

Detailed Organization
American Self Propelled Tank Destroyer Battalion
Tank Destroyer Company
15 March 1944
TO&E 18-27

Headquarters Company:

Headquarters Section:

- 1 Captain (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 2nd Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 1st Sergeant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (communication chief)
(1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (mess) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (supply) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (reconnaissance) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
- 1 Corporal (company clerk) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
- 1 Corporal (ammunition) (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
- 21 Privates
 - 1 Bugler (1 .30 cal M1 carbine &
1 ¼-ton truck)
 - 3 Cooks (3 .30 cal M1 carbines)
 - 1 Cooks Helpers (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 2 Halftrack Drivers (2 .30 cal M1
rifle & 2 light armored cars without
armament)
 - 1 Machine Gunner (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 1 Messenger (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
 - 12 Basics (12 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- Unassigned Equipment
 - 1 .30 cal flexible HMG (probably on utility car)
 - 2 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

Motor Maintenance Section

- 1 Technical Sergeant (motor) (1 .45 cal M1911
pistol)
- 8 Privates
 - 1 Armored Car Recovery Driver (1 .30 cal
M1 carbine & recovery armored vehicle
with 81mm mortar & 1 .50 cal HB HMG)
 - 1 Artillery Mechanic (1 .30 cal M1
carbine)
 - 1 Automobile Mechanics (1 .30 cal M1 rifle,
1 ¼-ton truck with 1 .30 cal LMG,
& ¼-ton trailer)
 - 4 Tank Mechanics (4 .30 cal M1 rifles,
& 1 2½-ton truck)
 - 1 Radio Repairman (1 .30 cal M1 carbine)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 1 2.36" M1 rocket launcher

3 Destroyer Platoons, each with:

Platoon Headquarters & Security Section

- 1 1st Lieutenant (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Staff Sergeant (platoon) (1 .45 cal M1911 pistol)
- 1 Sergeant (section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 1 Corporal (asst. section leader) (1 .30 cal M1 rifle)
- 8 Privates
 - 2 Armored Car Drivers (2 .30 cal rifles & 2 armored utility cars, each with 1 .50 cal flexible HB HMG)
 - 2 Machine Gunners (2 .30 cal carbines)
 - 4 Riflemen (4 .30 cal M1903 rifles, 1 ¼-ton truck with 1 .30 cal flexible LMG & 1 M10 ammunition trailer)
- Unassigned equipment
 - 2 2.36" M1 rocket launchers

2 Destroyer Platoons, each with:

- 2 Sergeants (gun commander) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 2 Corporals (gunners) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 4 Privates (cannoneers) (4 .30 cal M1 carbines)
- 2 Privates (halftrack SP gun drivers) (2 .30 cal M1 carbines & 2 76mm motor gun carriages)

Total Equipment:

8 armored utility cars, 67 .30 cal M1 carbines, 12 76mm motor gun carriages, 5 .30 cal heavy flexible machine guns, 10 .50 cal heavy flexible HB machine guns, 9 2.36" M1 rocket launchers, 1 81mm mortar, 13 .45 cal M1911 pistols, 13 .30 cal M1 rifles, 3 M10 ammunition trailers, 1 ¼-ton trailer, 6 ¼-ton trucks, 1 2½-ton cargo truck & 1 tank recovery vehicle.

Change #1 - nothing significant

Change #2 - 29 August 1944

Company HQ, HQ Section:

Number of basics reduced to 6 armed with M1 rifles

Company HQ, Motor Maintenance Section:

Recovery vehicle became M32 recovery vehicle

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