

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
TO&E 18-26
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Battalion Headquarters

- 1 Lt. Colonel (commanding) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-1) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-2) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-4) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)

Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section

- 1 Captain (coy cmdr) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (co executive) (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 (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 19 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ½-ton truck with 1 .30 cal LMG)
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 2 Cook's Helpers (2 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal M1 carbines & 1 ¾-ton command truck)
 - 1 Orderly (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 10 Basics (10 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 10 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Motor Maintenance Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Private (armorer) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 3 Privates (automotive mechanics) (3 .30 cal M1 carbines, & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier with 1 .30 cal LMG)

Communication Platoon

- 1 1st Lieutenant (communications officer) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (radio) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (panel & code) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 9 Privates
 - 1 General Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier)
 - 2 Radio Electricians (2 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¾-ton weapons carrier)
 - 4 Motorcycle Messengers (4 .30 cal M1 carbines & 4 solo motorcycles)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Staff Platoon:

Administration Section

- 1 Warrant Officer (admin officer) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sgt major) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (personnel) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Private (clerk typist) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Private (light truck driver) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 2½-ton administration truck)

Intelligence & Operations Section

- 2 1st Lieutenants (2 .45 cal M1911 pistols)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 13 Privates
 - 1 General Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 3 Halftrack Drivers (3 .30 cal carbines & 3 light armored personnel carriers with armament or M2 halftracks)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 3/4-ton command trucks)
 - 6 Radio Operators (6 .30 cal carbines)
 - 1 Stenographer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- Unassigned Equipment
 - 4 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Supply Section

- 1 Technical Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (asst supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 5 Privates
 - 1 Gasoline & oil clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Supply clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines & 2 3/4-ton weapons carriers)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Maintenance Platoon

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Master Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (inspector motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 2 Corporals (crew chief) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 17 Privates
 - 1 Motor Supply Clerk (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 3/4-ton weapons carrier)
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 10-ton M1 wrecker)
 - 1 Motor Inspector (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 11 Automobile Mechanics (11 .30 cal M1 carbines, 3 2½-ton maintenance trucks, one of which was armed with a .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Motorcycle Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Welder (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Transportation Platoon

1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
1 Staff Sergeant (truckmaster) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol &
1 ¼-ton truck)
1 Sergeant (asst. truckmaster) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol
1 ¼-ton truck)
23 Privates
7 Ammunition Bearers (7 .30 cal carbines)
16 Light Truck Drivers (16 .30 cal carbines,
6 2½-ton ammunition trucks & 1 with .50 cal HMG,
3 2½-ton gasoline & oil trucks & 1 with .50 cal
HMG, 5 2½-ton kitchen trucks & 1 with .50 cal
HMG, and 12 1-ton cargo trailers.

Total Equipment: 3 light armored personnel carriers with armament (or M2 halftracks), 99 .30 cal M1 carbines, 2 .30 cal LMGs, 4 .50 cal M2, HB flexible HMGs, 14 2.36" M1 rocket launchers, 4 solo motorcycles, 28 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 14 1-ton two wheel cargo trailers, 3 ¼-ton trailers, 3 3/4-ton command truck, 6 3/4-ton weapons carriers, 18 2½-ton trucks, & 1 10-ton M1 wrecker truck.

Note: All M1 carbines could be replaced by a .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun.

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