# Detailed Organization American Armored Division Medium Tank Company for Tank Battalion 15 September 1943 Table of Organization 17-27

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Company Headquarters
      Headquarters Section:
            1 Captain (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
            1 Sergeant (communications chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
            2 Sergeants (tank cmdrs) (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
            1 Corporal (liaison) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
            3 Corporals (gunners) (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
            10 Privates
                  1 Bugler (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
                  3 Cannoneers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
                  3 Tank Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns
                        2 medium tanks with 75mm/76mm & 1 medium
                        tank with 105mm howitzer)
                  3 Bow Gunners (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
      Maintenance Section:
            1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
            1 Technical Sergeant (motor) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
            8 Privates
                  1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
                  1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
                  3 Tank Mechanics (1 4-ton truck, 3 .30 cal M1
                        carbines)
                  2 Tank Mechanics (2 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
                        guns, 1 T5 tank recovery vehicle with 1
                        .30 cal LMG, .50 cal HB flexible HMG.
                        & 1 81mm mortar, 1 2.36" rocket launchers
                        and 1 M3A1 halftrack with .50 cal HB
                        flexible HMG & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
                  1 Radio Repairman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
      Administrative, Supply & Mess 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)
            15 Privates
                  2 Cooks (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
                  1 Cook's Helper (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
                  1 Light Truck Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
                        gun, 1 2½-ton kitchen truck, 1 1-ton trailer
                        & 1 2.36" rocket launcher)
                  11 Basics (11 .30 cal M1 carbines)
3 Tank Platoons, each with
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- Tank #1 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (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)

1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

#### <u>Tank</u> #2

- 1 Sergeant (tank cmdr) (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)
  - 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

#### Tank #3

same as Tank #2

### Tank #4

- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (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)
  - 1 Bow Gunner (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

# <u>Tank</u> #5

same as Tank #2

### Total Equipment:

27 .30 cal M1 carbines, 1 M3A1 halftrack without armament, 1 .30 cal LMG, 2 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 95 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 3 2.36" rocket launchers, 1 81mm mortar, 17 medium tanks, 1 medium tank with 105mm howitzer, 1 1-ton trailer, 2 1/4-ton trucks, 1 21/2-ton kitchen truck & 1 T5 light tank recovery vehicle without armament.

# Change #1 - insignificant

## Change #2 - 12 February 1944

Changed M3A1 halftracks to M3A2 halftracks and T5 tank recovery vehicle to a M32 tank recovery vehicle.

# <u>Change #3 - 16</u> June 1944

# Admin, Supply & Mess

Reduced from 15 to 10 privates, to 13 .30 cal M1 carbines &

1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun

#### Tank #1

 $\overline{1}$ st/2nd Lt rearmed with .30 cal M1 carbine.

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