

**Detailed Organization  
American Armored Division  
Headquarters & Headquarters Company  
for Medium Tank Battalion  
15 September 1943  
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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-3) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (communication & asst S-3) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (S-4) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 M1 carbine)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sgt major) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Technical Sergeant (communication 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 (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 16 Privates
  - 2 Code Clerks (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
  - 1 Clerk Typist
  - 1 Topographical Draftsman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
  - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 M3A1 halftracks without armament, 2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 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 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 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 (liaison) (1.45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 2 Corporals (gunners/tank cmdr) (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
- 6 Privates
  - 2 Cannoneers (2.45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
  - 2 Tank Drivers (2.45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 2 medium tanks)
  - 2 Bow Gunners (2.45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

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 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 M3A1 halftrack with .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 ¼-ton truck & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
  - 1 Tank Mechanic (1 M3A1 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 2.36" rocket launchers & 1-ton trailer)
  - 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)
- 19 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 & 1 2½-ton kitchen truck)
  - 13 Basics (13 .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 with 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 .30 cal M1 carbine)
  - 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
  - 8 Scouts (8 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Mortar Platoon

Platoon Headquarters

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 5 Privates
  - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 M3A1 halftrack [with 1 2.36" rocket launcher, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs])

- & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
  - 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 M21 halftrack [with 1 2.36" rocket launcher & 1 81mm mortar] & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
    - 1 Mortar Assistant (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 leader) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
  - 5 Privates
    - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 M3A1 halftrack [with 1 2.36" rocket launcher, 1 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs] & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
    - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1 rifles)
- 3 Gun Sections, each with:
  - 1 Sergeant (chief of section) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
  - 1 Corporal (gunner) (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
  - 3 Privates
    - 1 Cannoneer (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
    - 1 Tank Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 medium tank with 105mm howitzer & 1 M10 ammunition trailer)
    - 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- Ammunition Section
  - 1 Sergeant (chief of section) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
  - 4 Privates
    - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun, 1 M3A1 halftrack & 1 M10 ammunition trailer)
    - 3 Ammunition Handlers (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Total Equipment:

77 .30 cal M1 carbines, 8 M3A1 halftracks, 3 M21 halftracks with 81mm mortars, 3 .30 cal LMGs, 5 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 47 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 12 2.36" rocket launchers, 3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 20 .30 cal M1 rifles, 2 medium tanks, 3 medium tanks with 105mm howitzer, 4 M10 ammunition trailers, 2 1-ton trailers, 11 ¼-ton trucks, 1 2½-ton kitchen truck.

Changes #1 & 2 - insignificant

Change #3 - 12 February 1944

Battalion Headquarters Section

added 5 radio operators & changed halftracks to M3A2

Change #4 - 15 June 1944

Administrative, Mess & Supply Section reduced to 12 privates & number of carbines to 15.

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