ton
 equipment truck, & 2 2½-ton kitchen trucks)
 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 2 Cook's Helpers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 1 Self-Propelled Gun Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1
 submachine gun & 1 self-propelled
 anti-tank gun)¹
 3 Orderlies (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Maintenance Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (maintenance) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (motor supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
 1 Chauffeur (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
 & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun & 1 M3 halftrack with armament &
 winch)
 2 Mechanics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Mortar Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

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

¹ The self propelled anti-tank was a M3A1 37mm gun on a M4A1 motor carriage or 37mm anti-tank gun towed by a ¼-ton truck.

- 1 Private (halftrack driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
1 M2 halftrack with armament)
- 1 Private (radio tender) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Radio Set

3 Mortar Squads, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 7 Privates
 - 2 Ammunition Carriers (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 1 81mm mortar)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
1 M4 halftrack with armament)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 2 Radio sets

Assault Gun Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon sergeant) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Privates
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 M2 halftrack with armament)
 - 1 Radio Tender (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 radio set)

3 Gun Squads, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (gun commander) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 3 Privates
 - 1 Self-Propelled Gun Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1
submachine gun & 1 self-propelled
assault gun)
 - 2 Anti-tank gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

Ammunition Section:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 12 Privates
 - 6 Ammunition Carriers (6 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 3 Halftrack Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 3 M3 halftracks with armament)
 - 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Battalion Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (liaison) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Warrant Officer (asst communications) (1 .45 cal
M1911 pistol)
- 1 Warrant Officer (signal communication) (1 .45 cal
M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communications) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 13 Privates
 - 2 Agent Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
2 solo motorcycles
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns,
3 ¼-ton trucks)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 M2 halftrack with armament)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols &
2 radio sets)

3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon:

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

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

2 Sergeants (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

2 Corporals (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

16 Privates

2 Agent Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 rifles &
2 solo motorcycles)

8 Agent Messengers (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)

4 Chauffeurs (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 4 ¼-ton trucks)

1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 M2 halftrack with armament)

1 Radio Tender (1 .30 cal M1 rifle & 1 radio set)

Tank Section:

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

3 Corporals (tank cmdrs) (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

6 Privates

3 Tank Drivers (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 3
light tanks)²

1 Gunner/Radio Tender (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

2 Radio Operators/Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

Total Equipment:

5 M2 halftracks with armament, 3 M3 halftracks with armament, 1 M3 halftracks with armament and winch, 3 M4 halftracks with armament, 48 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 self propelled anti-tank gun, 3 self propelled assault guns, 1 .30 cal LMG (on one of the trucks) 19 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns on ordnance vehicles, 9 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns on ¼-ton trucks, 3 81mm mortars, 54 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 13 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 light tanks, 3 1-ton armored fuel & ammunition trailers, 4 solo motorcycles, 9 ¼-ton trucks, 3 2½-ton trucks & 18 radio sets.

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² One tank with crew & radio set for artillery observer.