

Organizational Summary
American Special Medium Tank Battalion
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
4 December 1943
Table of Organization 17-46S

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 & asst S-3) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Captain (S-4) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (S-1) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Master Sergeant (sergeant 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 (message center chief) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 19 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 M3A2 halftracks [one with a .30 cal LMG & one with a .50 cal HB flexible HMG] & 2 M9 2.36" rocket launchers)
 - 4 Light Truck Drivers (3 ¼-ton trucks, 1 3/4-ton command truck & 4 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun & 1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 7 Radio Operators (7 .30 cal M1 carbines)

Tank Section:

- 1 1st/2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)
- 3 Corporals (tank gunners/cmdrs) (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
- 9 Privates
 - 3 Tank Drivers (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns & 3 medium tanks - one tank had an SCR-508 radio and was equipped for an artillery observer)
 - 3 Bow Gunners (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)
 - 3 Asst. Tank Gunners (3 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns)

Headquarters Company

Company Headquarters

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 1 Sergeant (communication) (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- 4 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Halftrack Driver (1 M3A2 halftrack with 1 .30 cal flexible LMG & 1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun)

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)
5 Privates
1 Armorer (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Automobile Mechanic (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
gun & 1 M3A2 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB
flexible HMG, 1 M9 2.36" rocket launcher
& 1 1-ton trailer)
1 Tank Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Radio Repairman (¼-ton truck & 1 .45 cal
M3A1 submachine gun)

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)
13 Privates
3 Cook (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
1 Cook (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
1 Light Truck Driver (1 2½-ton kitchen
truck with 1 M9 2.36" rocket launcher
1 1-ton trailer & 1 .45 cal M3A1
submachine gun)
8 Basics (8 .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)
3 Sergeants (reconnaissance) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
3 Corporals (reconnaissance) (3 .30 cal M1 rifles)
23 Privates
1 Halftrack Driver (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 M3A2 halftrack with 1 .50 cal HB flexible
HMG & 1 M9 2.36" rocket launcher)
7 Light Truck Drivers (7 .45 cal M3A1 submachine
guns & 7 ¼-ton trucks)
1 Messenger (1 .45 cal M3A1 submachine gun
& 1 ¼-ton truck)
2 Messengers (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
12 Scouts (12 .30 cal M1 rifles)

Total Equipment:

5 M3A2 halftracks, 50 .30 cal M1 carbines, 3 .50 cal HB flexible HMGs, 2 .30 cal LMGs, 34 .45 cal M3A1 submachine guns, 6 M9 2.36" rocket launchers, 3 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 18 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 medium tanks, 2 1-ton trailers, 14 ¼-ton trucks, 1 3/4-ton command truck & 1 2½-ton kitchen truck.

Change #1 of 21 August 1944

Administrative, Mess & Supply Section revised:

Privates reduced from 19 to 10

Carbines reduced from 21 to 13

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