

**Detailed Organization
American Armored Division
Reconnaissance Company
for Armored Regiment or Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 2 Sergeants (car cmdrs) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 26 Privates
 - 5 Agent Messengers (5 .30 cal M1 carbines & 5 solo motorcycles)
 - 1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 1 Chauffeur (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 2 Armored Car Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 2 armored cars with armament)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M2 halftrack with armament)
 - 4 Gunners (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 1 Radio Electrician (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
 - 6 Radio Operators (6 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
 - 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 5 Radio sets, allocation not indicated

Administrative, Supply & Mess Section (trains):

- 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)
- 16 Privates
 - 2 Armorers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 3 Chauffeurs (3 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 2½-ton equipment truck & 2 2½-ton kitchen trucks)
 - 1 Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 3 Cook's Helpers (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Self Propelled Gun Driver (1 self propelled anti-tank gun¹ & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
 - 2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 1 2½-ton equipment truck driven by an undesignated member of the section.

Maintenance Section:

Section Headquarters

- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (maintenance) (1 .45 cal

¹ Self propelled anti-tank gun, M3A1 37mm gun on M4A1 carriage could be replaced by a 37mm gun towed by a ¼-ton truck.

M1911 pistol)
4 Privates
1 Armored Car Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M2 armored car with armament)
1 Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Radio Tender (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Company Crew

1 Sergeant (crew chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (motor supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
5 Privates
1 halftrack driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M3 halftrack with armament & winch)
2 Mechanics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
2 Basics (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

3 Platoon Crews, each with:

6 Privates
3 Chauffeurs (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 3 ¼-ton trucks)
3 Mechanics (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

3 Reconnaissance Platoons, each with:

Armored Car Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon sgt) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
2 Sergeants (car cmdrs) (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
20 Privates
4 Armored Car Drivers (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 4 reconnaissance armored cars)²
4 Gunners (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
7 Machine Gunners (7 .30 cal M1 carbines)
2 Radio Operators (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols & 2 radio sets)
3 Radio Tenders (3 .30 cal M1 carbines & 3 radio sets)

Scout Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
2 Corporals (gunners) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
8 Privates
4 Chauffeurs (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 4 ¼-ton trucks)
2 Mortar Gunners (2 60mm mortars & 2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
2 Radio Tenders (2 .30 cal M1 carbines & 2 radio sets)

Assault Gun Section:

1 Sergeant (gun cmdr) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

² Pending arrival of armored cars, two of the ¼-ton trucks from the scout section will tow 37mm guns.

6 Privates

- 2 Ammunition Carriers (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 2 Gunners (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 M3 halftrack with armament & 1 1-ton
armored ammunition trailer)
- 1 Self Propelled Gun Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1
submachine gun & 1 self propelled assault
gun)

Total Equipment:

15 armored cars, 1 M2 halftrack with armament, 3 M3 halftracks with armament, 1 M3 halftrack with armament & winch, 113 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 self-propelled anti-tank gun, 3 self-propelled assault guns, 1 .30 cal LMG truck mounted defense weapon (truck not identified), 24 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns on ordnance vehicles, 16 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns on ¼-ton trucks, 6 60mm mortars, 49 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 3 1-ton armored ammunition & fuel trailers, 5 solo motorcycles, 16 ¼-ton trucks, 4 2½-ton trucks, & 27 radio sets.

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