

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Company
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TO&E 18-27

Headquarters Company:

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (communication chief)
(1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
- 22 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine &
1 ¼-ton truck with .30 cal LMG)
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Cooks Helpers (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .30 cal M1
carbines & 2 light armored personnel
cars [substitute M2 halftrack])
 - 1 Radio Electrician (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Motorcycle Messenger (1 .30 cal M1
carbine & 1 solo motorcycle)
 - 12 Basics (12 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- Unassigned Equipment
 - 2 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
- 6 Privates
 - 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Armored Car Recovery Driver (1 .30 cal
M1 carbine & recovery armored car)
 - 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
 - 3 Automobile Mechanics (3 .30 cal
M1 carbines, 1 ¼-ton truck, &
1 2½-ton cargo truck with 1 .50 cal
HB HMG)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 1 2.36" M1 rocket launcher

3 Destroyer Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters & Security Section

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .30 cal carbines
 - 1 ¼-ton truck, 1 1½-ton truck with 12 volt system & 1 1-ton trailer)
 - (Both vehicles have a .30 cal LMG)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)
 - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1903 rifles)

Unassigned equipment

- 2 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

2 Destroyer Platoons, each with:

- 2 Sergeants (gun commander) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 2 Corporals (gunners) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 4 Privates (cannoneers) (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 2 Privates (halftrack SP gun drivers) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines & 2 self propelled 3" AT guns [substitute 75mm gun on M3 halftrack])

Note: The M1 carbine could be replaced by the .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun.

Total Equipment:

2 light armored personnel cars with armament [substitute M2 halftrack], 1 armored recovery car, 108 .30 cal M1 carbines, 12 self propelled 3" anti-tank guns [substitute 75mm gun on M3 halftrack], 7 .30 cal LMGs, 16 .50 cal Browning M2 HB flexible HMGs, 9 2.36" M1 rocket launchers, 1 solo motorcycle, 13 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 12 .30 cal M1903 rifles, 3 1-ton trailers, 5 ¼-ton trucks, 3 1½-ton trucks with 12-volt electrical systems, 1 2½-ton cargo truck.

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