

Detailed Organization
American Armored Division
Rifle Company of an Armored Infantry Battalion
15 September 1943
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Company Headquarters

Headquarters

1 Captain (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
7 Privates
 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Halftrack Driver (1.45 cal submachine gun
 1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB
 flexible HMG, & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal submachine gun
 & ¼-ton truck)
 3 Basics (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Maintenance Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant
1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
5 Privates
 2 Armorers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 2 Automobile Mechanics (1 .45 cal submachine
 gun, 1 .30 cal M1 carbine, 1 M3A1
 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible
 HMG, 1 2.36" rocket launcher,
 & 1-ton trailer)
 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal submachine gun
 & ¼-ton truck)

Administration, Mess & Supply Section

1 1st Sergeant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
30 Privates
 5 Cooks (5 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 1 Cook's Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 2 Light Truck Drivers (2 .45 cal submachine
 gun, 2 2½-ton kitchen trucks, 1 2.36"
 rocket launcher)
 22 Basics (22 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Anti-Tank Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader)
 (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Private (messenger) (1 .45 cal submachine
 gun & ¼-ton truck)

3 Anti-tank Squads, each with:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (anti-tank gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

8 Privates

4 Cannoneers (4 .30 cal M1 carbines & 1 57mm anti-tank gun)

1 Half Track Driver (1 .45 cal submachine gun
1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal HMG
& 1 .50 cal HB HMG)

3 Ammunition Handlers (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Rifle Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

9 Privates

1 Half Track Driver (1 .45 cal submachine gun,
1 M3A1 halftrack with &
1 .50 cal HB HMG)

8 Riflemen (7 .30 cal M1 rifles & 1
.30 cal M1903 rifle)

2 Rifle Squads, each with:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Corporal (asst. squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

10 Privates

1 Half Track Driver (1 .45 cal submachine gun
1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal HMG
& 1 2.36" rocket launcher)

9 Riflemen (9 .30 cal M1 rifles)

60mm Mortar Squad:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

7 Privates

1 Half Track Driver (1 .45 cal submachine gun
1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal HMG
& 1 2.36" rocket launcher)

2 Mortar Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines &
1 60mm mortar)

2 Ammunition Handlers (.30 cal M1 carbines)

2 Riflemen (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Light Machine Squad:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

1 Corporal (asst. squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)

10 Privates

1 Half Track Driver (1 .45 cal submachine gun
1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB
flexible HMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)

2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal M1 carbines &
2 .30 cal LMGs)

2 Ammunition Handlers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

5 Riflemen (5 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Total Equipment

78 .30 cal M1 carbines, 20 M3A1 halftracks without armament, 10 .30 cal flexible HMGs, 6.30 cal LMGs, 10 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 25 .45 cal submachine guns, 3 57mm anti-tank guns, 18 launchers, 3 60mm mortars, 145 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 .30 cal M1903 rifles, 3 1-ton trailers, 3 ¼-ton trucks & 2 2½-ton kitchen trucks.

Change #1 of 27 october 1943

One of the .50 cal HMGs in either the Company Headquarters HQ section or the Maintenance Section could be replaced with a .30 cal HMG.

Change #2 of 7 January 1944

Company Headquarters

Headquarters

no significant changes

Maintenance Section:

no significant changes

Administration, Mess & Supply Section

no significant changes

Anti-Tank Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

Staff Sergeant became Technical Sergeant

3 Anti-tank Squads

Sergeant became Staff Sergeant

3 Rifle Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters

Staff Sergeant became Technical Sergeant

2 Rifle Squads, each with:

Sergeant became Staff Sergeant

Corporal became Sergeant

60mm Mortar Squad:

Sergeant became Staff Sergeant

Light Machine Squad:

Sergeant became Staff Sergeant

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