

Detailed Organization
American Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Reconnaissance Company
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Company Headquarters:

Headquarters Section

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (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 (radio communication chief)
(1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 23 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Cook's Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines
& 2 light armored personnel cars)
 - 2 Motorcycle Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines
& 2 solo motorcycles)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Scout (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 11 Basic (11 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 3 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Motor Maintenance Section:

- 1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 4 Privates
 - 3 Automobile Mechanics (3 .30 cal carbines
1 3/4-ton weapons carrier)
 - 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- Unassigned Equipment
 - 1 2.36" M1 rocket launcher

Pioneer Platoon:

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .30 cal carbine &
no vehicle)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .30 cal carbine &
1 light armored personnel car with
armament [substitute M2 halftrack])
 - 1 Air Compressor Operator (1 .30 cal m1 carbine
& 1 motorized air compressor)
 - 1 Radio Operator (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

2 Pioneer Sections, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (asst section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 8 Privates

- 1 Halftrack Drivers (1 .30 cal carbines
 - 1 light armored car personnel carrier
 - with armament [substitute M2 halftrack])
- 2 Demolition (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 1 Driver (1 .30 cal carbine, 1 light armored
 - car)
- 5 General Mechanics (5 .30 cal M1 carbines
 - & 1 1½-ton cargo truck [substitute
 - 1 2½-ton cargo truck])

3 Reconnaissance Platoons, each with:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 2 Sergeants (gun commander) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 18 Privates
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines
 - & 2 light armored cars [substitute
 - M6 37mm motor gun carriage])
 - 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 .30 cal M1 carbines
 - & 4 ¼-ton trucks, each with 1 .30 cal LMG)
 - 2 Anti-tank Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 4 Machine Gunners (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 2 Motorcycle Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines
 - & 2 solo motorcycles)
 - 2 Radio Operators (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles)
 - 2 Riflemen (2 .30 cal M1903 rifles)

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

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