

**Detailed Organization
American Armored Division
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
for Medium Armored or Tank Battalion
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (communications) (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 & ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M2 halftrack with armament)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 1 Radio Tender (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

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 (company 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 trucks, 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 self propelled anti-tank gun M3A1 37mm gun on M4A1 motor carriage & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun* & 1 radio set)
 - 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 sgt) (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 Mortar Squads, each with:

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

Assault Gun Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (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 cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 3 Privates
 - 1 Self Propelled Gun Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 self propelled anti-tank gun* & 1 radio set)
 - 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 guns & 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 (S-2 & S-3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-3 Air) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (communications) (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 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines & 2 solo motorcycles)
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 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) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Sergeants (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 2 Corporals (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

16 Privates

- 2 Messengers (2 solo motorcycles & 2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 8 Ammunition Carriers (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 4 Chauffeurs (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 4 ¼-ton trucks)
- 1 Halftrack Drivers (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 (gunners/tank cmdrs) (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)

15 Privates

- 3 Tank Drivers (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 3 medium tanks)
- 6 Anti-tank Gunners (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
- 1 Gunner/Radio Tender (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 3 37mm Gunners (3 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 3 radio sets)

* Self propelled anti-tank gun could be replaced by a towed 37mm anti-tank gun and a ¼-ton truck.

Total Equipment:

5 M2 halftracks, 3 M3 halftracks, 1 M3 halftrack with winch, 3 M4 halftracks, 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), 22 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns on ordnance vehicles, 9 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun on ¼-ton trucks, 3 81mm mortars, 60 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 13 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 medium tanks, 3 1-ton armored ammunition & fuel trailers, 4 solo motorcycles, 9 ¼-ton trucks, 3 2½-ton trucks & 18 radio sets.

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