

**Detailed Organization
American Armored Regiment
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
Light Tank Battalion
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Battalion Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Lt. Colonel (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (executive) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Major (S-3) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Captain (S-2) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (S-4) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant major) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communications chief)
(1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (intelligence) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (operations) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (message center chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 16 Privates
 - 2 Code Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Clerk Typist (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Topographical Draftsman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
guns & 2 M3A1 halftracks with 1 .30 cal LMG
1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG & 2 2.36" rocket
launchers)
 - 3 Light Truck Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
guns & 3 ¼-ton trucks)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 5 Radio Operators (5 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Tank Section:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 9 Privates
 - 3 Tank Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
& 3 light tanks)
 - 3 Machine Gunners (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
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Headquarters Company

Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (communications) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 M3A1 halftrack with
1 .30 cal LMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 ¼-ton truck)

Maintenance Section:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
6 Privates
 1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Automobile Mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1
 submachine gun & ¼-ton truck)
 1 Tank Mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun & 1 M3A1 halftrack without armament)
 1 Radio Repairman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)

Administrative, 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)
18 Privates
 4 Cooks (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 1 Cook's Helpers (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 1 Light Truck Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1
 submachine gun, 2½-ton kitchen truck,
 1 1-ton trailer & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 12 Basics (12 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Battalion Reconnaissance Platoon:

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
2 Sergeants (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
2 Corporals (reconnaissance) (2 .30 cal M1 rifles)
15 Privates
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
 1 M3A1 halftrack, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG,
 & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 4 Light Truck Drivers (4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 guns & 4 ¼-ton trucks)
 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun &
 1 ¼-ton truck)
 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 8 Basics (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Mortar Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
5 Privates
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun 1 M3A1 halftrack, 1 .50 cal HB
 flexible HMG, & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Mortar Squads, each with:

1 Sergeant (squad leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Corporal (mortar gunner) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
4 Privates
 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
 gun, 1 M3A1 halftrack, 1 .50 cal HB
 flexible HMG, & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)

- 1 Assistant Mortar Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 2 Ammunition Handlers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Assault Gun Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 5 Privates
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 M3A1 halftrack, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMG, & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
 - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)

3 Gun Squads, each with:

- 1 Sergeant (chief of section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Corporal (gunner) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Private (cannoneer) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 1 Private (tank driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M8 75mm howitzer motor carriage)

Ammunition Section:

- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Private (halftrack driver) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .30 cal LMG)
- 3 Privates (ammunition handlers) (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Total Equipment:

76 .30 cal M1 carbines, 3 M8 75mm howitzer motor carriages, 3 M21 halftracks with 81mm mortars, 8 M3A1 halftracks (armament listed separately), 3 .30 cal LMGs, 5 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 45 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 12 2.36" rocket launchers, 3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 20 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 light tanks, 4 M10 ammunition trailers, 2 1-ton trailers, 11 ¼-ton truck, 1 2½-ton (kitchen) truck.

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