

Detailed Organization
American Light Tank Company
Armored Regiment or Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
or Light Tank Battalion
1 March 1942
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section

1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (communication) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
2 Sergeants (tank cmdrs) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
1 Corporal (liaison) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
16 Privates
 1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 1 Chauffeur (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 1 Halftrack driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
 & 1 M2 halftrack)
 2 Tank Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
 & 2 light tanks)
 2 Asst. Driver/Gunner (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 1 Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 2 Gunner/Radio Tender (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols
 & 2 radio sets)
 1 Radio Tender (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 5 Basics (.30 cal M1 carbines)

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)
10 Privates
 2 Armorers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 2 Chauffeurs (2 .30 cal M1 carbines,
 1 2½-ton kitchen truck & 1 2½-ton
 equipment truck)
 1 Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 2 Cooks (2 .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)

Maintenance Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Technical Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (crew chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (motor supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
11 Privates
 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun & 2 M3 halftracks with winches)
 5 Mechanics (5 .30 cal M1 carbines & 1 ¼-ton truck.
 4 Basics (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)

3 Tank Platoons, each with

Tank #1

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Corporal (tank cmdr) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Private (tank driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 light tank)
1 Private (gunner/radio tender) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Tank #2

1 Sergeant (tank cmdr) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Private (tank driver) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Private (asst tank driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 light tank)
1 Private (gunner/radio tender) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Tank #3

same as Tank #2

Tank #4

1 Staff Sergeant (platoon sergeant) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
1 Corporal (tank cmdr) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Private (tank driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 light tank)
1 Private (gunner/radio tender) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Tank #5

same as Tank #2

Total Equipment:

1 M2 halftrack with armament, 2 M3 halftracks with armament, 29 .30 cal M1 carbines,
1 self propelled anti-tank gun, 1 .30 cal LMG (truck mounted - truck not identified
- probably 2½-ton), 21 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun on ordnance vehicles, 2 .45
cal M3A1 submachine guns on ¼-ton trucks, 2 2½-ton trucks.

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